



## **Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc.**

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **Cancellation of the 2020 Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has classified COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised Americans that attendance at events with large numbers of people is a risk factor for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference is an event that by its nature attracts large numbers of people; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference is an official function sponsored by the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc. is a 501(c)(4) entity incorporated in the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc. are solely the governmental authorities responsible for the conservation and management of fish and wildlife species in the States of Virginia; West Virginia; Delaware; Maryland; New Jersey; Pennsylvania; New York; Connecticut; Rhode Island; Massachusetts; Vermont; New Hampshire; Maine; and the District of Columbia; and the Canadian Provinces of Ontario; Québec; New Brunswick; Nova Scotia; Prince Edward Island; and Newfoundland and Labrador; and

WHEREAS, a majority of persons attending the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference are employed by state or federal governmental authorities, along with faculty and students from academic institutions based in the northeastern United States and eastern Canada; and

WHEREAS, a majority of state, provincial, and federal governmental authorities whose employees attend the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference have prohibited non-essential

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travel by their employees beyond their jurisdictional boundaries in response to COVID-19, including travel to Long Branch, New Jersey to attend the 2020 Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc. hereby cancels the 2020 Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference scheduled for April 19-21, 2020 at the Ocean Place Resort & Spa, Long Branch, New Jersey;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc. hereby requests that Delaney Meeting & Event Management (Burlington, Vermont) immediately enter into negotiations with Ocean Place Resort & Spa to schedule and host the 2021 Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Long Branch, New Jersey in April 2021.

ADOPTED March 12, 2020 by the Executive Committee of the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc.

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