Panfish Limit on the Willow Flowage

The Willow Flowage receives very high fishing pressure throughout the year. Coupled with the advancements in sonar, changing the panfish limit to an aggregate bag of 10 total would be appropriate to maintain size and volume of panfish.

The new sonar technologies available make it much easier to locate and catch fish. The Willow is capable of growing trophy size panfish and this would help maintain size structure. With larger size panfish, 10 of any species provides an adequate amount of fillets. This would also allow panfish harvest to be more spread out over the year.

This is a regulation that would align with other reduced panfish limits in the state proposed by the panfish management team.

Be it resolved, The Conservation Congress should work with the Wisconsin DNR to change the panfish limit on the Willow Flowage to an aggregate bag limit of 10 panfish in total.

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