

MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

SUMMER MEETING, JULY 9-12, 2006  
SPEARFISH, SOUTH DAKOTA

RESOLUTION

SUPPORT OF THE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

WHEREAS, effective enforcement of conservation laws and regulations is critical in providing for the conservation, protection, and equitable use of fish and wildlife resources, and;

WHEREAS, the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies recognizes the Wildlife Violator Compact as a significant tool to be utilized by fish and wildlife agencies to discourage the unlawful taking of our states' fish and wildlife resources, and;

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Violator Compact is recognized as instrumental in assisting in the protection of every states' fish and wildlife resources, by discouraging interstate violator movement by reciprocal suspension of license privileges of wildlife criminals, and;

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Violator Compact is recognized as enhancing the efficiency of wildlife enforcement officers by allowing for the issuance of citations to nonresidents, rather than arrest, and;

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Violator Compact has been joined by the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, and;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that greatest success of this fish and wildlife protection is predicated on full participation in all aspects of the Wildlife Violator Compact by all fifty states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies at its annual meeting in Spearfish, South Dakota, on July 12, 2006, supports and encourages membership and participation in the Wildlife Violator Compact by all 50 states.

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Doug Hansen, President  
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