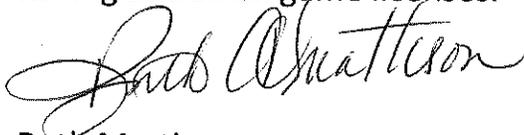


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ARMED FORCES FISHING LICENSES

Currently Wisconsin residents who are in the Armed Forces, active duty on furlough or leave, are allowed free fishing and small game licenses. This should be changed to include ANY active member of the Armed Forces regardless of state residency. Wisconsin has a large number of vacation resorts and residences with visitors from across the nation. When these families come here on vacation and include a member of their family who is serving in the Armed Forces, they should be allowed to fish during their leave or furlough at no charge. Our troops are risking their lives for our country and this would be a small way for Wisconsin to lead the nation in saying 'Thank You'.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Sawyer County on April 9, 2012 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing ALL active Armed Force members on leave or furlough free fishing and small game licenses.



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