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RESOLUTION NO. 14

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR FRESHWATER DIVERSION FROM THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER INTO THE BARATARIA BASIN AT THE DAVIS POND SITE

WHEREAS, Louisiana's coastal marshes, which are of national importance to fish and wildlife, are being lost to erosion, subsidence, saltwater intrusion, and other causes at a rate exceeding 25,000 acres per year, and

WHEREAS, the most promising solution to this problem is to re-introduce fresh water from the Mississippi River into these marshes, and

WHEREAS, a diversion location in St. Charles Parish called the Davis Pond Site, has been tentatively selected by the Corps of Engineers to introduce Mississippi River water into the Barataria Basin, and

WHEREAS, water diversion at this site will beneficially affect some 300,000 acres of marsh by retarding saltwater intrusion, and

WHEREAS, water diversion at this site would have the effect of preserving 82,700 acres of marsh over a 50-year period, and

WHEREAS, associated adverse environmental and socioeconomic impacts are expected to be minimal,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation urges the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to expedite advanced engineering, design, and construction of the diversion structure at the Davis Pond Site, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation urges Governor Treen and the Louisiana Legislature to appropriate funds from the Coastal Environment Protection Trust Fund for the local assuring agency share of the costs for the diversion structure.

Adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation in convention assembled,  
6 March 1983 in Lake Charles.