

Resolution to Support Funding for the University of Wisconsin System and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to Support the Sustainable Management of Wisconsin's Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

WHEREAS Wisconsin is home to abundant aquatic resources (lakes, rivers, wetlands, and the Great Lakes) that are vital to the citizens of the state and;

WHEREAS the diversity of Wisconsin's aquatic resources makes management of them complex and in need of sound science, and;

WHEREAS the state's aquatic resources have traditionally received careful study and management, and;

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is dedicated to promoting scientific research and enlightened management of fisheries resources, and;

WHEREAS proposed cuts to funding of the University of Wisconsin system will affect the number of students trained in fisheries science and aquatic ecology needed to research and manage the state's aquatic resources, and;

WHEREAS proposed cuts to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will have a negative impact on the delivery of fisheries conservation, management and enhancement programs now and into the future;

Therefore, be it Resolved that the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society opposes the proposed cuts to funding for the University of Wisconsin system and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and urges restoration of funding to these agencies so that they can continue to use science to guide the sustainable management of Wisconsin's fisheries and aquatic resources.