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Fall catch & release Sturgeon season, Wolf River

The Problem;

Many sturgeon are caught each year by fishermen targeting other species.

Many are landed in the boat or on shore and subjected to photographs and measurements, which could lead to a citation, before being released.

Currently there are seasons for catch & release trout [fragile fish] and smallmouth bass. There is also a catch and release sturgeon season on the Menominee River [Mi. boundary] and on the Mississippi River.

There is also a fall hook and line harvest season on several waters in Wisconsin [9 waters].

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Waupaca County on April 11, 2016, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change allowing a fall catch and release sturgeon season on the Wolf River.

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