

RESOLUTION - APPRECIATION TO HOST

117TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

September 16, 1987

WHEREAS, the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, convened in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, September 13, 1987, was hosted by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; and

WHEREAS, the conference attendees found their needs expeditiously attended to; and

WHEREAS, opportunities were afforded to enjoy the legacy of the German Moravian culture and architecture, the dogwoods, the bays, the sycamores, and other aspects of the Piedmont ecological diversity; and

WHEREAS, the hosts fortunately were unable to duplicate the rain forest ecotone of annual meetings in recent memory, but rather provided southern barbecue, seafood, and an introduction to the culinary art of pig pickin'; and

WHEREAS, attendees formerly thought clogging occurred only in the drain of their kitchen sinks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the American Fisheries Society, assembled at their 117th Annual Meeting in the aforementioned city on this 16th day of September, 1987, extend warmest thanks to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and its staff for their true southern hospitality and especially to Arrangements Chairman Fred Harris who left no granite unturned.

RESOLUTION - REGARDING ZANDER INTRODUCTION INTO NORTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department attempted to introduce the European zander (Stizostedion lucioperca) into North Dakota in 1986, failing only because of unavailability of eggs; and

WHEREAS, there is risk that introduced species may cause ecological damage and spread beyond state waters; and

WHEREAS, the position of the American Fisheries Society is that introductions should be undertaken only with thorough evaluation and consultation with other potentially affected jurisdictions, and that those other jurisdictions should have veto power; and

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions of the watershed have not been consulted relative to the proposed introduction: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 117th Annual Meeting, September 16, 1987, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, urges the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to delay introduction of zander until a thorough evaluation as outlined in the American Fisheries Society position statement has been completed, including consultation with other potentially affected jurisdictions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution and the American Fisheries Society position statement be sent to the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Commissioner of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, and the Fisheries Directors in all states and provinces bordering North Dakota and in the Missouri River drainage.

RESOLUTION - NATIONAL RECREATIONAL FISHERIES POLICY

WHEREAS, recreational fisheries in the United States are a valuable and significant natural, recreational, and economic resource; and

WHEREAS, a united national commitment to maintain viable recreational fisheries is the most effective means of ensuring the continuation of these public benefits; and

WHEREAS, involvement with recreational fisheries at the government level is often fragmented; and

WHEREAS, stewardship of our recreational fisheries is a government responsibility and the public shares in the responsibility and the public shares in the responsibility to advance this stewardship principle; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has taken the initiative to develop a policy that will:

enhance public awareness of the value of recreational fisheries, by proclaiming and acknowledging to the world that recreational fisheries in this country play an important role in our society; promote the need for healthy fish populations; advance the concept of shared stewardship, by making it clear that the responsibility for conserving and managing recreational fisheries does not rest just with governments, but must be shared by all who have an interest in or benefit from the use of these resources; and provide a broad forum for national policy development: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 117th Annual Meeting, September 16, 1987, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in concert with other organizations and agencies, supports and will participate in the initiative to develop a national recreational fisheries policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.