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## **DECLARATION OF CIPS IN SUPPORT OF FISHING IN SPAIN**

The International Sports Fishing Confederation (CIPS), after getting acquainted with the introduction of a law related to fishing interdiction, which would have strongly influenced the environment, and would as well entail a loss of tourism related to sport fishing;

states the following:

1°.- That the sport fishing is practiced in a sustainable way and respectful with the environment.

2.- That the CIPS and the International Federations that compose it have in their Statutes and Regulations rules that guarantee that the sport fishing is carried out with the utmost respect for nature and the environment, especially the continental and marine aquatic ecosystems.

3.- That in its virtue advocates the recovery and preservation of aquatic ecosystems, both for conviction and convenience, because without efficient aquatic ecosystems and in the best state, it would not be possible to practice this sport, which at the same time is passion.

4°.- Consequently, CIPS defends biodiversity as indicative of a good state of natural ecosystems, and as a result of efficient habitats.

5. That, precisely because of this, CIPS cannot agree with policies and actions aimed at promoting the re-implantation of native species in artificial or highly modified aquatic ecosystems, unfit for what their natural habitats should be.

6.- The CIPS requires the restoration of aquatic ecosystems until they return to their natural state, to ensure the survival of native species with the guarantee that they can fulfil their natural and efficient reproductive cycle.

7.- CIPS maintains that not all exotic species are invasive, not all produce the same detrimental effects and / or harmful effects, so it considers a serious error to point them out in

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the same way, and to seek the eradication of all of them. The effort should focus on those that are actually more harmful and invasive.

8.- CIPS expresses its concern about the situation created in Spain, due to the existence of the Natural Heritage and Biodiversity Law 42/2007, much more restrictive than the European Directive and that of any other country in the European Union, which does not Is adjusted to the Spanish fluvial reality - the second country with the largest river regulation in the world - and which establishes the same and radical restrictive measures to species as different as carp (2000 years in its waters) and zebra mussel (*dreissenapolymorpha*) or apple snail (*pomaceacaniculata*).

9º.- CIPS trusts in the management that the Spanish Federation of Fishing and Casting (FEPyC) is carrying out on this serious situation, which is causing so much damage to the small economies dependent on the activity of the sport fishing, as well as to this sport, which generates about € 3.000 millions in precisely rural areas, and expressly offers maximum support and solidarity to the FEPyC and all those affected, especially to the 300,000 people who made a demonstration(strike) in Madrid on June 5 last year.

10. The CIPS respectfully requests from the Government and the Spanish Parliament the amendment of the abovementioned Law 42/2007 in order to bring it into line with the legislation of most European countries and to adapt it to the recent Regulations approved by the European Union.

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