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Title: Tying up fish for personal gain

The Problem:

For the past several years, fish have been tied up to be used later for winning tournaments, photo shoots and for guides to falsely promote their business. I and many others see this as unethical practice as some of these fish are tied up for weeks and even up to a month at a time. It is inhumane and maybe even classified as cruelty to animals. A huge number of people from all over the state as well as other states that feel this is an unethical practice and want it to end. Fish and other animals should not be treated like this and we want to put a stop to it.

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual Spring Hearing held in Brown County on April 13, 2015, I recommend that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take action to correct this situation by putting a rule in place making it illegal to keep fish tied up whether on a stringer, fish box or unattended line.

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