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WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS
Wisconsin Towns Association
Douglas County Unit
DOUGLAS COUNTY DISTRICT 16

Resolution of Support for the Brule River Fish Hatchery

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin DNR is studying the possibility of closing the Brule River Fish Hatchery, and

WHEREAS, the Brule River Hatchery was built in 1927 on the Little Brule River to provide trout fingerlings for the Brule River, Lake Superior and Lake Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the Brule River Hatchery annually raises more than 400,000 Coho Salmon and Brown Trout bound for Lake Superior and Lake Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the Brule River is one of the best known trout streams in the world and fished by thousands from around the world, including governors and the President of the United States and as a direct result of closure of the Brule River Hatchery may result in the loss of such status, and

WHEREAS, the Brule River Fish Hatchery provides protection for the Steelhead population in the Brule River, and

WHEREAS, the Brule River Fish Hatchery since 1927 and continuing today provides educational opportunity for children and adults throughout the region and is one of Northwestern Wisconsin's shining jewels, and

WHEREAS, the Brule River Hatchery provides tourism dollars and employment opportunities in an economically depressed area of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County ^{DISTRICT 16} Unit of the Wisconsin ^{CONSERVATION CONGRESS} Towns Association representing 16 towns in the area support the continued operation of the Brule River Hatchery.

^{CONSERVATION CONGRESS} NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County ^{DISTRICT 16} Unit of the Wisconsin ^{CONSERVATION CONGRESS} Towns Association strongly opposes the closing of the Brule River Fish Hatchery which would have a dramatic impact on the fisheries of the region as well as negative economic impact to the area.

^{WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS,} BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the DNR work with the Douglas County community's sportsman's clubs and local fish and game organizations to develop a partnership that will maintain the Brule River Fish Hatchery as a major producer of fingerlings in Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Wisconsin DNR Secretary, Cathy Stepp, Wisconsin Conservation Congress Chairman, Rob Bohmann, Senator Bob Jauch and Representative Nick Milroy.

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