

Citizen Resolution # 682121

(For Hearing Officer completion)



State Sponsored Sport Fishing Board

(History) Currently Wisconsin does not have a Sport Fishing Board representing all sport fishermen as the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board and Department of Natural Resources. Sport fishing (all catching of fish by hook and line) is a major revenue generator for Wisconsin tourism at over \$2 Billion annually. Input by the sport fishing community is often being excluded by the NRB and DNR.

Be it resolved: That the State Legislature and the Wisconsin NRB authorize and create a Sport Fishing Board for the State of Wisconsin and the thousands of Sport Fishermen and Women, on the same terms and authority as the current Commercial Fishing Board. This would include recognition of the Sport Fishing Board as an authorized entity representing Sport Fishermen and Women to the Wisconsin NRB and DNR, with equal representation.

This Board would work together with the DNR, just like the Commercial and Native American Boards do, at sanctioned fisheries meetings to work out the best solutions for all fishermen on an equal plane, based on the best economic situation and the best outcome for the fishery, which belongs to all of Wisconsin Citizens as declared by law.

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