

# Citizen Resolution # 160822

(For Hearing Officer completion)



## Perform Groundwater study at the Brule State Fish Hatchery

The Brule State Fish Hatchery, built on the Little Brule River to provide fingerlings for Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and inland lakes and streams, and VHS (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia) was detected in the Great Lakes in 2005, detected in Lake Michigan, Lake Winnebago, Green Bay and Lake Superior in tests from 2006 to 2018, and VHS is a threat to twenty-five (25) freshwater fish species in Wisconsin, it is very important that anglers and all users of the water do their part by not moving live fish from one water body to another, and as a Lake Superior tributary, the Brule River is part of the Brule State Fish Hatchery and no ground water analysis or study to separate the river from the hatchery has been performed in the area of the Brule State Fish Hatchery, and there is evidence of natural water (Artesian) available to supply the Brule State Fish Hatchery and remove the VHS issue, and such a study would benefit the State of Wisconsin Hatchery System, would benefit and support the Brule State Fish Hatchery for stocking needs of the Great Lakes and inland bodies of water. At the April 11, 2022, Douglas County, Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Conservation Meeting, recommends that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress support this initiative that would benefit the Brule State Fish Hatchery and the Wisconsin Hatchery System, and present it to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**Do you support the Wisconsin Conservation Congress work with the DNR and the Natural Resources Board to complete a groundwater study at the Brule State Fish Hatchery to determine its suitability for use to provide fingerlings with no VHS exposure?**

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