

# Citizen Resolution # 711322

(For Hearing Officer completion)



## **Restriction on rough fishing methods on the Fox and Wolf rivers during the Spring spawning run.**

The backwaters and marshes on the Fox and Wolf river support a Walleye fishery that is worth \$234 million annually to the local and State economy. Rough fishermen commonly use motors called " Mud " motors due to their ability to operate in very shallow water often at high speeds. This negatively impacts the Walleye spawn in many ways. Walleyes on the Winnebago system commonly spawn on marsh grass found in marshes and backwaters. The Walleye eggs when fertilized become sticky and cling to this grass. Operation of rough fishing boats during the Walleye spawns in backwaters and marshes damages eggs by tearing up the grass and causing the water to become more turbid which suffocates the Walleye eggs. The newly hatched Walleye fry are also susceptible to damage from rough fisherman. The primary target of rough fishermen is the Common Carp which spawns in many of the same areas but at much later in the year at a much warmer temperature. This resolution has The goal of this resolution is to protect Walleye eggs while still allowing rough fishing on the river channel and the lakes. This resolution does not affect shore fisherman. Areas within the treeline or marsh are not required to be marked to have this designation. The resolution is to put forth a regulation change occur t to prohibit the taking of rough fish by boat during the months of March and April on the Fox river from Lake Buttes Des Morts upstream to lake Puckaway and the Wolf river from the Ratt river upstream to the Shawano dam.

**Would you support a regulation change to prohibit the taking of rough fish by boat during the months of March and April on the Fox river from Lake Buttes Des Morts upstream to lake Puckaway and the Wolf river from the Ratt river upstream to the Shawano da**

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