

Resolution Supporting

Cormorant Management

Whereas, the Great Lakes region has for the past two decades experienced an explosive growth in the population of double crested cormorants; and

Whereas, well designed scientific research has documented the adverse impact of cormorant populations on selected important fisheries and terrestrial habitats; and

Whereas, cormorants migrate widely within the Great Lakes region and throughout the Mississippi Flyway; and

Whereas, the effectiveness and efficiency of local management activities would be enhanced by regional management; and

Whereas, the current pace of developing an appropriate regional strategy for cormorant management has been slow; and

Be it resolved that the US Advisors to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission urge the commission and its commissioners to urge the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Mississippi Flyway Council, the Council of Lakes Committees, and other relevant agencies and organizations to work together and move forward with prompt action in developing a plan for a Great Lakes-wide cormorant control, aimed to minimize the adverse impact of cormorants on the Great Lakes ecosystem.

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