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2010 Annual DNR Spring Hearings and
Wisconsin Conservation Congress Hearings

THE PROBLEM:

Wisconsin is the only Midwest state that delays its general trout season opening until May. Wisconsin is the only Midwest state that does not have a statewide 5 bag limit.

A study of Driftless Area trout angling by North Star Economics of Madison showed that only 3% of trout anglers are under 20 years of age. Basically, trout fishing is a dying sport. Wisconsin needs to liberalize its trout regulations to attract more anglers, specifically young anglers.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Wisconsin Conservation Congress at its annual 2010 meetings recommends that the DNR take action to correct this situation by opening the March and April season to all angling with harvest and that a statewide 5 bag limit be established. (This would not apply to streams that drain into Lake Superior or Lake Michigan.) *ALSO, THIS WOULD NOT APPLY TO CATEGORY 5 STREAMS OR WATERS.*

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County Vote: YES _____ NO _____

Footnote: This resolution is being introduced into every county.