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Title: Walleye stocking in Ceded Territory

The Problem:

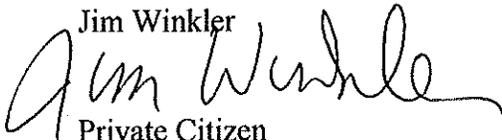
As you have probably noticed that the State of Wisconsin has decided to increase the stocking of walleyes in state waters. Also, the Native Americans have decided to increase their spearing quota to the highest ever in the ceded territory in Wisconsin.

It appears to me that the more walleyes that are stocked the more walleyes will be spoken for by the Tribal population, resulting in a zero increase in non- native harvest opportunities. The cost to non-native outdoorsman will be millions of dollars, some of which is to be spent on private and Tribal hatcheries to help raise the needed walleyes.

I have no problem paying for fish stocking when and where it is needed, based on appropriate scientific studies. I do have a problem however spending money on activities that may, at best, provide minimal improvement of the current reduced walleye bag limits that are imposed every year in the ceded territories.

Be It Resolved, that no State of Wisconsin stocking of walleyes take place in the Tribal ceded territories where Tribal spearing may take place until the Tribes and the State of Wisconsin have formulated an agreement, that would not allow spearing in any lakes where walleye stocking takes place, for a period of seven years after the last year of stocking. Be it further resolved that the additional walleyes raised for stocking be placed in state waters outside the Ceded territories until an agreement is reached.

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