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TO: Council Executive Directors

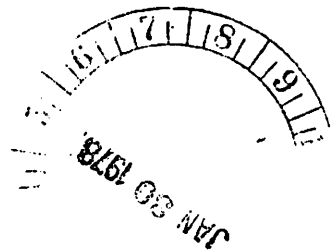
FROM: Wayne E. Swingle *Wayne*

SUBJECT: Estuarine Resolution

The Gulf Council previously sent a Resolution to state and federal agencies expressing our concern over the loss and degradation of estuarine habitats. This Resolution was entirely regional in content. At the urging of the Fish and Wildlife Service, we have redrafted the Resolution to be more national in scope. We are, hereby, submitting a copy for your consideration and possible adoption by your Council.

WES:sss

cc: Gulf Council w/copy Resolution



GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the commercial seafood landings in the U.S. generate billions of dollars annually for the economy of the nation; and

WHEREAS, these marine resources also provide food and recreational opportunities for millions of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, habitat alterations, destruction of marsh land, water pollution and many other factors can have a substantial detrimental effect on estuarine nursery grounds and the habitat of estuarine dependent marine species; and

WHEREAS, our fisheries can continue to be a renewable resource if they are afforded a suitable estuarine habitat;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we express our concern over the loss and degradation of our estuarine habitat; and

BE IT FURTHER resolved that we urge the Governor of each coastal State, their legislative bodies, and their coastal regulatory agencies and officers to utilize any authority they may have to protect and manage this valuable resource for the benefit of all citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Federal agencies with the appropriate jurisdictional responsibility encourage the respective States to develop and implement an effective program of estuarine protection and management.

Adopted this 11th day of January, 1978 in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Wayne Swartz
for

John A. Mehos, Chairman