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Resolution of Support for License Fee Increase to Fund Cold Water Fish Hatcheries

WHEREAS, State fish hatcheries are in need of additional funding to adequately staff, repair, maintain, upgrade and build facilities in order to meet current fishery demands.

WHEREAS, without the additional revenue which would be raised with a fee increase designated specifically for hatchery needs, some of our vital facilities (such as the Brule River Fish Hatchery) may be lost.

WHEREAS, a Great Lakes Trout and Salmon Stamp and Inland Trout fee increase will help provide resources which will benefit Wisconsin residents, tourism, businesses, and recreational opportunities throughout the state. The requested increase would be a 5 dollars (\$5) increase over current fees.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Ashland County on April 14, 2014 recommends that the Conservation Congress support this initiative and present it to the Department for implementation to further support and promote cold water fisheries in Wisconsin.

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