

Citizen Resolution # 520520

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Allow Trappers to access and Trap Navigable Waterways in Wisconsin

Currently, fisherman, hunters and other users of navigable waterways do not need to obtain permission of adjacent landowners while using the waters. Trappers are being singled out and cannot trap in the navigable water ways of Wisconsin without adjacent landowner permission.

Trapping has a long-standing tradition in Wisconsin while still being the most regulated outdoor activity. Trappers using modern and humane methods, contribute significantly in fur bearing research in Wisconsin.

Trappers should have the same rights in Wisconsin's navigable water as all other users. The rationale of landowners owning a stream bed, therefor trappers can not attach a trap to that stream bed is illogical. If trapping a water way is grounds for trespassing based on ownership of the stream bed, then fishing or hunting should also be grounds for trespassing.

BE IT RESOLVED, the citizens of Wisconsin ask the CC to work with the NRB, DNR and state legislators to remove the following from the trapping regulations:

Trapping Navigable Waterways: trapping on private land in Wisconsin, including on the beds of navigable waters, may constitute a trespass. Trappers need to obtain permission before trapping on any private land, even if entry is by public waterways and the trap is placed or staked in the water. Thus, giving trappers the same rights to utilize Wisconsin's navigable waterways.

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