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**Subject:** Resolution re: Phosphorus lawn fertilizers and AIS

Hello from Bayfield County!

Below are two template resolutions. One deals with the ban of phosphorus lawn fertilizers. Most lawns don't need them. We can protect our lakes and streams from algae blooms and weed growth by eliminating them. This will not affect farmers. They are smart enough to not spend money on phosphorus unless it is necessary. They also take steps to make sure their fertilizers don't run off into lakes and streams. This only affects lawn fertilizers. Minnesota has adopted this, as has Dane County. This resolution also calls for your county to enact a countywide ban on the sale of phosphorus lawn fertilizers until the State does the same.

The second resolution asks the State to strengthen the rule regarding transporting Eurasian Water Milfoil and other aquatic invasive species. It also asks your county to quickly pass an AIS transport rule until the State does the same. It is the only way we are going to slow the spread of EWM and other AIS.

Both of these measures are now being considered by the State and by several counties. This would show them that Wisconsin sportsmen are concerned and want to encourage them to protect our resources.

Both of these resolutions were written by Jim Brakken, WCC Delegate from Bayfield County, Past President of the Wisconsin Association of Lakes and founder of the Bayfield County Lakes Forum. Thanks for helping us help our lakes and streams.

## RESOLUTION

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### COUNTYWIDE AND STATEWIDE BAN ON THE SALE AND USE OF PHOSPHORUS LAWN FERTILIZERS

**The Problem:** Phosphorus lawn fertilizer affects lakes, streams and groundwater and causes algae blooms and weed growth impacting the fishery, property values and tax base. Rarely needed on lawns, one pound of phosphorus can result in 500 pounds of algae growth. Phosphorus fertilizers used on residential properties, parks and other non-agricultural areas cause phosphorus runoff carrying up to eight times more phosphorus than that from similar-sized wooded areas. Eurasian Water Milfoil thrives in phosphorus rich water.

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