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Title: Update to Reduced Rate Fishing License for Aged Residents over 70

The Problem:

Currently the Resident reduced rate Fishing license is \$7.00, and is Required of anglers 16 and 17 years of age and anglers 65 years of age and older. Residents born before 1927 do not need a fishing license, simply carry proof of age when fishing. The 1927 date has not been updated which means as it stands today you have to be 87 years old to be able to fish at no cost. This is a date that should have been changed yearly from the date of the rule's inception, and quite possibly was the intent. Anglers that have been fishing for over 70 years have paid well over \$1000 for licenses in their lifetime, and at that age should be offered the same no cost license as a current 87 year old.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Door County on April 14, 2014 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department to take action to correct this situation by introducing a change in the date, now 1927, that a resident angler can fish at no cost, so residents 70 years and older qualify and to continue to change that date yearly to move the rule forward.

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