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Resolution

Over Harvesting of Walleyes on Silver Lake

Silver Lake, located in Lakeland Township, Barron County, has been a producer of trophy-class walleyes with limited fishing pressure since flooding in 2002. Now the water levels have lowered, water quality has improved, and the large fish have proven to be very susceptible to harvest. There's now approximately 15 times more fishing pressure than there was in the past. This level of harvest is not sustainable at the current level of fishing pressure on this small 337 acre lake.

Silver Lake has proven its ability to produce trophy-class fish with a limited harvest. A regulation change to a daily limit of one fish over 28" would allow this to continue into the future.

We see this proposal as a way to keep a trophy-class lake in the area, where you can fish, or take your kids fishing, with better odds of having one of the best fishing experiences of your life.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Barron County on April 13th, 2009 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to keep Silver Lake, located in Lakeland Township, Barron County, a great producer of trophy-class walleyes by changing the size limit to 28" and the daily bag limit to one fish.

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Local issue

Discussed w/ DNR.
Response: would support &
forward through DNR process,
but needs more info. &
time to analyze proposal.