

Citizen Resolution # 580822

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Improving Moose Lake (Sawyer County) Crappie Resource

The crappie resource in Moose Lake is suffering from unsustainable harvest practices, both over harvest and the harvest of the largest individuals. Moose doesn't produce the numbers of big crappies it could, nor are its crappies reaching maximum size potential. The lake has amazing crappie habitat, prime spawning areas, high dissolved- oxygen levels, and huge forage base. However, Moose Lake essentially has only one "basin" area comprising less than 3% of its 1700 acres. In that area crappies congregate heavily in the winter and become vulnerable to over harvest. Taking advantage of excellent opportunities created by high density is acceptable, if sustainable harvest practices are observed. Sustainable management practices would improve Moose's crappie resource, and benefit area residents by providing an excellent sport fishery as well as a valuable economic resource. I believe in 3 - 5 years sustainable management practices would allow anglers to harvest more meat and time spent. Moose Lake would be an excellent example to prove the benefit of progressive crappie regulations. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Sawyer County on April 9th, 2022 recommends that the conservation congress work with the Wisconsin DNR to require the immediate release of all crappies in Moose Lake from 12" to 16" in length. Mystic Moose Resort Joel Miller 7611 W Pine Point Rd. Hayward, Wisconsin 54843 Introduced in Sawyer County 715-462-3014

Would you support a change in regulation specific to Moose Lake (Sawyer County) of the immediate release of any crappies 12-16 inches .

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