Citizen Resolution # 441222

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Panfish Daily limit on Pelican Lake, Oneida County

The Wisconsin DNR established a limit of one bass 18-inch minimum length and a daily fish harvest limit of one in 1995 because of a perceived problem with rusty crayfish. After 26 years of this regulation, bass are now plentiful and the rusty crayfish are scare. Bass are protected in lakes by the WDNR for two ecological reasons. One is to control the population of rusty crayfish and the second is to reduce the panfish population in lakes with an overabundance of stunted panfish. After 26 years of the current regulation, bass have moved on from the crayfish to consuming the panfish of Pelican Lake. Panfish have declined to a very low population. We want regulations that allow all species to exist and provide a good fishing experience for everyone, especially our young and senior participants.

Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the DNR to implement a daily bag limit of 10 panfish for Pelican Lake, Oneida County?

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