

feres will recommend to their respective boards, legislatures, etc., approval of the proposed uniform rules and regulations. Commensurate requirements (the Conference recommended) controlling the discharge of wastes from commercial vessels are to be the responsibility of the Federal government.

It is understood that representatives from the four states have met, and have reached agreement on states' activities in connection with regulating disposal of wastes from watercraft. Formal announcement of the agreement on the rules and regulations for disposal of wastes from watercraft for the Lake Michigan states is expected shortly. It appears logical and desirable that the remaining states bordering the Great Lakes will see fit to adopt like regulations for the operation and control of watercraft for their navigable waters.

In view of the foregoing it is the recommendation of the Great Lakes Commission:

(1) That the Federal government establish requirements and regulations for controlling the discharge of wastes from *commercial vessels*; specifically establishing effective dates; effluent water quality standards; assistance in financing installation costs and conformity with regulations which may be established by Canadian authorities.

(2) That the states which issue permits and licenses for *pleasure craft* be responsible for controlling the disposal of wastes from these craft; that the rules and regulations be uniform between and among the states; and that the agreements reached by the four states bordering on Lake Michigan be considered by the remaining Great Lakes states in establishing uniform rules and regulations which govern the use of their navigable waters by federally non-documented, small boats or pleasure craft.

It appears that the Great Lakes Commission will not be able to present an oral statement at the hearings, April 23-25, 1968, on H.R. 16207.

It will be greatly appreciated if you permit this letter to be incorporated in the record of hearings as presenting the views of the Great Lakes Commission.

Thank you very much for your many past courtesies and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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GREAT LAKES COMMISSION

At its Annual Meeting, the Great Lakes Commission adopted the following resolutions and recommendations which are of primary interest in the water resources area, and some of which are of direct interest in connection with legislation now before the Congress.

FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Anadromous Fish Act

A resolution urging the continuance of the Anadromous Fish Act beyond 1970 and provision for a higher federal cost-sharing for projects which are regional in nature. (Copy attached)

Land and Water Conservation Fund

A resolution supporting additional funding for this program and continued division of funds on a 60% state, 40% federal basis, and opposing exemption of the Corps of Engineers project areas from entrance fee requirements, S. 1401 and other bills. (Copy attached)

Consolidation of Grant Programs

A recommendation to support the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Administrators in their effort to bring about a consolidation of the fish and wildlife grant programs, using the programs of the Department of Interior as a pilot effort.

SEAWAY, NAVIGATION AND COMMERCE

Rail Freight Rates

A resolution which requests the Midwest Governors' Conference to urge the Interstate Commerce Commission to enter into a study of the relative levels and reasonableness of railroad freight rates on commodities intended for export, in general and bulk cargo ocean services, through the North Atlantic range of ports and the Great Lakes ports, and the Gulf Coast and Great Lakes ports.