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To: Wisconsin DNR and Conservation Congress

From: Harry Turner

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Subject: Resolution for 2017 Fishing Regulations for the Castle Rock Trout Stream

My name is Harry Turner. I lived in Montfort, Wisconsin for the first 23 years of my life, and I grew up on the banks of the Castle rock stream fishing for trout with my father and grandfather. I have fished the Castle Rock trout stream for 65 years, including the past 12 years with my children and grandchildren. I am also a fly fisherman, and I have fly fished Western Wisconsin rivers in addition to the Castle Rock stream.

In 2003, the DNR expanded the artificial lures "catch and release" section to include an additional part of the stream from the Castle Rock town bridge to the County Q Bridge west of the town. This action removed one (1) mile of prime trout fishing area from live bait fishermen. It created an imbalance in fishing pressure during the early part of the season. For example, at 8:30 am on the 2015 opening day, there were no fishermen in the 3 ½ mile catch and release section. In contrast, there were 34 trout fishermen crammed into the one (1) mile live bait section.

Resolution: Be it resolved that, beginning with the 2017 trout fishing season, the DNR return the Castle Rock trout stream to its 2002 status and its 2002 regulations. This will restore the one (1) mile section of the stream, extending from the Castle Rock town bridge to the Country Q Bridge west of the town to "live bait-catch and keep" status.



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