

Citizen Resolution # 710321

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Expand the early catch and release season for inland trout to include all streams statewide

Presently, Wisconsin has an early catch and release inland trout season that runs from the first Saturday in January through the Friday preceding the first Saturday in May. Only artificial lures may be used, and all trout caught must be immediately released (the daily bag limit is 0).

The current early season allows anglers to fish all streams in 46 of Wisconsin's 72 counties, the remaining 26 counties have either limited streams open for fishing, or in some cases all streams in the county are closed to fishing. The current regulations do not allow anglers to take advantage of the early season in all areas of the state.

The complexity of the regulations raises a barrier to entry for new anglers.

Expanding the inland trout early season to include all designated inland trout streams statewide would expand angling opportunities and simplify the current regulations. This would not seek to change current exclusions of spring ponds, lakes and Great Lakes tributaries to the first impassable barrier.

Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to expand the inland trout early catch and release season to include all designated inland trout streams statewide?

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