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THIS RESOLUTION IS TO IMPROVE TROUT FISHING OPPORTUNITY ON THE SOUTH BRANCH OF THE OCONTO RIVER

RESOLUTION: To reclassify that part of the South Branch of the Oconto River that is between CTH AA down stream to STH 32 in Oconto County.

PRESENTLY that stretch of river is classified as Category 5:

Gear Restriction: Artificial only

Daily Bag Limit: one (1) trout in total

Size Limit: Brook Trout & Rainbow 12 inches - Brown Trout 18 inches

RESOLUTION is to reclassify that part of the South Branch to Category 4.

Gear Restriction: Artificial/live bait

Daily Bag Limit: three (3) trout

Size Limit: Brook Trout 8 inches – Brown & Rainbow 12 inches

REASON FOR RESOLUTION:

The MAJORITY of the trout that migrate up the South Branch each year from the Main Oconto River do not stay in the this Special Regulation water as previously thought, but continue their migration up into the Menominee Reservation & beyond. Some go as far as 30 miles to Delton Creek according to DNR Surveys. As their migration takes them into the Menominee Reservation, the regulation change to a daily Bag Limit of 10 – Size 7 inches. Gear Restriction: Artificial/Live Bait.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its Annual Meeting held in Oconto County on April 13th, 2009 recommends that Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take Action.

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Local Issue:

Discussed w/ local DNR.
Response - would consider
advising through DNR
channels.