

Substitute Proposed Resolution #A
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MUCC region: 2
Proposed: March 13, 2021 Conservation Policy Board meeting
Title: Change the Minimum Size Limit and Change in the Possession Limit of 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 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 Maximum Size Limit (MSL) has failed to produce any improvement in
10 the Upper Peninsula of Michigan’s pike size structure; and,
11 **WHEREAS**, surveys indicate for our bass and walleye in Upper Peninsula waters typically have about 25% of
12 the fish legal-sized or better. Post-1993 Northern Pike MSL survey evaluations revealed only 10% of the
13 Northern Pike had attained 24 inches or greater; and,
14 **WHEREAS**, survey data has found no improvement in the pike size structure; and,
15 **WHEREAS**, by changing the MSL to any size and changing the possession limit to five (5) with only one (1) fish
16 over 24 inches fishermen will keep smaller Northern Pike for the table leaving the larger mature female Northern
17 Pike to reproduce; NOW,
18 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) will work with the
19 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to change the Northern

20 Pike regulations on Inland Lakes in the Upper Peninsula to no MSL and the limit to 5 with only one being 24
21 inches or greater.