

Citizen Resolution # 640821

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Designate Trilby Lake, Vilas County, as a Youth Only Fishing Lake

Engaging youth in outdoor activities is a goal of both the Conservation Congress and WDNR. Early fishing successes have the potential to engage youth into a lifetime of outdoor activities. Creating a fast action, youth-only fishing lake would provide kids with a special opportunity to develop these skills.

There are currently no designated youth-only fishing waters in the Minocqua area. Trilby Lake is currently classified as a fish refuge and was historically part of the WDNR hatchery system. The lake has not been open to angling since 1945.

Historically the lake was used for rearing muskellunge and forage minnow production. Most recently the lake was used to rear largemouth bass for field transfers to other Northern Wisconsin lakes. Due to biosecurity concerns the lake is no longer used for rearing or fish transfers.

This proposal would open Trilby Lake, just north of the Town of Wordruff, to catch and release angling by youth only. This would provide a fun fishing experience for youth by opening a high-density primarily bass fishery with high catch rates near a popular summer vacation destination. Providing youth with a special and action-packed fishing opportunity will help get them hooked on fishing early. The lake is very aesthetically pleasing with the entire shoreline and adjacent land all in public ownership, offering young anglers a quality Northern Wisconsin fishing experience. Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the State Legislature to designate Trilby Lake as a youth only fishing lake?

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