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Streamline local fish biologist's ability to change bag limits and size limits in a timely manner

Resolution for 2014 Conservation Congress meeting

The Problem

In the event that a fish biologist wants to change either size limits or bag limits on a given body of water, for sound biological reasons, it may take up to eight years to change..Taking that much time, exacerbates the problem. It is not wise conservation of this natural resource.

Where as: local DNR fish biologists are ham strung from making immediate decisions about an individual lake or stream regarding fish size limits to protect the natural resource

Where as: The Conservation Congress was established to allow input from the public regarding Conservation of Wild Life issues to address issues of our Natural Resources.

Where as: The evolution of information gathering and communication has made giant advancements in the past ten years:

And where as, modern fishing techniques, angler knowledge, and the tremendous increase in number of licensed anglers, can cause overtaking of fish from a given body of water and deplete this natural resource and cause a serious fish population imbalance.

Now there for be it resolved that

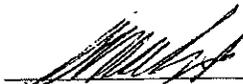
A local DNR fish biologist may request a change in the size limit or bag limit, on a given water, in their district, by notification through the DNR's fisheries hierarchy, stakeholders of the Water if there is a management plan in effect, if not from local interested parties. If all agree, the Department shall notify the District Chair of the Fresh water fish committee for immediate action on the request. If approved the District shall ask the Conservation Congress Executive Committee for immediate action. If all agree, a rule change will go into effect immediately by notification of the public, with a five year sunset provision. All communications regarding the change can be accomplished by electronic communication.

Resolution Designation Number (to be assigned by WCC Chair) _____

This is not a local issue

County Votes YES _____ NO _____ PASSED _____ FAILED _____ County 58

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