

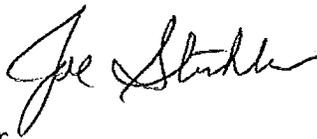
Wisconsin River System Muskellunge Size Limit Increase

The State of Wisconsin currently manages certain lakes in the northern part of the state as trophy Muskellunge Waters. Some northern Wisconsin lakes use a 50 inch size limit as a management tool. Adams County is home to Castle Rock Flowage, Petenwell Flowage and 1000's of acres of Wisconsin River. These waters have the size, population and forage base consistent with the development of fish to true trophy size. These waters have large populations of rough fish including buffalo, common carp and sheepshead all forage used by muskellunge. These rough fish all cause negative impacts on water quality and spawning habitats for game fish. Management of The Wisconsin River System to "Trophy" designation would give anglers an opportunity to pursue muskellunge with the potential of reaching the maximum size possible. This proposal would further benefit Adams County's local economy due to increased tourism visits that are being diverted to neighboring states and Canadian Provinces.

Be it further resolved that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Adams County on April 11, 2016 recommends a rule change to the Department of Natural Resources to raise the minimum size limit for muskellunge on the waters of The Wisconsin River System and its tributaries in Adams County to the first bridge to 50 inches.

Thank you,

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