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**INTERPRETATION OF REMOVAL OF ICE FISHING
SHELTERS AFTER ESTABLISHED REMOVAL DATES**

Ice suitable for fishing using shelters varies year to year, regardless of the established dates for removal. The difficulty in removing completely hard sided shelters discourages use after established dates.

A simple solution is to define "off the ice" to be replaced by "removable by rope, winch, cable, chain, come a long, dismantling in waders, or simply walking out and removing shanty". Suitable locations would be within 30 feet of shore and within 100 feet of public access points or private access with permission of owner.

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Walworth County on April 14, 2014 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing a practical removal of ice shelters based on ice conditions instead of arbitrary dates.

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