

Proposed Resolution #A
Requires 2/3 Majority

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MUCC region: 2
Proposed: December 2020 Conservation Policy Board meeting
Title: Removing the Size Limit on Northern Pike on Inland Lakes in the Upper Peninsula

1 **WHEREAS**, the present maximum size limit (MSL) for Northern Pike on inland lakes of the Upper Peninsula of
2 Michigan is 24 inches in length, and
3 **WHEREAS**, generally Northern Pike 24 inches or larger are mature ‘trophy status’ females and
4 **WHERE AS**, some male Northern Pike would not ever become legal-size before they died of natural causes and
5 **WHERE AS**, by having a maximum size length of 24” it has put undue pressure on the only fast-growing female
6 Northern Pike and
7 **WHERE AS**, fish data on pike lakes shows overall before the regulation change in 1993 to the present regulation,
8 only about 11% of the pike had attained 24 inches or greater and
9 **WHERE AS**, efforts indicate the 24 inch MSL has failed to produce any improvement in Upper Peninsula of
10 Michigan’s pike size structure and
11 **WHERE AS**, surveys indicate for our bass and walleye waters typically have about 25% of the fish legal-sized or
12 better. Post-1993 Northern Pike MSL survey evaluations revealed only 10% of the Northern Pike had attained 24
13 inches or greater and
14 **WHERE AS**, survey data found no improvement in the pike size structure and
15 **WHEREAS**, by changing the size limit and keeping the possession limit at 2 with only one fish allowed over 24”
16 fishermen will keep smaller Northern Pike for the table leaving the larger mature female Northern Pike to
17 reproduce and
18 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the
19 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to remove the size limit on
20 inland lakes of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and keep the possession limit at 2 with only one pike over 24”.