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Title: Spearing rough fish within 200 feet of a dam.

The problem: This action is currently illegal.

Rough fish, mainly "carp" are invasive and infesting Wisconsin waterways. These fish damage spawning sites of native species, destroy plant life and disrupt the natural order.

Congregation of these fish near dams give us a great opportunity to deplete the population.

WE feel hand held spearing near dams can be done effectively without damage to other fish. We believe it is the responsibility of all to promote and encourage the removal of these fish from the Wisconsin waterways.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Rock County on April 11,2011 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing the rule change allowing the use of hand held spears up to and near dams for the purpose of takng rough fish

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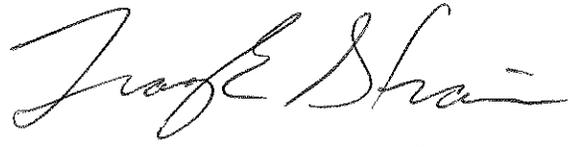
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