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## Registration of Non-Motorized Watercraft

Problem: Currently non-motorized watercraft, ie canoes, kayak, paddleboats, do not have to be registered or pay any fees.

These watercraft utilize the services of the DNR aquatic biologists as much as any motorized watercraft. Non-motorized watercraft can spread invasive species as much as any motorized watercraft.

Also, if any kayak or canoe is found floating empty, law enforcement has no way of finding out who it belongs to or if someone is missing ~~it~~ on the lake.

A fee of \$15/3 years could generate as much as \$1.5 million in revenue (estimate based on ~~100m~~ non-motorized watercraft) to be utilized for prevention of invasive species.

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All special groups (ie Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts etc.) would pay a group fee.

Be it resolved on this day, April 13, 2015 that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress support working with WDNR to establish a non-motorized watercraft fee via the legislative process.

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