

Citizen Resolution #

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St. Croix

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(For Hearing Officer completion)

## St. Croix County Trout Stocking



### The Problem :

In each of the past 2 years the DNR trout stocking quota for the Upper Willow and Apple rivers has been cut to zero. Only through the concerted effort of the local DNR fisheries biologist has a limited number of stocked trout been made available. This has been only a fraction of the stocking levels of previous years.

St Croix county and other areas of the state have experienced a severe level of trout stocking reduction due to budget cuts, hatchery and funding issues

St. Croix county is among the fastest growing areas of the state. However, with the very limited trout stocking, keeping or attracting new trout fisherman now and in the future is in jeopardy.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in St. Croix County on April 14, 2014 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the DNR to address the issues affecting the limited quantity of hatchery raised trout to ultimately restore approved trout stocking quotas in St. Croix County to historical and sustainable levels, and that the plan would include priorities based on current and potential numbers of trout fishermen.

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