

FEDERAL "BRASS": The "top brass" of military reservations and of other lands and waters owned or controlled by the various ABCXYZ bureaus and agencies of the federal government—except those areas administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service—is being severely criticised for its growing tendency to set aside and abrogate state fish and game regulations, and otherwise interfere with state and local fish and game programs.

At the annual meeting of N. C. Wildlife Federation in Asheville this month the recent declaration of the commanding officer at Fort Bragg that the State's fish and game regulations are "inoperative" on his post drew the fire and outspoken censure of those present.

TARHEEL HUNTERS and fishermen, whose license fees for years have been spent towards building up and protecting their fish and game stock, were quite visibly and audibly irked by reports of the situation at Bragg. They unanimously adopted a resolution protesting the commanding officer's policies and practices in this instance, and threatening to seek congressional aid that would insure the authority of the State in fish and game matters wherever within its borders.

Just a few weeks earlier, the members of the International Association of Game, Fish & Conservation Commissioners, in conference assembled at Rochester, N. Y., adopted a strongly worded resolution "opposing extension of federal control over fish and game", and went on record to sponsor appropriate legislation in Congress that would read essentially as follows:

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