



American Fisheries Society
Wisconsin Chapter

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Resolution to Support Feasibility Studies for Closure of the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal

Whereas, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission estimates the sport and commercial fishing industry is worth \$5 billion dollars annually and,

Whereas, over 182 non-native species are now found in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River and,

Whereas, the majority of these non-native species were delivered via ballast water discharged from ocean-going vessels and shipping canals are pathways for spread of non-native species and,

Whereas, it is estimated that approximately \$15 million dollars per year have been spent on sea lamprey control since 1955 and,

Whereas, it is estimated that \$100 million dollars per year have been spent on zebra mussel control alone in the last twenty years and,

Whereas, studies by Dr. John C. Taylor, Grand Valley State University, Michigan and J.L. Roach, transportation consultant, East Lansing, Michigan estimates the value of shipping in the St. Lawrence Seaway at only \$55 million dollars annually, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society urges the State of Wisconsin and the Council of Great Lakes Governors to work with Canada to investigate the feasibility of ceasing large ship movement through the Welland Canal, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society urges the Great Lakes States and Congress to support a study to investigate means of biologically separating the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and Lake Michigan.

Submitted humbly by your resolutions chair, Glenn A. Miller
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