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THIS RESOLUTION IS TO KEEP RIVERS OPEN TO LIVE BAIT FISHING FOR YOUTH & SENIORS

RESOLUTION to allow Senior Citizens 65 years & older and Juniors 12 years old & younger to trout fish all rivers with live bait.

PRESENTLY there are a fair amount of rivers that are specified as artificial only in parts of those rivers. More & More are added each year. There is a proposal right now at this hearing to close the Wolf River in all of Langlade County to artificial only.

REASON FOR RESOLUTION

There are many senior citizens who fished trout all their lives. They loved putting on waders and getting in the rivers fighting the currents and catching fish. But, once you reach 65, the walking sticks come out because your balance is not the same anymore and their shoulders are not up to continuous casting anymore. It's not fair to tell them to go to other areas to fish after they have fished these rivers all their lives.

As for juniors, in most cases they are just learning how to cast, between the ages 8-12 years old. It's fine if they are casting off a dock, but not casting a \$3-\$5 bait into a river. It can get very costly. River fishing is a big difference compared to lake fishing

BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Congress at its Annual Meeting held in Oconto County on April 12, 2010 recommend that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take action.

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