

Citizen Resolution # 091121

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Legal transportation of game fish

I would like to submit a citizen's request for a rule change that is putting thousands of people in violation of the law and they do not know they are in violation. On page 9 of the fishing regulations, it states: "to transport fish subject to a length limit, unless you keep the carcasses of the fish with the fillet and the skin and scales intact (on the fillet) to show the fish still meet the length restrictions." This means any person who cleans a fish that meets the requirements above at a campground, resort, cabin, or cleaning station is in violation the minute they place a fillet in the car to travel home without the carcass.

Who in the world is going to keep the entire carcass of the fish in the summer when they are on a weekend getaway or on vacation? Fish get very sticky when they spoil or who has that kind of freezer space. This is a great way to promote tourism in our state. Towns and counties build very nice fish cleaning stations with fish grinders for us sportspersons to use near the boat landings just to get ticketed as you drive away from the cleaning station. A warden in the Oconto area is doing just that! This rule needs to be removed as soon as possible, so the hard-working people of the state or visitors to our state are not in violation of this completely stupid rule. I believe any warden would be able to estimate the size of the fish by adding the approximate head and tail length. Thank you for your time.

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