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RESOLUTION ON RIVER CLOSURES

Currently the area of the Mississippi River from Lock & Dam #11 downstream to the Highway 51-161 Bridge is ending a 5-year Closure for fishing. The five years closure began December 1, 2003 and will end April 1, 2008. These are the dates the Sportsmen & Women of Wisconsin voted on and approved. There was also a Sunset Clause, which ends, **December 1, 2008.**

In the 08-09 Fishing Regulations the DNR extended the closure To April 1, 2009, thus breaking the Sunset Clause. I discussed This extension at length with Pat Short, & Mike Steuck, River Biologists, but to no avail.

The closure is supposed to be for a Study to determine if the Walleye & Sauger population increases. When you shut down the Fishing, for 4 Months out of the year, install slot limits and lower the bag limits, you know the fish populations will increase. They are going to use this study to close down this Portion of our River permanently.

We believe these closures were promoted by Special Interest Groups to support their own agendas. It is definitely **unfair** to Local Sports People, to take away many of their fishing rights, While paying the same price for their license as the rest of the pools.

We ask for your support to give these rights back to the Public. The DNR is currently trying to make these closures permanent. A **No** vote will be against the Current unauthorized extension and Any future unapproved closures.

Do you Support the Current Sunset proposal?

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*Local Issue
DNR Has Been Contacted
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