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Title: Smelt Harvesting

The Problem:

Smelt have been introduced and in a short time have become heavily populated in many lakes in Wisconsin. Smelt have detrimental effect on some game fish populations when there population gets too high.

Most lakes that smelt have been introduced in are overpopulated with them.

At present netting smelt is illegal in many lakes during the spring when spawning and other lakes it is legal.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Florence County on April 16, 2007 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing smelt netting during spring spawning season on all inland lakes in Wisconsin.

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