Establish Harvest seasons to allow catch and release fishing during the current closed seasons for all game fish to increase angler opportunities.

Be it resolved, the Conservation Congress work with the DNR and state legislature to change the current seasons to harvest season and allow catch and release fishing for all game fish. We already have harvest seasons that allow catch and release fishing for bass it seems we should be able to have same for all game fish to allow catch and release the other games fish during the current closed season just not allow the harvest of same. This would greatly increase angler enjoyment/opportunities while lessoning pressure on the few waters that are open year round for harvest. And still protecting the fish from harvest.

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