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NORTHERN PIKE 26" SIZE LIMIT 6201D6 # 1

WHEREAS LARGE NUMBERS OF SMALLER NORTHERN PIKE, PROTECTED BY THE 26" SIZE LIMIT PREVENT ANY OTHER FISHERY FROM BEING ESTABLISHED IN LAKE MARTHA OR CRYSTAL LAKE, TREMP. CO.

THIS REGULATION ALSO THREATENS THE TROUT POPULATIONS IN THE BUFFALO RIVERS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES.

WHEREAS DURING LOW WATER, AND OR HEAVY ICE CONDITIONS ON THE RIVERS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES, TROUT THAT MIGRATE TO THESE LAKES ARE MOSTLY CONSUMED BY THE ABUNDANT NUMBERS OF NORTHERN PIKE.

WHEREAS THIS REGULATION LIMITS THE FISHING OPPORTUNITIES TO THE PUBLIC AND IMPAIRS THE RESOLVE OF LOCAL SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS TO HELP STOCK AND MAINTAIN THESE LAKES AND STREAMS,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE OSSEO, STRUM, ELEVA, AND ASSOCIATED CONSERVATION CLUBS OF TREMPEALEAU COUNTY REQUEST THE CONSERVATION CONGRESS AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN TREMPEALEAU COUNTY ON APRIL 10, 2006, RECOMMEND THE DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES TAKE ACTION TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION, BY INTRODUCING A RULE CHANGE TO REMOVE THE 26" SIZE LIMIT ON NORTHERN PIKE TO NO SIZE LIMIT ON THE BUFFALO RIVER SYSTEM AND ITS TRIBUTARIES, IN JACKSON AND TREMPEALEAU COUNTIES. THIS INCLUDES LAKE MARTHA AND CRYSTAL LAKE IN TREMP. CO. THIS REGULATION WOULD BEGIN AT THE HWY. 93 BRIDGE IN THE VILLAGE OF ELEVA UP STREAM TO ORIGIN OF THE RIVER.

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