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Resolution

Funds for Great Lakes Fisheries

The Problem:

Annually, the Strawberry Creek, Kewaunee River, and Root River Anadromous Fisheries Facilities collectively generate between \$10,000 and \$30,000 from the sale of salmon eggs to bait companies. Currently, all of those funds are placed into the DNR General Fund Account where little or none of those funds are returned to support Great Lakes fisheries management programs. In other states, their DNR is allowed to use the sale of fish eggs to help support their fisheries programs. Since our Great Lakes salmon fisheries program supports the generation of this significant revenue, it makes sense that the funds generated by the sale of salmon eggs should be returned to the Great Lakes fisheries program.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Door County, Wisconsin on April 13, 2009 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to correct this situation by introducing a legislative change providing all funds generated by the annual sale of salmon eggs be returned to the Great Lakes Fisheries program.

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