

**Proposed Resolution #A**  
**Requires 2/3 Majority**

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**MUCC region:** 2  
**Proposed:** December 5, 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   **WHEREAS**, some male Northern Pike would not ever become legal-size before they died of natural causes; and,  
5   **WHEREAS**, by having a maximum size length of 24” it has put undue pressure on the only fast-growing female  
6 Northern Pike; and,  
7   **WHEREAS**, 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   **WHEREAS**, efforts indicate the 24 inch MSL has failed to produce any improvement in Upper Peninsula of  
10 Michigan’s pike size structure; and,  
11   **WHEREAS**, 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   **WHEREAS**, 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; NOW,  
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”.