Citizen Resolution # 100322

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Mead Lake (Clark County) Panfish bag limit initiative

Mead Lake currently has the state standard 25 panfish limit. Fishing pressure on Mead Lake in Clark county is extensive year round with the bulk of fishing pressure occurring during the ice fishing season. Clark county has only a few lakes for fishing all receiving a lot of pressure. Like surrounding lakes in Clark county and lakes in adjoining counties we feel is time for restricting the panfish bag limit on Mead Lake. We recommend the panfish daily bag limit remain at 25 with no more than 10 panfish of the same species per day. Panfish on Mead Lake are fished so heavily they do not get the age structure needed to increase there average size. Mead Lake has a health food supply of aquatic plants and larvae for fish to choose from. With restricting the amount of fish being removed each day from the lake it is our plan that the panfish size will increase creating a better quality of fish. This would benefit the general public as a whole.

Would you support a year round daily panfish limit of 25 fish with only 10 of any one species per day on Mead Lake in Clark County.

Additional Information provided by author:

Whereas fishing pressure on Mead Lake in Clark County is very heavy particularly during ice fishing season and, Whereas the current panfish limit of 25 fish is too large if all 25 fish are of a single species and, whereas a limit of 10 panfish of the same species would allow more fish to grow to larger size and better quality. Therefore be it resolved that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress supports and recommends a year round daily limit of 25 panfish with no more than 10 of any one species per day on Mead Lake in Clark County.

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