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Resolution #1

Resolution for Proposed Rule

The Problem: Invasive Species Control for Wisconsin Inland Waters

The DNR has reported the spread of invasive Mussels from Lake Michigan to multiple inland waters. They also have predicted that other invasive species will be carried from Lake Michigan to inland waters in the near future.

Whereas, The current practice of allowing, after a wash down, fishing boats, pleasure boats, recreational watercraft of all types and trailers to move from infested waters to clean waters has resulted in inland waters contamination. The current level of precaution is not working as the invasive mussels are spreading, and the opportunity exists for more invasive and damaging species to follow the same route.

Whereas, water vehicles and trailers of all types are the principle means of species transport, it is necessary that this means of transport for invasive species be eliminated.

Whereas, Sportsmen have often had to take up the burden and cost of conservation and resource protection, we once again propose action over the status quo.

Be it resolved, at the Annual Convention held in 2009, the Conservation Congress, Propose that the Department of Natural Resources take action to require all watercraft and trailers, at the time of registration, be limited to usage on a single water type.

Type One: Water that is free of invasive species.

Type Two: Water that contains invasive species.

Dual water usage by all watercraft will cease. All watercraft and trailers are to be clearly stickered with an "Use Only on Invasive Species Free Waters" or a "Use Only on Waters with Invasive Species"

The DNR should establish appropriate fines for watercraft and trailers found to be in violation of the usage and sticker restrictions.

Appropriate exceptions for emergency watercraft could be made.

Be it resolved at the Conservation Congress Annual Convention we recommend that the proposal be approved on the floor of the Convention and sent to the DNR for immediate action to implement the restricted registration of water craft and trailers with the appropriate sticker changes.

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VOTE: Yes _____ No _____