

Resolution to Support Legislation to Modify State Statutes to use the American Fisheries Society guidelines when determining fish restitution values

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Whereas, angling is an important part of Wisconsin's natural heritage, and

Whereas, Wisconsin has more than 1.5 million licensed anglers yearly, and

Whereas, Wisconsin residents place a high value on their natural resources, and

Whereas, Wisconsin game fish restitution values have not been updated since 1975, and current state statutes 29.983, 29.987, 29.977 and 283.87 do not provide a collectable value for non-game fish, and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of a strong and effective government to recoup the cost of public resources lost due to a violation of law, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society does hereby urge the Wisconsin legislature to pass State legislation to promulgate appropriate codes and update the State statutes directing the Department of Natural Resources to use the most recent American Fisheries Society values to determine the restitution value of all fish, game and non-game, killed by violation of law, by the end of the 2005 Legislative session.

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