RESOLUTION- SUPPORT OF THE LAKE ONTARIO WATER LEVEL STUDY

WHEREAS, the International Joint Commission is considering whether to study changing the operation of water control structures on the St. Lawrence River which will influence the water levels of Lake Ontario and flows into the St. Lawrence River;

WHEREAS, the proposed studies would examine the effects of water levels and flow modifications on the natural environment (including fish, wildlife, and their coastal habitats), recreational boating interests, and shoreline property flood and erosion damage; effects on hydro power, commercial navigation, agriculture, and domestic-industrial water supplies would also be examined;

WHEREAS, a Scope of Work was developed through a series of public meetings conducted in New York and Canada during 1995 but has yet to receive funding;

WHEREAS, the American Fisheries Society is greatly concerned with the multiple use management of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Fisheries Society strongly recommends that the Scope of Work as needed to provide the necessary scientific information to fully evaluate potential changes to Lake Ontario's water level and to flows discharged into the St. Lawrence River be funded by the Federal governments of the United States and Canada as a direct appropriation.

RESOLUTION-

APPRECIATION TO THE HOSTS OF THE 129[™] ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

WHEREAS, the 129th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, convened in Charlotte, North Carolina on August 29, 1999 and was hosted by the North Carolina Chapter of AFS and the South Carolina Chapter of AFS; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte has proven itself a gracious host and an excellent meeting location; and

WHEREAS, conference attendees have greatly appreciated the hospitalities and facilities graciously provided by the citizens and the Great State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, our stay in the Tarheel State and the Queen City has renewed the spirits and rekindled the awareness of our visiting fisheries professionals and challenged them to pursue excellence in their fisheries-related endeavors; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the membership of the American Fisheries Society, assembled here in Charlotte on the 29th day of August, 1999 commends and thanks the North Carolina Chapter of AFS and the South Carolina Chapter of AFS, and especially the Program Committee, chaired by C. Andrew Dolloff, and the Arrangements Committee, chaired by Bob Curry, for making the 1999 Annual Meeting a great success.