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Title: Spring raft fishing adjacent to DNR property on the Wolf River

The Problem:

The tradition and future of raft fishing on the Wolf River is being jeopardized by the ownership of land by the DNR.

According to state statute 30.126(5) (e) raft owners must have written permission from the riparian owner to tie fishing rafts to their land. At present, the DNR does not give written permission to tie fishing rafts on their land.

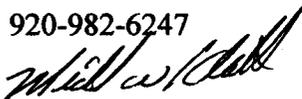
In 2003 the state raft committee worked diligently for one year to create Chapter NR324 Wisconsin Administrative Code – Fishing rafts in Navigable waters. Their first concern was to insure the tradition and future of raft fishing and not over regulating this activity.

Since 2003 the DNR has purchased numerous parcels on the Wolf River which are open to public use for numerous activities, but denies fishing rafts to be tied to this property. To continue this family orientated tradition on the Wolf River we are asking that rafts could be tied to DNR owned property from March 1st thru May31st.

Be it resolved, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Waupaca County on April 16, 2007, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by allowing fishing rafts on the Wolf River to be tied adjacent to DNR property.

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53 yes
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