

Citizen Resolution # 580121

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Increasing daily bag limits for Northern Pike on the Tiger Cat Flowage (TCF) in Sawyer County

Whereas, northern pike are a recent introduction into the Tiger Cat Fishery (TCF) and are not considered to be native to the Tiger Cat Chain. Northern pike first started appearing in the late 90's. By the late 2000s, anglers were catching numerous pike during a day of fishing and the northern pike are seen as the top fishery concern today. The size limit for muskellunge was eventually increased to 40 inches in 2016, when it became apparent that northern pike had potential to alter the muskellunge fishery. A 2019 survey of the Tiger Cat Chain indicated the abundance of muskellunge has decreased in comparison to past surveys. The Fishery Management Plan (FMP) indicates managing northern pike abundance is a key component of muskellunge management as pike interfere with muskellunge recruitment. The (FMP) states angler harvest will be one of the most feasible strategies for managing northern pike abundance and with an estimated 50,000 hours of angling effort annually on the Tiger Cat Chain, offers real potential. However, current harvest and possession limits restrict the full effectiveness of this tool and reduce desired pike harvest goals. Pike in the (TCF) are managed under the statewide angling regulation. Increasing the bag limit in cases like this may be beneficial according to the (FMP). In the meantime, anglers must comply with existing statewide angling regulations. Be it Resolved, On April 12th, 2021 that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting, Sawyer County, would you support the Wisconsin Conservation Congress work with the state legislature to increase the daily bag limit to 15 for Northern Pike on the Tiger Cat Flowage (TCF)?

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