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The Problem:

For decades no commercial fishing in Lake Michigan has taken place for Lake Trout and Walleyes, just to mention two species. The Lake Michigan Yellow perch population has declined so seriously that commercial fishing for that species has been temporarily closed for over 10 years. All three species have been stocked in the past by the DNR and all three require the same protection. And whereas for over 60 years, Wisconsin and Federal court decisions have made it clear that commercial fishing licenses and quotas do not establish property rights and are subject to the full regulatory authority of the state (see LeClair, et al . v . Natural Resources Board and DNR, for example).

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 make permanent the closure of commercial fishing for yellow perch on Lake Michigan waters.

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written ballot where appropriate) YES _____ NO _____