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Title: Equal treatment for all WCC resolutions

The problem: The DNR and WCC discriminate against some resolutions.

WCC committees can reject any County Resolution for any reason.

Examples:

The WCC Great Lakes Committee rejected resolutions to increase the Green Bay Musky size limit. In Sept. 2008, a 'Great Lakes Study Committee (GLSC) and Warm Water Study Committee joint meeting' voted on the musky size limit. That 'joint committee' was never used again for any other resolutions.

I submitted Resolution 410109: Elimination of Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Subsidy, because I believed law prohibits those subsidies. I believe the GLSC claimed they could not pass it. But a reworded resolution, allowing tax subsidies, then passed the GLSC as an Advisory Resolution, (becoming 2010 Question 81), "...to gain public input on the issue". Refer 2009 WCC GLC meeting minutes.

They passed a perch resolution in 2007 similar to ones they rejected in 2013 & 2014. Also, WCC Resolutions passing the Statewide Spring vote can be rejected by the DNR. Examples being 2008 Question 58, protecting perch and 2009 Question 75, perch refuge off Milwaukee. I believe using public funds to discriminate is wrong.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Milwaukee County on April 13, 2015 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation, by not discriminating against any resolution.

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