

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Warm Water Committee Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Warm Water Committee was held Saturday September 27th in Stevens Point Wisconsin

The first part of this meeting was held with the Great Lakes Committee for discussion on resolutions regarding the Great Lakes.

Resolutions:

030208:

Proposed Green Bay Muskie size limit increase. Both committees were present for discussion on this resolution. A motion was made and seconded to **Support** advancement of this resolution, a vote was taken and the motion passed. The committee will forward this resolution to the Spring Hearing Questionnaire.

050408

Protect the Northern Pike of The Bay of Green Bay.

This resolution if passed would implement a catch and release slot limit on Northern Pike of 30" to 40". The daily bag limit would remain 5 fish with only one fish allowed over 40". Motion made and seconded to **Support**, a vote was taken and the motion passed. The committee will forward this resolution to the Spring Hearing Questionnaire.

150108

Dark House spearing on Outlying Waters.

This resolution if passed would re-instate the regulation to allow the spearing of northern pike through the ice. After a long discussion a motion was made and seconded to support this resolution a hand vote was taken and the motion **Failed**. Chairman Weiss will inform the author that this motion will not be forwarded to the Spring Hearings.

This concluded the joint meeting of Great Lakes and Warm Water.

Department information:

Tim Simonson spoke on VHS and passed out a VHS fact sheet. There were two more fish found to test positive with VHS. The fish were found on Lake Michigan near Milwaukee.

The department gave an update on the Wild Rose Fish Hatchery, and provided an update on invasive species classification rules.

The department also updated the committee on:

1. Fishing tournament rules
2. Law enforcement
3. Fisheries programs

Chairman Weiss called the regular meeting of the Warm Water Study Committee to order.

Roll call was taken with Lee Bastian and Harold Holub being absent unexcused.

Chairman Weiss reviewed the Warm Water Study Committee Mission Statement. Amendments were made to the mission statement. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the mission statement as amended. The motion **Passed**.

A motion was made and seconded to send the DNR secretary and Governor Doyle a letter opposing funding cuts to DNR law enforcement traveling miles and operating expenses. After discussion the motion was amended to send the letter to the executive council of the CC instead. Motion **Passed**. Chairman Weiss will compose the letter and send it.

Resolutions:

070108

The great northwest bass restoration initiative.

This resolution if passed would remove the size limit on bass in all inland waters of Burnett County. A motion was made and seconded to **support**. After the discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed. The WW Committee will forward this resolution to the Spring Hearing Questionnaire

130408

Trophy sauger size limit.

This resolution if passed would implement a slot limit on sauger. A motion was made to **reject** this resolution. A vote was taken and the motion to reject was passed. Chairman Weiss will inform the author that the resolution failed.

260108

Spearing for everyone.

Motion made to **Reject**. Vote was taken and the motion to reject passed.

480208

Panfish bag limits.

This resolution if passed would regulate panfish {blue gill, crappie, & perch} separately. A motion was made to support. A hand vote was taken and the motion **Failed**.

580208

Chippewa Flowage winter bag limit on crappie.

This resolution if passed would allow the harvest of crappie on the Chippewa Flowage during the winter months. A motion was made to **Support**. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The WW committee will forward this resolution to the Spring Hearing Questionnaire.

580408

Treat smallmouth & largemouth bass as two separate species.

A motion was made to **support**. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The WW Committee will forward this resolution to the Spring Hearing Questionnaire.

580508

Streamline local fish biologist ability to change bag limits or size limits.

This resolution if passed would allow DNR fisheries biologist to skip the current process for changing fisheries bag and size limits. A motion was made to **Reject**. After discussion a vote was taken and the motion to reject passes. Chairman Weiss will inform the author that the resolution failed to be advanced.

660308

Size limit on bass in Wisconsin. This resolution would remove the size limit on bass in Wisconsin for 5 years. A motion was made to **support**. After discussion a vote was taken and the motion passes. The WW Committee will forward this resolution to the Spring Hearing Questionnaire.

680308

The lack of a bag limit on rock bass. This resolution if passed would impose a bag limit on rock bass. A motion was made to **reject**, a vote was taken and the motion passes. Chairman Weiss will inform the author that the resolution failed and will not be forwarded.

720108

Walleye daily bag limit change, Petenwell & Castlerock Flowages. This resolution if passed would implement a 3-bag limit on walleyes on these Wisconsin River Flowages. A motion was made to **Support**. A vote was taken and the motion passes. The WW Committee will forward this resolution to the Spring Hearing Questionnaire.

720208

Yearly changes to wildlife and fishing boundaries. After discussion a motion was made to **Reject**, a vote was taken and the motion to reject passes. Chairman Weiss will inform the author that the resolution failed.

180108

Reduce lead fishing tackle. This resolution would require the phase out of lead used in fishing tackle. Due to the fact that there is not a better affordable alternative to lead at this time, a motion was made to **Reject** this resolution. A vote was taken and the resolution failed to be advanced.

This concludes the resolutions. A motion was made to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.