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THE PROBLEM:

WE HAVE TOO MANY RESTRICTIONS ON USING MINNOWS AND HANDLING OUR CAUGHT FISH.

A FEW YEARS AGO THERE WAS A BREAKOUT OF VHS DISEASE IN LAKE MENDOTA NEAR MADISON. IN A KNEE JERK REACTION THE DNR PLACED ALL SORTS OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE WHOLE STATE. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CURES FOR THIS DISEASE . IT CURED IT SELF WITH AN EXCEPTIONALLY HOT SUMMER. WE NEVER HAD AN OUTBREAK IN THE NORTH BUT WE HAD TO, AND STILL ARE LLIVING WITH THESE RESTRICTIONS, PART OF WHICH INVOLVE THE THOUGHT POLICE. IF YOU EXPOSE YOUR MINNOWS TO THE LAKE WATER YOU ARE FISHING IN, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO KILL THEM, UNLESS, YOU INTEND TO RETURN TO THE SAME LAKE TO USE THEM.

BEFORE THESE RFSTRICIONS, OUR LOCAL DNR WOULD GO TO A NEIHBORING LAKE AND NET SOME FISH TO RESTOCK A LAKE THAT HAD FROZEN OUT. NOW THEY ARE UNDER SO MANY RESTRICTIONS, THEY CAN'T DO THAT SOOOOOO!!

WE USED TO BE ABLE TO USE FROZEN SMELT FOR TIP-UP FISHING. NOW WE CAN'T BEAUSE THERE'S A ONE IN 10 BILLION CHANCE THAT WE MIGHT HAVE AN INFECTED SMELT FROM LAKE SUPERIOR. YES, I'M BEING RIDICULOUS, SO ARE THESE RESTRICTIONS.

THE SOLUTION.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CONSERVATION ONGRESS AT IT"s ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN WASHBURN COUNTY ON APRIL 13th 2015 RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONSERVATION CONGRESS RECOMMENDS THAT THESE RESTRICTIVE REGULATIONS BE ELIMINATED.

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