

Citizen Resolution # 040120

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Correct the statewide minimum lake size for high-speed boating

The problem:

In 2010, a new law required a 100-foot-from-shore no-wake buffer on all Wisconsin lakes. Unfortunately, this law caused an unforeseen problem for our smallest lakes. That's because, due to the new law, on a typical, round, 50-acre lake, the surface water available for fast boating lost 14 acres that previously had been legal for fast boating. This concentrated all fast boating to a dangerously small 36-acre area, placing boaters, anglers, and swimmers at risk.

The Solution:

Because 50-acre lakes lost at least 14 acres of water previously legal for fast boating, the smallest size lake for fast boating should be 64 acres, not 50 as the law now stands. The WCC Legislative Committee considered this idea in August, 2019 and agreed.

Therefore, be it resolved that the following question appear in the 2021 WCC Spring Hearing Booklet:

Would you support that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress work with the Wisconsin Legislature to raise the minimum size for fast boating on lakes with public access from 50 acres to 64 acres?

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