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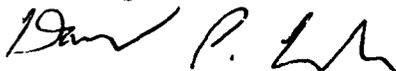
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**The Problem:**

The walleye fishery in the Milwaukee River Basin was all but wiped out as the city became industrialized. This historic fishery is now being restored but is extremely fragile at this point. It makes no sense to allow anglers to harvest multiple walleye per day from such an unstable adult population, (estimated in the hundreds). Furthermore, health concerns make it unwise for anyone to eat these fish more than occasionally – adding to the argument that the current, five-walleye daily bag limit is unwise. Given its location – in the middle of Wisconsin’s largest population center – this fishery is clearly of statewide importance.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in **Milwaukee County on April, 16, 2007**, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes reducing the daily bag limit for walleye from five to one fish in the Milwaukee River and its tributaries where current Lake Michigan regulations apply. Specifically, these rule changes would apply to: The Milwaukee River upstream to the HWY 60 Grafton dam in the village of Grafton, and tributaries of the Milwaukee River upstream to the first dam or lake, the Menomonee River from its confluence with the Milwaukee River upstream to the Lepper Dam in the village of Menomonee Falls and tributaries of the Menomonee River upstream to the first dam or lake. (Per page 57 of Wisconsin fishing regulations.)

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