



25 August 2004

Re: Resolution on Reduction of Sediment Contributions to Surface Waters of North Carolina

Please find attached a resolution approved by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (NCAFS) regarding sedimentation. Sedimentation is a leading cause of degradation of aquatic habitats in the State of North Carolina, and, in our professional opinion, additional attention to this issue is necessary to ensure the integrity of surface waters in the future. The Environmental Concerns Committee of the NCAFS identified this issue to be a significant concern to the membership and developed the resolution. The resolution was presented to the NCAFS membership, voted on and approved at its annual meeting on 5 February 2004.

The NCAFS has a diverse membership. Its 139 members represent fisheries scientists from academic institutions, state and federal management agencies, and private institutions. Most NCAFS members are also members of the American Fisheries Society (AFS). The AFS was founded in 1870 and is the oldest and largest professional society representing fisheries scientists. The AFS promotes scientific research and enlightened management of aquatic resources for optimum use and enjoyment of the public.

Sincerely,

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