

Citizen Resolution # # 450215

Currently, the Wisconsin State Legislature provides the Department of Natural Resources the authority via NR 20.35 to set alternate, temporary size and bag limits for warm water fish species such as walleye, largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, catfish, northern pike, and panfish. No such option for temporary size and bag limits currently exists for trout species (brook, brown, rainbow) in NR 20.35.

Alternate bag limits are a vital tool in providing for the best use and management of Wisconsin's fisheries, especially in the case of catastrophic events (natural or man-made).

Extending the alternate bag limit provision to trout species of the state is a common-sense step to ensuring quality trout fisheries.

BE IT RESOLVED, that NR 20.35 is amended to include—by name—the three trout species of our state (brook, brown, rainbow) and an alternate, temporary size limit and bag limit for each that would apply under certain circumstances alongside the warm water species already protected via listing in the administrative code.

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