



IN APPRECIATION OF

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

WHEREAS, the 70th Annual Conference of the Southeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) was held on October 16-19, at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, *The Sportsman's Paradise*; and,

WHEREAS, Charlie Melancon, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and his talented staff have planned and provided an excellent opportunity for the exchange of important information among attendees and stimulating discussions of items of mutual concern and interest; and

WHEREAS, this 70th Annual Conference of the SEAFWA directors has facilitated abundant discussions, both informal and formal regarding wildlife resource management and the challenges for the sustained success of those renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, our gracious hosts in Louisiana, *The Sportsman's Paradise*, have provided an excellent east Mississippi River location in the state's capital, Baton Rouge, French for "Red Stick", and where the State Bird is the Eastern Brown Pelican, the State Mammal is the Louisiana Black Bear, the State Reptile is the Alligator, the State Freshwater Fish is the White Perch, and the State Crustacean is the Crawfish; and

WHEREAS, the Great State of Louisiana - *The Sportsman's Paradise*; and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, serving as our gracious hosts, and home to the world famed "Mardi Gras" celebration, home to famed musician Louis Armstrong, and home to towns designated as "The Duck Capital of America," "The Buggy Capital of the World," "The Frog Capital of the World," and "The Crawfish Capital of the World," has provided a quality meeting setting giving us an opportunity for a well balanced exchange of ideas and information of significant benefit as we focus on our conference theme: "*Conserving Vital Habitats*".

NOW, therefore, be it resolved that the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies expresses its sincere gratitude and warmest appreciation to the Great State of Louisiana, *The Sportsman's Paradise*; and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for hosting an outstanding 70th Annual Conference.

ADOPTED by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in official session at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, *The Sportsman's Paradise* on October 18, 2016.