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Wisconsin Conservation Congress Resolution

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Wolf River Small mouth Bass VS Native Brook Trout

The Problem: The upper Wolf River in eastern Langlade County has traditionally been managed as a TROUT FISHERY because, IT HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED A UNIQUELY HARDY POPULATION OF SELF-PERPETUATING NATIVE BROOK TROUT. With an ever-increasing number of beaver and their dams on feeder streams, many must find spring-fed cool spots in the river during summer, where they are very accessible to cannibalistic small mouth bass. Fishermen report that the population of small bass is so large that it is very difficult to catch one of the legal size limit of fourteen inches or more, and the brook trout population is diminishing because of them.

AND WHEREAS: The DNR has recently verified the adverse effects of an over-abundance of bass on a brook trout population by poisoning them out of McGee Lake, which had been a renowned brook trout fishery until, somehow small mouth bass got into that spring-fed lake. And, If we want kids to become fishermen, we must allow them to take edible fish home and small bass are fine fillets.

Therefore be it resolved: The size limit on small mouth bass in the Wolf River, from the Highway 52 bridge at Lily downstream to the Langlade - Menominee County line shall be eliminated and the daily bag limit shall be ten fish.

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