

Request to limit daily bag limit of bluegills for Oconomowoc Lake

Resolution # 123

**RESOLUTION OF VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE
County of Waukesha**

WHEREAS, Oconomowoc Lake is an important natural resource used by the public for recreation, fishing, and natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oconomowoc Lake has continued to protect this natural resource and has enhanced its fisheries through voluntary fish stocking, placement of fish cribs, annual water quality studies conducted by USGS, and strict monitoring and enforcement of erosion control measures which impact the waters of Oconomowoc Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oconomowoc Lake has continued to monitor the fish population over many years through the Department of Natural Resources; and the previous fish study in 1994 showed a decline in the amount of pan fish, especially bluegills; and

WHEREAS, the most recent fish study conducted in 2004 shows a rebound in pan fish, especially bluegills, compared to the previous study; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oconomowoc Lake has noted that bluegills are aggressively fished just after ice out in certain locations on Oconomowoc Lake when the bluegills seek warmer waters for spawning; and

WHEREAS, Oconomowoc Lake has historically struggled to maintain a pan fish population in comparison to other nearby lakes; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Oconomowoc Lake that the current allowed bag limit for pan fish (bluegills) is having an adverse impact on the quantity of bluegills remaining after the aggressive catch after ice out; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Oconomowoc Lake hereby requests that the Department of Natural Resources reduce the current bag limit for pan fish (bluegills) from 25 per day to 15 per day for Oconomowoc Lake to maintain pan fish populations in infertile lakes such as Oconomowoc Lake.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Village of Oconomowoc Lake Village Board.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2006.

BY: Raymond O. Foster
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ATTEST:

Kathy Kreuser
Kathy Kreuser, Village Clerk

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