

Submitted by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission

Resolution on Alternative Sea Lamprey Controls

WHEREAS Canadian and U.S. cooperation through financial support of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission program has reduced sea lamprey populations by 90% in most areas of the Great Lakes, protecting our fish communities and contributing to a healthy viable sport and commercial fisheries: and

WHEREAS the commission's program is partially reliant on lampricides to achieve sea lamprey control, and

WHEREAS the commission has made it a priority through its *Strategic Vision for the Decade of the 1990s* to reduce the use of lampricides by 50% and has to date, reduced lampricide by 35% through the use of efficiencies and alternative control techniques; and

WHEREAS the commission has proposed to spend over 30% of its sea lamprey control budget on alternative controls to continue this lampricide reduction, but has been unable to do so because of inadequate funding levels in the past, and

WHEREAS the proposed FY 2001 U.S. Federal Budget includes \$12 million for the Commission, a \$2.6 million increase, so that the commission may improve its alternative control program while still maintaining sea lamprey control on the Great Lakes, and the Canadian federal government recently increased its contribution to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Great Lakes United commends the U.S. Government for recognizing the importance of sea lamprey control and the need to pursue alternatives to lampricides,

RE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Great Lakes United commends the Canadian Federal Government for its increased commitment to the program

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Great Lakes United urges the Congress of the United States to fund the commission at the proposed \$12 million level so that it can continue to suppress sea lamprey populations in the Great Lakes while improving implementation and research into alternative sea lamprey control techniques.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION
ADOPTED AT THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES
UNITED ON JUNE 4, 2000.**


Tim Brown, Secretary