

# Citizen Resolution # 090322

(For Hearing Officer completion)



## Establishing new panfish regulations for a sustainable trophy fishery

Panfish are long considered the "gateway" fish that most everyone first caught as novice fisherman. Their catchability, numbers, high limits and flavor make them a popular pursuit throughout a fisherperson's lifetime. However, rather generous daily limits and the relative ease at which panfish will "bite" can easily make for a serious overharvest situation placing a great resource in jeopardy for future generations. These fish are found throughout our great state, yet no plan is in place to protect them beyond too few bodies of water with smaller limits. I believe the state needs to set stricter total harvest limits as well as, possibly, examining the advantages of size limits to protect the few trophy opportunities left..

### Would you support the Conservation Congress to work with DNR biologists to study the feasibility of stricter panfish regulations statewide?

Additional Information provided by author:

<https://greatlakesecho.org/2021/04/15/new-sunfish-regulations-let-minnesotas-fish-grow/> Minnesota has proven that smaller harvest bag limits can turn a fishery around over time. These

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