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The Problem:

There is limited opportunity for fishing in the Willow River State Park. Currently it is illegal to use any motors including electric motors on the 175 acre lake located in the Willow River State Park. This rule is archaic and out of date, as electric motors have no emissions and no sound. Electric motors do not emit any carbon and are a good solution to help global warming.

This resolution was passed unanimously in both St. Croix and Pierce Counties when it was introduced in 2003. When it was put on the statewide questionnaire in 2004 it passed by an 85% margin.

Whereas, The fishing public of this State believes this is a statewide issue.

Whereas, The construction of the boat landing and parking lot were funded by the Sport Fish Restoration Fund.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Pierce County on April 16, 2007 recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this problem by introducing a rule that allows the use of electric trolling motors on the lake in the Willow River State Park.

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County Vote

yes 27 no 1