

Resolution

Elimination of the 14" size limit on Largemouth Bass on the Shawano Lake & Wolf Rivers to the first dam north of the city of Shawano

The Problem:

The current 14" size limit on largemouth bass restricts harvest of this abundant fish on the Shawano Lake System.

Whereas, Size limits on fish are imposed to allow fish to reach adult size and have to ability to reproduce.

Whereas, Size limits are imposed to restrict harvest activities that will have a detrimental affect on the overall population of a particular species of fish.

Whereas, The largemouth bass population on the Shawano Lake is healthy and increasing.

Whereas, There is no documented scientific evidence that a 14" size limit is necessary to support a healthy population of largemouth bass on the Shawano Lake System.

Whereas, Eliminating the 14" size limit on the Shawano Lake System will provide increased angling harvest opportunity of this abundant resource.

Be it therefore resolved that the citizens of Shawano County attending the Annual Spring Hearing on April 11, 2011 requests the Conservation Congress petition the Department of Natural Resources to change the 14" size limit on Shawano Lake to 12".

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