

EXHIBIT D—NASBLA POLLUTION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators has for several years been concerned with putting sewage discharge and littering from pleasure craft into proper perspective in the overall problem of water pollution; and

WHEREAS, this concern was manifested in the appointment of a Pollution Committee which thoroughly studied pollution from pleasure craft throughout the country, and found the problem to be infinitesimal compared to other pollution sources; and

WHEREAS, findings of a recent study of pollution from vessels conducted by the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration are not in consonance with the findings of the NASBLA Pollution Study Committee and appear inaccurate in several important particulars; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration did not consult with NASBLA to arrive at fairly objective appraisal of pollution from pleasure craft and practical ways of remedying it; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2525 to control pollution from vessels on navigable waters has been introduced in the Congress by Senator Muskie of Maine as a result of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration's report; and

WHEREAS, state boating law administrators are deeply concerned that Federal legislation materializing from the findings and recommendations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration will produce different pollution control standards for pleasure craft than those followed by many states and cause a serious set back to the uniformity in vessel pollution control laws which NASBLA has strived to achieve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following recommendations of NASBLA's Pollution Committee be sent to Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration and Senator Muskie by copy of this resolution:

(1) That interested Federal agencies should consult and collaborate with state boating law administrators individually and through the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators in establishing pollution control for pleasure craft;

(2) That if there is to be Federal legislation governing sewage discharge and littering from pleasure craft, such legislation should so far as is practical be consistent with Federal water quality criteria be in harmony with NASBLA's Model Act on Sewage Disposal and Littering from Vessels;

(3) That Federal vessel pollution control legislation should also recognize the uniform performance standards and testing procedures for vessel waste treatment devices developed by the National Sanitation Foundation or ABYC or NFPA where applicable.

(4) That Federal legislation pertaining to sewage discharge from pleasure craft should not preempt the field but rather should be in the nature of guidelines to be followed by the states in the same manner as Federally approved state boat numbering systems and state water quality criteria were established; and

(5) That Federal legislation should be drafted to insure maximum uniformity and reciprocity between the states and between the states and Federal Government.