

**MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
SUMMER MEETING, JULY 9-12, 2006
SPEARFISH, SOUTH DAKOTA**

RESOLUTION

**SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES REGARDING THE
NORTHERN BOBWHITE CONSERVATION INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA) recognizes and appreciates the productive leadership provided by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) and its Southeast Quail Study Group (SEQSG) in launching the national movement to restore the Northern Bobwhite Quail across its range through the development and successful early implementation of the *Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI)* [Initiative];

WHEREAS, the MAFWA states pledge to actively support and promote the continued advancement of this Initiative by engaging as partners in the process to revise, expand, and upgrade the NBCI;

WHEREAS, the MAFWA states offer to make available technical staff, data, and support services, as needed and practical, to aid the SEQSG in developing an improved and even more effective second edition of the NBCI;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the unique logistical challenges of working at regional and national levels to restore resident game birds, the MAFWA also stands ready to ally with the SEAFWA and other partners to seek ways to continue "raising the game" for implementation of the NBCI;

WHEREAS, as a first step to this end, MAFWA states will strive for greater staff participation in the SEQSG annual meeting and related processes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the MAFWA at its annual meeting in Spearfish, South Dakota, on July 12, 2006, foresees and suggests the need to work with the SEAFWA and other partners to begin charting a long-term course for the nation that fosters greater collaborative conservation of priority resident game birds across state and regional boundaries.

Doug Hansen, President
Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies