

Resolution to Support License Fee Increases as Approved by the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board in December 2004

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Whereas, conservation and enjoyment of natural resources is an important part of Wisconsin's heritage and economy, and

Whereas, fishing generates \$2.3 billion in economic impact in Wisconsin, including \$90 million in taxes and 26,000 jobs, and

Whereas, Wisconsin ranks second in the number of non-resident fishing days in the nation, and

Whereas, there has been substantial loss of fish management, wildlife management, and conservation law enforcement services to the sportsmen and women of the State, and

Whereas, without adjustment to license fees Wisconsin's long-term investment in conservation and enhancement of aquatic resources will be compromised, and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is dedicated to promoting scientific research and enlightened management of aquatic resources for optimum use and enjoyment by the public, and

Whereas, Wisconsin is obligated to invest in the protection and enhancement of the natural resources treasured by the citizens of the State, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society does hereby urge the Wisconsin legislature to fully support all license fee increases approved by the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board in December 2004.

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