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Extending Trout Season

The Concern: The Wisconsin trout season ends September 30th with many fishable days left on the calendar. With long cold winters it seems a waste not to fish those nice days in October.

The Resolution: *That the present trout season be extended until October 31st statewide.* That this extension be done for a two year trial period so that any possible adverse effects on the health of the trout population can be evaluated.

Rational: The fishing season in Montana runs to the end of November which seems to have little or no effect on fall spawning trout populations. The daily bag limit on brook trout is 20 per day in a state where no stream planting of fish occurs. This attests to the fisheries health and length of year issue as a non issue.

Trout fishing pressure is light this time of year and I believe the impact on the trout population would be minimal. If the evaluation committee chose they could make this final month catch and release if schooling of fish is a concern.

After talking with fish biologist Al Niebor I don't see any major concerns with the proposal. A precedent has been set with parts of the Wolf and Peshtigo already open into November.

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