

Meeting Date: April 14, 2019

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A RESOLUTION FOR THE CONSERVATION CONGRESS - LANGLADE COUNTY WI.

TITLE: Restore size and bag limits on Bass in the Wolf River to squelch over-abundance.

The Problem: The Wolf River in eastern Langlade County has always been managed as a large, free-flowing, whitewater trout river, well-preserved in a uniquely wild and scenic state of nature. It has maintained its Native Brook Trout population by natural reproduction, which must be perpetuated.

Under the present small mouth Bass regulations (14 in. size limit and 3 fish bag limit) their numbers have greatly increased and very few of that size are caught. Being largely cannibalistic, they feed on minnows including the small brook trout, adversely reducing their population. The DNR recently poisoned-out McGee Lake to eliminate the bass that some-how had gotten into it because of the adverse effects they were having on the lake's former trout only populations.

The DNR wants us to encourage children to become fishermen. To do so, kids must be able to catch and keep good eating-sized fish to proudly take home to their parents. Present regulations do not allow that; for very few, if any 14 inch bass are caught.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; The size and bag limit for Small Mouth bass on the Wolf River from the bridge over the Wolf River at Pearson, and downstream to the Menominee County line, to the eatable 9 in. size limit and an 8 fish daily bag limit, which should resolve the problem at no cost to the state.

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