

Resolution 520120

Allow Unused Upriver Lakes Sturgeon Spearing License To Be Used On Lake Winnebago After The Upriver Lakes Spearing Season Has Closed

Whereas, the Upriver Lakes Sturgeon Spearing license is only valid on upriver lakes Butte des Morts, Winneconne, and Poygan.

Whereas, the Department (DNR) will close the sturgeon season on the Upriver Lakes before the maximum 16 days when the following conditions occur: At the end of the fishing day in which 100% of any one of the three Upriver Lakes harvest caps is reached or exceeded, or 24 hours from the end of the fishing day within which a harvest of 90% to 99% of any one of the three Upriver Lakes harvest caps is reached.

Whereas, it currently takes 7 or more years to receive an Upriver Sturgeon Spearing License. Sometimes the season can be as short as 2-3 days.

Whereas, to increase opportunity, a person in possession of an unused Upriver Sturgeon Spearing License should be allowed to use his/her license and spear on Lake Winnebago if the Upriver Season has been closed and the Lake Winnebago Season is still open.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Racine County on April 13, 2020, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the DNR to allow a valid unused Upriver Lakes Sturgeon Spearing License to be used on Lake Winnebago if the Upriver Lakes Season is closed and the Lake Winnebago Season is still open.

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