

Citizen Resolution # 640621

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Ban Trolling on Vilas County Lakes with Lake Trout Populations

Currently, lake trout populations are present in four lakes in Vilas County including; Trout, Black Oak, Long and White Sand lakes. Trout and Black Oak lakes are unique because they are the only two inland lakes in Wisconsin with native lake trout populations. Genetic testing has concluded that lake trout from Black Oak Lake and Trout Lake are of unique genetic strains and differ from Great Lake populations. It is quite possible that these populations have been isolated for more than 10,000 years.

Brood produced from Trout and Black Oak lakes have been used to stock 10 lakes in seven counties in Wisconsin. Trolling with one hook, bait or lure per person is permitted on Vilas County lakes with three lines maximum per boat. Recent research being conducted on Long Lake, Vilas County indicates potentially high levels of lake trout mortality due to fish angles by means of trolling. Due to the uniqueness of these inland lake trout populations it is important that we protect these fish in any possible way.

Would you support banning trolling on Trout, Black Oak, Long and White Sand (Boulder Junction) lakes in Vilas County with the goal of protecting unique Wisconsin inland lake trout populations?

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