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Title: Lake Michigan Yellow Perch protection

The Problem:

Lake Michigan, including Green Bay, yellow perch are still in trouble. For 2012, the DNR reported that 62% and 63%, of the sport/commercial Green Bay perch harvested were only 2 years old; the average sport size 7.8 inches and surveys reporting perch average sizes of 5.5 to 7.5 inches, also show trouble. And since the last DNR Green Bay perch population estimate in 2008 was down 96%, and the Lake Michigan perch graded mesh numbers are down 99.9%.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Milwaukee County on April 14, 2014 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to correct the situation by asking to take Yellow Perch off the list of commercial species, for all of Lake Michigan including Green Bay waters, just like Northern Pike were.

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