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Citizen Resolution

(For Hearing Officer completion)

Bring the Les Voigt Bayfield hatchery up to full production capacity.



Whereas, Current well and water limitations have dramatically reduced the level of fish production to 27% of capacity at the Les Voigt Fish Hatchery in Bayfield County, Wisconsin.

Whereas, Recent groundwater analysis has confirmed water supplies are sufficient to drill a new well that could bring the hatchery up to maximum capacity.

Whereas, recent technical advances in Recirculating Aquaculture Systems (RAS) have shown the potential to dramatically reduce the amount of groundwater necessary to successfully raise fish in a hatchery environment.

Whereas, a Les Voigt hatchery running at full capacity would increase production of desirable species throughout the waters of Wisconsin, both Great Lakes and Inland waters, and provide more opportunities to Sport, commercial, and tribal fishermen.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Conservation Congress calls upon the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to take the steps necessary to bring the Les Voigt Hatchery up to full production. Whether it be drilling a new well, incorporating Recirculating Aquaculture Technologies, or both.

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