

Protection of Fish and Wildlife Habitat in Lakes, Streams and Wetlands

WHEREAS, lakes, streams and wetlands comprise the habitat for a vast number of fish and wildlife in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the habitat associated with lakes, streams and wetlands is critically important for both game and nongame species that are highly valued by sportsmen and women; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and women that are engaged in trapping, waterfowl hunting and fishing especially appreciate the importance of lake, streams and wetlands to the sporting activities that they so greatly prize; and

WHEREAS, in the recent legislative session several bills were introduced that proposed substantial weakening of state statutes and rules that were established to protect lakes, streams and wetlands and their associated fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the destruction of such fish and wildlife habitat will lead to the reduction of fish and wildlife in the state and threaten the future of hunting, fishing and trapping that is so important to Wisconsin sportsmen and women,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, at its Annual Meeting on the 14th day of April at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, reiterates its strong support for the protection of Wisconsin's lakes, streams and wetlands and their associated fish and wildlife habitat and calls on all Wisconsin legislators and the Governor to represent the interests of Wisconsin sportsmen and women and oppose legislation that would weaken protection for Wisconsin's lakes, streams and wetlands.

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