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Resolution Regarding the use of electric trolling motors for positional fishing. 4/11/2011

The Problem:

The State of Wisconsin has numerous interpretations of what positional fishing with electric trolling motors, when fishing for Muskies with Live bait. (We) recommend a change to read:

Positional Fishing for Muskie: To enable the use and aid of an electric trolling motor while Muskie fishing with live bait. The use of an electric trolling motor shall be permitted to move an anglers boat. The tracking of the boat shall have no bearing as to the direction of the wind or current, but to gain control and move across the lake or river. This will be a live bait rule for sucker fishing only. This will allow the angler to cast and retrieve artificial baits, while having a rigged sucker off the boat. Fishing will be done in accordance with the fishing regulations of the State of Wisconsin.

Be it resolved that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Oneida County on April 11, 2011 recommends to the Department of Natural Resources to take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change allowing this to occur.

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