

RESOLUTION #2
CONFLICT RESOLUTION OF FEDERAL AID ISSUES

WHEREAS, there are ever increasing conflicts occurring between state Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the USFWS Federal Aid program; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies is seeking USFWS commitment to implement the recommendations in the Federal Aid Review Team Report including the creation of a "Steering Committee" of Senior Managers at both the State and USFWS level; and

WHEREAS, the USFWS needs to reaffirm that federal aid program managers control decision making, not auditors; and

WHEREAS, the USFWS should adopt the model used to develop the animal damage policy clarification as the standard for resolving ongoing issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies strongly urges the USFWS to resolve significant policy issues within the Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration program by designing a problem solving process that can insure appropriate solutions, using a "Steering Committee" comprised of Senior Managers at the state and federal level.

Passed by Board of Directors of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies at the 68th Annual meeting in Saint Paul, Minnesota on July 17th, 2001, with letter to be sent to IAFWA to explain why).