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Title: Identification of Ownership of Ice Fishing Shelter

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The Problem:

Presently, state law requires the shelter owner's name and address (in English) must be legibly painted or otherwise affixed on the outside of the fishing shelter with block lettering a minimum of one inch square and in contrasting colors. Fishing shelters that are occupied or otherwise in use are exempt from this requirement. Fishing shelters on Wisconsin boundary waters with Iowa, Michigan or Minnesota must display the name and address on all shelters at all times, even portable shelters that are occupied or in use.

There is an alternate way for owners to mark their shelters so conservation wardens can identify ownership, without making it known to all others who owns the shelter.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Sauk County on April 13th, 2009, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing the owner of ice fishing shelters the choice of name and address or DNR Customer ID number.

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