Citizen Resolution # 580922

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Problems with fishing tournaments on small lakes.

We have seen an increase in the number of tournaments, number of boats and contestants, and fishing pressure. As a result, we have seen the quality of fishing decline. Most of the pressure has come from bass tournaments and the tournament contestants that come on our piers, hook their baits on our docks, boats, shore stations, and have little respect for the property owners on the lake. The big boats, big motors, and the way they run them, are also having an effect on the habitat that support the fish. This affects the landowners on the lake, and it also affects any other angler that would like to fish the lake, resulting in conflicts with the tournament anglers.

Would you support implementing more restrictive rules and regulations regarding tournaments on smaller lakes to protect the habitat, the fishery, and help prevent conflicts with landowners, anglers, and the tournament contestants.

Additional Information provided by author:
Personal observation over the last 10 years of the effect from these clubs

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