

RESOLUTION CALLING ON ALL GREAT LAKES STATES AND PROVINCES TO STOP FURTHER RECONFIGURATION OF STREAMS TO ALLOW INTRODUCED EXOTIC FISH ACCESS TO UPSTREAM AREAS

WHEREAS various streams and rivers feeding the Great Lakes have suffered irreversible damage through the blasting of waterfalls;

WHEREAS this destructive work is done by fisheries management to create a stream habitat for non-native introduced anadromous salmonids;

WHEREAS no environmental impact studies have been done in tributary streams to determine the likely adverse effect of the exotic salmonids on native aquatic life;

WHEREAS the Great Lakes Fishery Commission has issued periodic statements on the virtual extirpation of the once-common native coaster brook trout in the American waters of Lake Superior resulting from predation by introduced salmon;

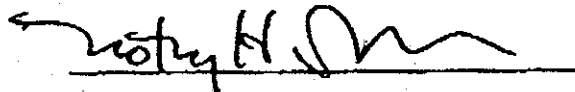
WHEREAS beaver-made water impoundments have been drained and the habitat of native birds, mammals, amphibians and aquatic plants destroyed in an attempt to further aid the introduced salmonids by providing faster, cooler water;

WHEREAS weirs and fish ladder installations constructed to increase passage of introduced salmonids have caused permanent damage to stream beds and embankments;

WHEREAS the above listed damage has diminished the esthetic value and limited the enjoyment of said streams for current and future generations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Great Lakes United calls on fisheries management units around all of the Great Lakes to stop any further removal of the natural features of streams for the purpose of expanding the habitat for non-native species.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE 16TH ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES UNITED ON JUNE 7, 1998.



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