

## RESOLUTION 87-3

### *Need to End Marine Dumping, By Permit, in All Atlantic Marine Waters*

WHEREAS, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, made up of three representatives from each of the 15 states bordering the Atlantic Ocean and its tributaries is concerned with overall management of the fisheries under its jurisdiction and prepares plans and makes recommendations with respect to those fisheries, and,

WHEREAS, the ASMFC has met and considered the effect that pollution of our waters has upon the fisheries, and,

WHEREAS, pollution is caused by many sources, among them being marine dumping, by permit, of sewage sludge, industrial wastes, wood burning wastes, and contaminated dredge spoil, and,

WHEREAS, the ASMFC is of the strong opinion that all such marine dumping should cease as soon as possible and that land-based alternatives must be found to end the practice of marine dumping,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ASMFC calls upon the Governors and legislatures of each of the 15 states which comprise the ASMFC to direct their respective department of state government to establish a timetable to end all such marine dumping and to establish alternative land-based disposal systems, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal EPA and the Congress of the United States take similar action to end all such marine dumping in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean under federal jurisdictions, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of each state, the presiding officer of each branch of the legislatures of each state, to the EPA and to the members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House Representatives. *Adopted at the ASMFC Annual Meeting, October 19-22, 1987, Key West, FL.*