

RESOLUTION - APPRECIATION TO STATE OF NEW YORK
AND CORNELL UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, the State of New York and Cornell University have most capably and graciously hosted this conference; and

WHEREAS, the conference would not have been the success nor would the attendees have had the enjoyment and benefit without the dedicated efforts and time provided by members of the host State and University; and

WHEREAS, the reports, ideas expressed, and deliberations will most positively benefit the American Fisheries Society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 114th Annual Meeting, at Ithaca, New York, on this 14th day of August, 1984, recognize the efforts and extend sincere appreciation and thanks to the State of New York, Cornell University, and to those numerous individuals whose labors made this conference so worthwhile.

RESOLUTION - COASTAL FISHERY HABITAT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the protection and enhancement of coastal habitat is essential to sustained productivity of marine and anadromous fishery resources; and

WHEREAS, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce has primary federal responsibility over living marine resources, including their habitat; and

WHEREAS, the NMFS recently has adopted a Habitat Conservation Policy that would integrate consideration of fishery resource habitat throughout all NMFS programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, the new Habitat Conservation Policy will require NMFS to allocate adequate resources, including increased funding, to their Habitat Research and Conservation Programs, as well as to other programs, for the purpose of Policy implementation; and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Years 1982 through 1985, the NMFS has requested that Congress reduce Habitat Research Program funding and personnel by over one-half and reduce funding for the Habitat Conservation Program by over one-third nationwide: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 114th Annual Meeting, August 14, 1984, in Ithaca, New York, strongly supports and commends efforts of the NMFS to develop the Habitat Conservation Policy and recommends immediate implementation of the Policy through aggressive legislative, regulatory, and administrative action; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Society urges the U.S. Congress to reject the Administration's budget proposals to reduce funding for NMFS habitat programs and instead recommends providing funding above current levels for the Habitat Research and Habitat Conservation Programs.