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RESOLUTION ON LITIGATION

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Whereas litigation has become a major method whereby SCI protects the right to hunt and the conservation of wildlife, and

Whereas SCI has full-time professional litigation capability on staff, working under the oversight of the Legal Task Force and the Governmental Affairs Committee and has provided a regular budget for litigation activities, and

Whereas SCI has gained experience in a variety of litigation methods and techniques, and

Whereas there are circumstances where decisions to enter into litigation need to be taken quickly in order to be effective,

Therefore the SCI Executive Committee and the SCIF Board hereby Resolve:

1. Normally the decision for SCI to enter into litigation requires the advance approval of the EC and the SCIF Board, due to:

- (a) Te significant budgetary and manpower resources that may be expended once litigation is started; and
- (b) Te exposure to public view that litigation may entail; and
- (c) Te significant impact that litigation can have on organizational policies and positions.

2. Nevertheless, the EC and the SCIF Board recognize that there are circumstances where the decision for SCI to become involved in litigation needs to be taken quickly, sometimes in the matter of a few days.

3. SCI can enter into litigation where the circumstances require quick action, provided that:

- (a) SCI's staff has recommended involvement in the litigation in question; and
- (b) The Chairman of the Legal Task Forces concurs in this recommendation; and
- (c) The Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee also concurs in this recommendation; and
- (d) The likely cost of the litigation can be covered under currently budgeted resources; and
- (e) The litigation does not involve any new policy direction.

4. A notice will be sent to the EC and the SCIF Board immediately upon any decision under paragraph 3, above, to enter into litigation.