

Resolution # 4

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Title: Reporting Panfishing Violators Addendum

The Problem:

Panfishing is a favored pastime by many Wisconsinites, and as such protection of our fishing resources is a top priority. However, a major problem is that there are fishermen out there that do not subscribe to the conservation mindset, and will readily take panfish out of season, or far more than they are legally permitted to do so, or even both.

It would be of no surprise then that many water bodies in Wisconsin are also suffering from fishing stocks being depleted or being reported as stunted, despite large populations. Fishing panfish off of their spawning beds in early spring can have a detrimental effect on the quality of year-round panfishing in a system.

Setting up a separate system for reporting specifically panfish violators, as well as a means of recording the numbers of believed violators, would go a long way to improving the overall quality of panfishing in Wisconsin water bodies.

BE IT RESOLVED. that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Brown County on April 11, 2016 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department to take action to set up a separate reporting system for panfishing violators, so that data gathered can be used to correlate with lake surveys to see if there is a connection between the illegal panfish harvest and overall lake health.

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