

Resolution 600220

Catch and release of brook trout on Nichols Creek.

The brook trout is the only native inland species to this state. In many areas in Wisconsin, the brook trout is becoming threatened or even extinct in streams and rivers they used to flourish in. People love seeing and catching these beautiful fish. In many cases, the brook trout need our help and protection to keep their numbers healthy.

The current regulations on Nichols Creek are three fish a day, eight inches or more on any trout species. Nichols Creek is a class 1 trout stream with brook and brown trout being the only trout species. In the last four years, the brown trout numbers have more than doubled according to DNR shocking surveys. The 2018 survey showed brown trout numbers at 418 and brook trout numbers at 13 per mile. The past 4 years the brook trout numbers have not changed.

I am asking that the bag limits and regulations stay the same for brown trout, but catch and release on brook trout for Nichols Creek.

Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the state legislature to make this new regulation possible?



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