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Title: Changing the Walleye Limit to Three Walleyes Year-Round for all of Wisconsin

The Problem:

The walleye population is currently being depleted by the fishermen trolling for walleyes in the summertime when they are able to catch five walleyes per day per person. During the early spring, when there are less fishermen fishing walleyes, the limit is one fish per person per day. This prevents fishermen from being able to catch one fish to eat and still continue fishing for the opportunity at a trophy walleye.

At present, state law permits fishermen on Lake Michigan waters (including the Bay of Green Bay, the Fox River upstream to the DePere dam, Sturgeon Bay, and other bays to Lake Michigan and Green Bay) to keep only one walleye per day per person from March until May. We feel that Wisconsin law should change the walleye limit to three fish per person per day year-round throughout the entire state of Wisconsin. This would allow more opportunities for fishermen throughout the year, and prevent over-fishing during the summer months when the Wisconsin waterways are heavily populated with fishermen.

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Door County on April 11, 2011 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change to change the walleye limit to three walleyes per day per person year-round statewide.

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