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The Problem:

In the past the Lake Michigan Yellow Perch harvest was split between sportsmen and commercial fishers, first by number of perch, then by weight. The number of perch harvested was to be split 50/50. But in the last ten years of perch harvest between sportsmen and commercial fishers, the sportsmen have always been under their allotment by an average of 33%, per DNR records. This resulted in an unequal split of the perch harvest.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in **Washington County** on **April 16, 2007**, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct the numeric division of Lake Michigan Yellow Perch, so as to be split 65/35, in favor of sportsmen.

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37 yes
33 opposed