

LWF Resolution for 2012 Convention

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SUBJECT: SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF TRASH TO THE LOUISIANA LIST OF WATERWAY IMPAIRMENTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRASH LOAD LIMITS FOR IMPAIRED LOUISIANA WATERWAYS

WHEREAS, Section 402(p)(6) of the Clean Water Act authorizes responsible agencies to designate impairment sources that require regulation to protect water quality and to develop a comprehensive storm water program to regulate discharges, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its designee, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), have established Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's) of various impairments in waterways around the State specified on the 303(d) list (impaired waterways), and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently added trash to the national list of impairment categories used by states to report on impaired waterways, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) Title 33, Part IX, Chapter 11 establishes water quality standards to protect or enhance the quality of all state waters for recreational use and requires that they be maintained in an aesthetically attractive condition, free from objectionable deposits and floating debris [trash] that form nuisances or negatively impact aesthetics, and

WHEREAS, Title 33, Part IX, Section 2517 states that municipal storm water runoff continues to harm the nation's waters and may contain or mobilize high levels of contaminants, such as sediment, suspended solids, nutrients, heavy metals, pathogens, toxins, oxygen-demanding substances, and floatables [trash].

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation supports efforts by individual organizations to control the proliferation of trash in all waterways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation hereby petitions the LDEQ to add trash to the list of impairments that are used to compile the Louisiana 303(d) list (impaired waterways) for approval by the EPA, to assess Louisiana waterways for trash impairment, and to determine waste load allocations and trash TMDLs for waterways determined to be impaired by trash.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Legislature should consider action in support of the above proposals as necessary to support achievement of the goals defined above.

The foregoing resolution is submitted by **Friends of the Atchafalaya** for consideration by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation in convention assembled.

Charles Fryling, President,
FOA Board of Directors
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