

## RESOLUTION #1

### ENSURING EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE FISH, WILDLIFE AND HABITAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT THROUGH ADAPTATION

WHEREAS, fish, wildlife, and their habitats are being threatened by the impacts of changing weather patterns and climate; and

WHEREAS, climate across the Midwest has changed and continues to change at a scale and pace that is without recent precedent; and

WHEREAS, these changes are directly affecting and will continue to affect, wildlife, fish, and their habitats, and indirectly, by multiplying other risks (e.g., invasive species); and

WHEREAS, thoughtful changes in management to better meet the needs and risks of a changed or changing environment (adaptation) is needed for the future sustainability of fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, seeking efficient and resilient ways to adapt will help us better meet our Trust responsibilities.

WHEREAS, in the face of change at a scale and pace that is without recent precedent, our decisions will need to consider different scenarios, instead of looking at how things worked in the past; and

WHEREAS, articulating adaptation strategies that are being implemented will facilitate better communication and understanding with stakeholders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies hereby

1. Urges that staff within their agency take at least the Regionwide Training held by the MAFWA Climate Committee.\*
2. Urges that staff who develop plans or set management direction within their agency take the Statewide Training held by the MAFWA Climate Committee.\*

*\*Please see the MAFWA Climate Committee Training Plan Overview for Directors document for a summary of the trainings.*