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The Problem:

Currently the Wisconsin River and its flowages between the Rhinelander and Grandfather dams do not have closed fishing seasons for bass, walleye, and northern pike like other lakes and rivers in this area (Lincoln and Oneida counties). This concentrates fishing pressure on the Wisconsin River and its flowages before and during the spawning periods for walleye, northern pike, and bass when they are more vulnerable to harvest and before they have had a chance to spawn or guard their nest (bass). Other lakes and streams in this area have closed seasons for these species to protect them from harvest until after they have spawned, and in the case of bass, the young are on their own.

The fishing season structure on the Wisconsin River and its flowages between the Rhinelander and Grandfather dams should be consistent with the other lakes and rivers in this area and have closed fishing seasons for walleye, northern pike, and bass. These species should be offered the same protection that they have in other lakes and rivers in this area.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Lincoln and Oneida counties on April 16th, 2007, recommends the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes to make fishing seasons for bass, walleye, and northern pike on the Wisconsin River and its flowages between the Rhinelander and Grandfather dams consistent with other lakes and rivers in Lincoln and Oneida Counties.

Signed:

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County Vote:
YES_____ NO_____

20 yes
8 no