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Title: Lake Tomah Restoration

The Problem: The eventual return of Carp to Lake Tomah and its tributaries.

Currently there are no Carp in Lake Tomah but their eventual return is a forgone conclusion. Some one will eventually dump their minnows or worse yet deliberately put Carp into the lake. This could again set Lake Tomah back to where we were just a couple of years ago. Algae blooms and water clarity will stunt weed growth and the fishery will be gone. We must protect Lake Tomah from this happening and support the hard work that the Lake Committee and the Department of Natural Resources has put into the restoration of Lake Tomah.

The Solution: Increase the size limit of northern pike from the current 26 inches to 32 inches. There is anecdotal evidence that by having a greater number of larger predator fish can help control the carp.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting being held in Monroe County on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the DNR to modify the Northern Pike size limit from 26 inches to 32 inches for Lake Tomah.



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