

Citizen Resolution # 590215

Title: Wolf River System Spring Hook and Line Sturgeon Fishing Season

The Problem:

Although there is a sturgeon spearing season on Lake Winnebago and the upper lakes, there is no provision for a hook and line season for those sportsmen that have no interest or desire to take part in spearing.

There is a harvest-able population of sturgeon in the system. At present there is no season for a hook and line season on the Wolf River System. This is the same as saying you can only hunt deer with a Flintlock Musket. Hook and line fishermen deserve an equal opportunity at obtaining a harvest tag.

Be it Resolved that the Conservation Congress at it's annual meeting recommend to the Department of Natural Resources that it take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change to allow for a once in a lifetime tag for Lake sturgeon on the Wolf River System with a hook and line season.

This resolution should include the following provisions:

1. Limit the number of tags to 25 per year with preference points given to unsuccessful applicants
2. Limit the section of river that can be finshed so that it can be easily policed.

3. Set the length of the season to 9 days, i.e. Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Dates to be set by DNR to correspond with the spring spawning run.
4. Using the 1-800-Tip-Line, have successful anglers call in and provide a phone number so that DNR personel can call and arrange a meeting to tag and sex check the fish.
5. Establish a 50 inch size limit.
6. Successful applicants must wear Blaze Orange outer wear as if deer hunting. This will make it easier for wardens to police.
7. Tags will resemble deer back tags and must be displayed on the angler's back.
8. Fish must be registered within 24 hours of catch.

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