WHEREAS, a panel of the Committee on Evaluation Standards of the Inter-Agency Committee on Water Resources has developed a schedule of values for recreation aspects of fish and wildlife, reducing by several hundred per cent values heretofore placed on hunting and fishing for some River Basin projects by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the panel of the I.C.W.R. Recreation Committee included no representation from private industry, interested professional societies or groups, or state agencies1, and

WHEREAS, a schedule of values established on October 27, 1959, was associated with hunting and fishing values only, and is, and has had serious adverse impact on existing and proposed fish and wildlife projects associated with water development projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the American Fisheries Society that the directive be withdrawn requiring the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to use this schedule of hunting and fishing values proposed by the above panel in assigning values to hunting and fishing under the River Basin projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each project must be assessed on its own merit with full consideration given to location, proximity to population centers, other similar water recreational facilities, and other influencing factors, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an accurate assessment of recreational benefits cannot be assigned to any proposed project by using only hunting and fishing values.

1 Membership of the panel as follows:
Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior
National Park Service, Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior
Forest Service, Department of Agriculture
Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture
Civil Works, Office of Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army
Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare
SUBMITTED BY: C. J. Campbell
Chief of Operations
Fishery Division
Oregon State Game Commission
July 5 1964.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Columbia River supports runs of anadromous fish, and

WHEREAS, these runs are now taken by both sport and commercial fisheries, and

WHEREAS, the management of these fish is vested in the states in which they are found, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the states to determine how their fishery resources are to be managed and utilized, and

WHEREAS, there is an initiative petition in Oregon to prohibit commercial fishing in the Columbia, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued a statement taking a position against this initiative,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society in convention assembled this 5th day of July, 1964, that the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries exceeded its responsibility in volunteering such a statement for distribution in Oregon,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service be requested to refrain from any similar action in the future.