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The Problem:

There were an alarming number of fifty-inch muskellunge harvested from Green Bay waters in 2006. The present minimum size limit of fifty inches is not sufficient enough to protect this World Class Fishery.

Whereas, It is document by DNR studies that these fifty-inch muskellunge are between ten and twelve years old which is relatively young in comparison to fifty-inch muskellunge in other bodies of water. These fish do not have the opportunity to reach their full growth potential.

Whereas, The continued harvest of fifty-inch muskellunge from this world-class fishery will not only have a negative impact on the fishery status but also a negative financial impact for the state of Wisconsin.

Whereas, Canada currently has a Fifty Four inch minimum size limit on Canadian controlled Great Lakes water

BE IT RESOLVED. The Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Racine County on April 16, 2007, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change, Change the current minimum length limit on muskellunge in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan north of Waldo Boulevard, Manitowoc [includes the waters of Green Bay, Fox River upstream to the DePere Dam, Sturgeon Bay and the tributary Streams considered outlying waters] from fifty inches to fifty four inches

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