

RESOLUTION - 1262 - 1

WHEREAS: practically all trout fishermen clean or dress their fish immediately, or soon after catching them, as they certainly should to keep them from spoiling and,

WHEREAS: Washington State Department of Game regulations on weight limits are based on undressed fish complete with heads and entrails; yet checking the catch is done in many cases on dressed fish caught many hours before and,

WHEREAS: this causes confusion to both fishermen and State Game Protectors over possible weight limit violations and,

WHEREAS: there is a need to make positive enforcement possible as well as to make compliance with regulations more readily understandable to trout fishermen,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Washington State Sportsmen's Council here assembled in Ellensburg, Washington, this 9th day of December recommend to the Washington State Department of Game when setting the 1964 regulations on trout limits, that all reference to weight limits be based on dressed weights but with heads left on.

Submitted by

Trail Blazers Inc.



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WHEREAS, after extensive study the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission recommended cooperative efforts by Federal, State, and local governments and private enterprise to provide outdoor recreational opportunities for an increasing human population; and,

WHEREAS, Federal agencies need to acquire in-holdings, land and water accesses, fish and wildlife areas, and other locations for the purpose of meeting public recreational needs; and,

WHEREAS, those persons who utilize Federal areas for recreational pursuits should have an opportunity to help defray costs of providing such programs; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Sportsmen's Council in convention assembled in Ellensburg, Washington, this 9th day of December, 1962, does hereby endorse in principle the establishment of a Land Conservation Fund providing for an accelerated Federal and State aid program for the acquisition of outdoor recreation areas, said Fund to be financed by user fees, refundable Federal fuel taxes, and such other reasonable user taxes as are necessary to provide needed outdoor recreation opportunity.

Submitted by,

National Affairs Committee



RESOLUTION - 1262 - 4

WHEREAS, accelerated Federal and State highway programs are being pursued with vigor in many parts of the nations; and,

WHEREAS, highway construction often results in the invasion of public parks, forests and wildlife refuges, sometimes creates barriers to migrations of big game herds, and frequently does not allow access to public lands; and,

WHEREAS, streams important for fish and wildlife management and public recreation frequently are re-routed, silted, and damaged by unnecessary highway construction methods and techniques; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Sportsmen's Council in convention assembled in Ellensburg, Washington, this 9th day of December, 1962, hereby endorses the principle that fish and wildlife and recreational values should be considered in the early planning of all highway construction programs in order to hold losses to a minimum and that those losses which are unavoidable should be fully mitigated.

Submitted by

National Affairs Committee



RESOLUTION - 1262 - 5

WHEREAS, there is an acknowledged need for additional hunting and fishing areas to meet greater outdoor recreational demands from an increasing number of citizens; and,

WHEREAS, oceans and seas adjacent to coasts of the United States offer invaluable sport fishing opportunities as well as sources of important commercial seafood supplies; and,

WHEREAS, estuarine areas along the nation's coastlines provide habitat essential to the reproduction and development of many species of fish, shellfish, waterfowl, furbearers and other forms of beneficial wildlife; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Sportsmen's Council in convention assembled in Ellensburg, Washington, this 9th day of December, 1962, hereby expresses its concern about the present rate of losses of estuarine habitat through dredging and filling, water pollution, siltation and other factors, and recommends that resource agencies and organizations on national, state, and local levels be encouraged to institute informational programs designed to acquaint citizens with estuarine problems in order that coordinated methods of solution may be explored and developed.

Submitted by

National Affairs Committee



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WHEREAS, the critical need to preserve the wetlands necessary for perpetuating flights of wild migratory waterfowl was recognized by the Congress and the President in the enactment of Public Law 87-383, which authorized an emergency loan of \$105 million over a seven-year period; and,

WHEREAS, purchasing or leasing the necessary wetlands entails negotiations over an appreciable length of time, thereby adding to the urgency of pursuing a vigorous program under provisions of Public Law 87-383; and,

WHEREAS, funds advanced for the acquisition of wetlands are to be repaid from annual sales of Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps rather than from general tax revenues; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Sportsmen's Council in convention assembled in Ellensburg, Washington, this 9th day of December, 1962, hereby expresses the belief and conviction that, because of the urgency of the situation the bureau of Sports, Fisheries, and Wildlife of the U.S. Department of the Interior be encouraged to consider developing a cooperative plan with the several state conservation agencies concerned to utilize their experience, talents, and manpower in a coordinated wetlands program.

Submitted by,

Migratory Bird Committee



RESOLUTION - 1262 - 7

WHEREAS, the Division of Water Supply and Pollution Control of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare calculates that an expenditure of \$600,000,000 per year for the next ten years will be necessary to meet the nation's needs for control of municipal water pollution control, and

WHEREAS, each dollar granted by the Federal Government to municipalities for waste treatment plant construction has stimulated the expenditure of five dollars in local funds, and

WHEREAS, the vigorous enforcement of water pollution abatement laws should be accompanied by construction of municipal waste treatment facilities, and

WHEREAS, the National Conference on Water Pollution of December 1960 called by the President of the United States recommended a Credo which stated the following:

- "(a) Users of water do not have an inherent right to pollute;
- "(b) Users of public waters have a responsibility for returning them as nearly clean as is technically possible; and
- "(c) Prevention is just as important as control of pollution."

(emphasis supplied; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Pollution Control Commission on May 19, 1961 ordered five (5) pulp mills to "clean up" their pollution of public waters by requiring removal of all the settleable solids, and 85% of their dissolved solids prior to mills' discharge of their affluent into public waters of this State, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Pollution Control Commission on the same date issued temporary permits to five (5) other pulp mills without requiring these standards; and

WHEREAS, the most feasible method of satisfying increased demands for clean water by an expanding population and industry is through optimum re-use, a practice rendered difficult, if not impossible, by pollution from industrial, domestic, and soil erosion sources; and

WHEREAS, pollution by industrial wastes from pulp mills, and such sources as detergents, insecticides, pesticides, all produced by industry for sales, not only endangers the public health and safety but also damages water for many beneficial uses, including fish and wildlife and other recreational uses; and



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WHEREAS, millions of acres of crop land are not now needed for the production of food and fibre and the Secretary of Agriculture has estimated that this area will amount to at least 50,000,000 acres by 1980; and,

WHEREAS, the storage of agricultural surpluses constitutes a tax burden which is in addition to costs of supporting prices of certain commodities; and,

WHEREAS, the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission has recommended that Federal, State, and local governments and private landowners cooperate to provide public outdoor recreational opportunities; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Sportsmen's Council is convention assembled in Ellensburg, Washington, this 9th day of December, 1962, hereby endorses the principle that farmers should be encouraged to divert acreages not needed for agricultural production into conservation projects and practices, including particularly those offering benefits to fish and wildlife; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this organization expresses the belief that added incentives should be offered farmers who open their properties to public recreation, including the enjoyment of fish and wildlife and that any subsidized land be opened to free hunting and fishing.

Submitted by,

National Affairs Committee



WHEREAS, the conference of January 16 and 17, 1962 in Olympia, Washington between the representatives of the Washington State Pollution Control Commission and others, and Federal officials, agreed that "notably the pulp and paper industry," among others, has caused and contributed to the pollution of Puget Sound and in the Straits of Juan de Fuca and their respective tributaries: and that "This pollution causes deleterious conditions so as to interfere with legitimate water uses including fisheries resources, commercial and sport fishing, and recreation." and that

"Measures employed by the sources of pollution mentioned in the conference have not been adequate to control pollution on the waters of Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca areas."

WHEREAS, the Washington State Sportsmen's Council has as one of its goals, according to our Constitution:

"To prevent pollution of all waters of the state by requiring new industries and communities to provide adequate treatment by proper installations and planning before discharging wastes into the public waters and to bring about eradication of existing pollution as rapidly as possible." (Article IV, 2 (a) ) (Emphasis supplied); now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Washington State Sportsmen's Council in Convention assembled at Ellensburg, Washington, this 9th day of December, 1962, hereby; that

1. The Washington State Sportsmen's Council demands that the Washington State Pollution Control Commission more vigorously enforce the law of this State, which provides as described in the Law of 1945, Chapter 216, Revised Code of Washington 90.48 as follows: "It is the public policy of the state to maintain the highest possible standards to insure the purity of all waters of the state consistent with the public health and public enjoyment thereof, the propagation and protection of wild life, birds, game fish, and other aquatic life, in the industrial development of the state, and to that end require the use of all known available and reasonable methods by industries and others to prevent and control pollution of the waters of the state."

2. The Washington State Sportsmen's Council demands that the Washington State Pollution Control Commission require all pulp mills to "clean up" their pollution of public waters, by requiring all pulp mills to remove all of their settleable solids, and a minimum of 85% of their dissolved solids prior to mills' discharge of their affluent into public waters of this State.



3. The Washington State Sportsmen's Council demands that the pollution of all public waters by all water users be stopped at the source to move toward the goal of eradicating pollution.

4. The Washington State Sportsmen's Council invites all Federal, State and local governmental agencies as well as civic, fraternal, women's and conservation organizations, and industry, to join us in helping to clean up pollution in the lakes, streams, rivers, Puget Sound, and all other public waters of the State of Washington to accomplish this objective.

5. The Washington State Sportsmen's Council demands appropriate Federal water pollution control action to eradicate the cancer of pollution when necessary on interstate and navigable intrastate waters to obtain clean water.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be given widespread distribution to press, radio and TV mediums; all local affiliates of this organization; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and the National Wildlife Federation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Sportsmen's Council hereby expresses the absolute necessity that the maximum amount of funds that are necessary, be authorized and appropriated, for Federal Grants to municipalities for municipal water pollution control and elimination.

Submitted by,

Pollution Control Committee



RESOLUTION - 1262 -10

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Washington State Sportsmen's Council to support the protection of national areas of unique and scenic beauty where no hunting and fishing problems exist under National Parks status; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Dunes in Northern Indiana near Chicago, Illinois, fully justifies such protection and is threatened with complete destruction by commercial development of some 8,000 acres which would be preserved as a National Park by enactment of a bill similar to S. 1797

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Sportsmen's Council in convention assembled this 9th day of December, 1962, at Ellensburg, Washington, urge the support of our Congressional Delegation in the enactment of a bill similar to S. 1797 at the coming session of Congress,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we notify the National Wildlife Federation, the Prairie Club of Chicago, Izaak Walton League of Porter County, Indiana and the NWF affiliates of Indiana and Illinois of this action.

Submitted by,

National Affairs Committee



RESOLUTION -- 1262 -- 11

WHEREAS, the "Wilderness" bills seek to set aside various natural areas to remain as they are with little or no commercial use or development; and

WHEREAS, the constant and increasing pressure of the dam builders, hydro-electric power advocated, Corps of Army Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, highway builders and various other government and private agencies leave fewer streams and rivers in a natural state each year; and

WHEREAS, year after year the anadromus fish runs dwindle as man made obstructions seal off the routes to their fresh water spawning places that complete their life cycles; and

WHEREAS, while claims are made with each high dam application that the anadromus fish problem is solved and high dams are licensed by the Federal Power Commission under such unproven proposals; there has never yet been a successful means of accomplishing this end; and

WHEREAS, running water is necessary for many types of fish and such fishing is important to the recreational needs of millions of Americans and supplying these needs a major industry; and

WHEREAS, these man made obstructions and destructive stream changes are almost without exception either authorized by Congress or by a commission or agency acting under Congressional Authority; and

WHEREAS, Congress has the power to control or set aside stream and river development for the best interests of recreational needs and to save the remaining anadromus fish runs as an important food source and a multimillion dollar industry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Sportsmen's Council in convention assembled at Ellensburg, Washington on the 9th day of December, 1962, seek the help and support of all other interested organizations in every state in requesting that a "Natural Stream" law be enacted by Congress to serve as a vehicle by which the residents of each state or region could ascertain what streams, rivers, waters, or portions thereof should and would remain in their present natural state free from federal government licensing, development or exploitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request the introduction of this resolution for the consideration of the State Affiliate Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the National Wildlife Federation in 1963 in Detroit.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we request our Congressional Delegation to introduce such a bill at the next session of Congress.

Submitted by National Affairs Comm.



RESOLUTION - 1262 - 12

WHEREAS, there is a growing need for more pleasure boat launching sites, and

WHEREAS, at the present time pleasure boat launching sites have been acquired and maintained by our state department of game, state parks department and in some instances counties and cities have constructed boat launching facilities, and

WHEREAS, the majority of all the present boat launching sites were acquired and maintained by our state department of game using monies from sportsmen's license fees, and

WHEREAS, each owner of a motor boat that uses gasoline pays a highway gasoline tax of  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per gallon to the state highway fund which is rebated under certain rules, and

WHEREAS, as most boat owners fail to file the necessary papers in order to redeem this highway tax, and

WHEREAS, this motor boat gasoline tax which goes to the state highway fund has been estimated by reliable sources to have exceeded one million dollars in 1961, and

WHEREAS, only \$136,358.73 was redeemed by motor boat users in 1961.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Sportsmen's Council in convention assembled in Ellensburg, Washington, this 9th day of December, 1962, favors the enactment of a law at the coming session of the State Legislature that will earmark the unredeemed portion of the motor boat gasoline tax for acquisition, construction and maintenance of public boat launching sites on our state water areas, and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a representative of the state department of game, State Parks Department and State Fisheries Department be empowered to administer the unredeemed funds for acquisition, construction and maintenance of launching ramps for use of motor boats.

Submitted by

Tacoma Sportsmen's Club



RESOLUTION - 1262 - 13

WHEREAS population increases and increased leisure time to be expected in the future will result in a many fold increase in public recreational needs, and

WHEREAS throughout the United States there has been constructed many federal reservoirs for power, irrigation, and flood control purposes and for other reasons, and

WHEREAS the budgets of state conservation agencies have been limited and in many cases such agencies do not receive funds from sources other than revenue produced from license sales and Pittman-Robinson funds and Dingell-Johnson funds, and

WHEREAS state agencies are hard pressed to keep up with requirements for public access, for stocking fish, for lake rehabilitation, and for basic research, and

WHEREAS the state agencies have not had the funds for basic research management development programs, including stocking fish in the large, newly created reservoirs, and

WHEREAS any diversion of existing available funds for such research management and stocking would do irreparable damage to existing proven programs, and

WHEREAS the uniquely diverse geography of the State of Washington and the nationally outstanding demonstrated ability of the Washington Game Department in pioneering and developing sports fishing production techniques offers an excellent opportunity for the conduct of such research and management; now Therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Washington State Sportsmen's Council assembled this 9th day of December, 1962, at Ellensburg, Washington, that we request the State of Washington Game Commission and the State of Washington Department of Game to take appropriate action to implement the following:

1. To develop and submit to the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Interior, a request for adequate funds separate and apart from any Pittman-Robinson or Dingell-Johnson funds currently available or available in the future, to conduct under direction of the State of Washington's Department of Game a major research and development effort to ascertain useful ways and means to bring the many waters of tremendous potential that are not now producing near capability into fruitful production.



2. To aggressively pursue such a program so that the waters will be in full sports fish production and available to meet expanding needs for fishing waters and outdoor recreation.
3. To publish and make available to the proper state and federal agencies the results of such research and proven practical management procedures in order that future fresh water sport fishing requirements be met in each and all of the United States.

Submitted by

Richland Rod and Gun Club

Western Bass Club

Spiny Ray Committee



RESOLUTION - 1262 - 14

WHEREAS, The Federal Interstate Highway Commission is authorizing the building of major highways in the State of Washington.

WHEREAS, The major highways in the State of Washington in most instances follow streams and mountain passes that are the only access to prime hunting, fishing and recreational areas.

WHEREAS, the Commission in the past has refused public access on completed highways to fishing, hunting and recreational areas because of the lack of "justification".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington State Sportsmen's Council at its regular December Quarterly Convention in Ellensburg, Washington, recommend to Governor Rosellini that he investigate the need for public access especially in the Yakima-Ellensburg Canyon and intercede in the public behalf using any state agency necessary; to preserve public access to fishing and hunting and recreational areas in the proposed interstate highway and that affirmative action on this resolution be communicated to the Governor by our President.

Submitted by,

Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association



RESOLUTION - 1262 - 15

WHEREAS, the following premises are based upon the situation in Kitsap County, but undoubtedly obtain in all counties of the State, and

WHEREAS, the County Parks and Recreation Committee if properly authorized and financed by the Board of County Commissioners could acquire, develop and maintain many local sites including but not limited to waterfront access areas, picnic grounds, rural play fields, launching ramps etc., and

WHEREAS, this action would provide much relief to the State Game Department and/or other Departments in providing such local facilities and the subsequent expense therefor, and

WHEREAS, our County Parks Committee has no specified means of support other than one of generosity of funds granted by the Board of County Commissioners, which generosity is insufficient to support an active program, and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of this resolution are assured that a 23rd District Representative is ready and willing to introduce into the 1963 legislative session, a legislative measure which will be correctly drawn by the bill preparation section of the State Legislature to provide that the Board of County Commissioners be required to grant to the County Parks and Recreation Committee one mill of the personal property millage of about 8 mills, now levied on certain recreational boats and collected as taxes by the County, and

WHEREAS, such a legislative measure will be introduced only if it is approved and sponsored by the Washington State Sportsmen's Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington State Sportsmen's Council in convention assembled at Ellensburg, Washington, this 9th day of December, 1962, that this Council approve and sponsor the hereinbefore principle of requiring the proper financial support of the County Parks and Recreation Committee by the Boards of County Commissioners of each county wherein such Parks and Recreation Committees are or at any time may be established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Chairman of the Washington State Sportsmen's Council be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to implement this resolution.

Submitted by,

Bremerton Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

Kitsap County Sportsmen's Council