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Proposed Lake Menomin Northern Pike Slot Limit

The problem:

Lake Menomin (from the Cedar Falls Dam to the Menomonie Dam) has the potential to grow trophy northern pike but without the proper regulations the fish rarely can reach trophy size. The lack of size limits and overharvesting have attributed to stunted fish or hammer handle size northerns. Most northern pike are not reaching their size potential and the number of trophy northern pike is becoming less and less each year.

At present the state law does not protect the northern pike in Lake Menomin. State law does protect many other species of fish in Menomin including walleye, bass and panfish and we feel the northern pike deserves the same attention.

Be it resolved, that the conservation congress at its annual meeting held in Columbia County on April 13th, 2009 work with the WDNR to improve the size structure of the northern pike by introducing a slot limit that would protect the larger northern pike in Lake Menomin from 28 to 38 inches. A daily bag limit of 5 would be implemented and only 1 fish allowed over 38 inches may be kept.

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Local Issue
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