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Title: Increasing Lake Michigan forage fish biomass

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The Problem:

There are not enough forage fish in Lake Michigan to support both the current levels of Stocked Salmon and Trout plus the increase in Lake Trout numbers needed for the Rehabilitation of Lake Trout in Lake Michigan. The commercial Alewife fishery was closed in 1991 to try to help correct this, but it hasn't been enough.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Milwaukee County on April 13, 2009 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes demanding that the Quota for the Lake Michigan and Green Bay Commercial Smelt fishery be reduced from it's current 1 million pounds a year to zero over 4 years and not reopened again to commercial fishing unit that time it is found that the forage biomass has recovered to levels in excess of predators needs.

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