

RESOLUTION:

The Problem:

Beavers create beaver dams across creeks and streams in WI. As they harvest out an area of trees, in time the dams deteriorate, creating ideal habitat for many other species. However, beavers are not beneficial to one fish species, and that is trout. They warm the water too much for trout habitat. Therefore, in conjunction with the powerful fishing lobby, Trout Unlimited, the DNR has a policy of dynamiting out beaver dams, completely eradicating them and keeping them out, for the past 20 years, on over a thousand miles of rivers in WI to create "Class A" trout streams.

Streams are complex ecosystems. Destroying the balance of nature repeatedly to favor an exotic species of trout species preferred by humans is a policy that destroys the diverse to favor the few. Beavers, a native species, provide habitat for a wide variety of related species.

Whereas beavers play a valuable role in an ecosystem our global scientific community warns us is poorly understood, and

Whereas science has discovered that human destruction of mid-range and top predators is wreaking havoc on natural ecosystems and destroying biodiversity,

Be it Resolved, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting, held in every county in Wisconsin on April 10, 2006, recommends that the Dept. of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by stopping the trapping of beavers and destruction of beaver dams with dynamite or any other method.

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County vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_