## HELP IMPROVE WI ECONOMY/TOURISM/FUTURE OF WI FISHING!

Your help to save fishing success in Wisconsin is needed soon!

Please take some of your precious time to go online at the WI DNR website or Wisconsin Conservation Congress website between **noon on Wednesday April 10**<sup>th</sup> **until noon on Saturday April 13, 2024** to support the Wisconsin DNR 2024 Conservation Congress resolution below.

## PROPOSED SOLUTION:

Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the state legislature to increase the cost of all inland fishing licenses by \$10? No less than 75% of this increase must go directly to hatchery sustainably and stocking gamefish in Wisconsin inland lakes. This could be in the form of hatchery upkeep and modernization or directly to the costs of acquiring, raising actual fish for stocking.

## STEPS TO PROVIDE ONLINE INPUT:

- 1. Go to WI DNR or WCC websites noon WED 4/10 to noon SAT 4/13.
- 2. Search for "Spring Hearings"
- 3. Register and follow directions carefully no age or residency requirement!
- 4. <u>SELECT</u> option to view & respond to DANE COUNTY public input or other proposals/questions (above proposal only should appear if you choose <u>Dane County</u> extra questions to respond to)
- 5. Please vote YES to the proposed fishing license fee increase above!

## Thank you!

Budget problems at WI DNR Fish Hatcheries have resulted in local DNR Fishery Biologists not able to receive their requested quotas from the DNR hatcheries to maintain their local fisheries the last two years! The DNR's consistent explanation is a cutback in funding only the legislature can help with. Only the WI legislature can increase fishing license fees. In general, there has been no increase in many fishing license fees since 2005! The recent effort to increase the WI non-resident fishing license fees in 2024 was even scaled back due to some special political interests. That's why we need your help April 10-13, 2024!

More information: <u>todd.berge2@gmail.com</u> Feel free to share this email by April 12<sup>th</sup> with any person willing to log into WI DNR website to support this proposal.