

# WAFWA RESOLUTION GUIDELINES

## WHEREAS Statements<sup>1</sup>

"WHEREAS" statements provide the background and make the case for the "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" statement(s).

WHEREAS statements should be as concise and to the point as possible. They should be statements of fact that help the reader understand the basis for the resolved statement. The drafters should determine early on if the resolution has the potential to conflict with any WAFWA resolution, policy, or position. The resolution should not direct WAFWA to do something because it makes little sense for WAFWA to send a resolution to itself. Nor should the resolution be drafted to appear critical of WAFWA or its member agencies.

## BE IT RESOLVED Statements<sup>1</sup>

The "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" statements are the action part of the resolution. This is the language that the Board of Directors will base its action on. The Board may not have the time to verify the "WHEREAS" statements, so care needs to be given to ensure those statements are factual. Conceptually, resolves can be classified into two categories – policy resolves and directives.

It is important that the "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" statements are able to stand alone and do not require the reading of the "WHEREAS" statements.

- 1) Leave the resolution number blank. The Resolutions Committee will assign a number.
- 2) Limit the title to one line (two at most), without "subtitles." The title should be self-explanatory and concise.
- 3) If the resolution contains more than one NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, use "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED..."
- 4) Resolutions cannot be prescriptive (directing an agency to do something) or binding on any WAFWA member agency;
- 5) Resolutions must be vetted through a WAFWA committee or working group, or can be advanced by a Director for consideration by the entire Board of Directors;
- 6) Resolutions that come through the committee and working group process must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee at least 24 hours in advance of the Resolutions Committee meeting, must be in the proper electronic format and the Chair of the relevant committee or working group should be available for consultation and potentially attending the Resolutions Committee meeting;
- 7) The Resolutions Committee is responsible for reviewing and editing resolutions originating from committees and working groups as required, and for making a recommendation as to whether to advance it to the Board of Directors. The Resolutions Committee Chair also reports out the resolution and the committee's recommendation at the business meeting;
- 8) To the extent possible, committee and working group Chairs should notify the Resolutions Committee Chair as far in advance as possible about a resolution being considered (and in particular, about the nature and purpose of the resolution). The authors of the draft resolution should consider the appropriateness of the resolution being reviewed and considered by one or more committees or working groups;
- 9) The NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED sections of the resolution should not spell out the specifics of the distribution method to be used (if approved) or other logistical details that are of an internal business nature.

# WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

## RESOLUTION 1

### Adopting Drain Plug and Vegetation Removal Rules for Watercraft and Conveyances



**WHEREAS**, the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies recognizes the authority and the leadership role of state fish and wildlife agencies in conserving wildlife and wildlife habitat within their states; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that aquatic nuisance species can pose a significant threat to the aquatic wildlife and aquatic wildlife habitats of the western United States; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that resources within each state fish and wildlife agency and within each state are needed to better coordinate, plan and seek funding to address threats from aquatic invasive species; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that in order to achieve the desired security of our western aquatic wildlife and their habitats, it is necessary to employ new, consistent, and cooperative approaches among all of the western states; and

**WHEREAS**, watercraft and their conveyances are acknowledged as major vectors for the transport of aquatic invasive species and that any water retained in watercraft increases the possibility of introducing these species into new waters; and

**WHEREAS**, The Western Regional Panel through the Aquatic Nuisance Task Force has identified ways to build consensus for model regulations across jurisdictional boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Consistent and reciprocal regulations reduces boater confusion and concern when crossing those jurisdictional boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, those consistent regulations increase efficiencies, effectively reducing decontaminations time and reduces the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies encourages standardized regulations requiring watercraft operators to remove all drainage plugs (bilge, wells, lockers, ballast and any other areas that may retain water) and remove visible plant material from the watercraft and trailer when leaving waters over which the member agencies have jurisdiction; and further adopt regulations which prohibit the overland transport of in-place drainage plugs and plant material on conveyances.

Adopted in Convention - Cody, Wyoming - July 26, 2016

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## RESOLUTION 2

### Signing Authority

**WHEREAS**, Larry Kruckenberg in the Office of Executive Secretary and Deb VonDeBur in the Office of the Treasurer/CFO have been duly appointed and elected by the membership;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that both are authorized by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Corporation) and its affiliate entities, the Western Conservation Foundation and the Foundation for Western Fish and Wildlife, to execute on its behalf all agreements, instruments and documents related to the Corporation's business, finances and tax exempt purposes.

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