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Title: Walleye slot limits on Balsam Lake, Polk County

The Problem:

Walleye in the prime spawning size (20"-28") are being harvested at rate that doesn't allow a sustainable population without significant stocking on Balsam Lake.

At present the Wisconsin DNR Fishery Managers do not have the option to use slot limits for walleyes on Balsam Lake. The Minnesota DNR has proven to be quite successful in keeping their fisheries productive with less need for stocking by having slot limits that are tailored specifically for individual bodies of water.

In order to promote natural reproduction and reduce stocking we feel the DNR Fishery Managers should be able to set slot limits for walleye where necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Polk County on April 12, 2010 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing Fishery Managers to implement slot limits at their discretion.

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