

2021 MUCC Proposed Resolutions

Proposed Resolution #1 Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Zach Snyder, Individual Member
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: March 7, 2020 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: **Allow hunters one leftover spring turkey tag**

1 **WHEREAS**, the current regulations allow for hunters to only purchase one spring turkey tag; and,
2 **WHEREAS**, during the 2019 spring season, there were 19,618 unpurchased turkey tags; and,
3 **WHEREAS**, the amount of leftover tags from the 2019 spring turkey season potentially left \$294,270 on
4 the table that could have been otherwise utilized for conservation; and,
5 **WHEREAS**, currently the regulations already allow for unsuccessful applicants, and the general public to
6 purchase one leftover spring turkey tag; and,
7 **WHEREAS**, allowing the purchase of one additional tag would further increase opportunity afield and
8 generate more conservation dollars; and,
9 **WHEREAS**, allowing hunters to purchase leftover spring turkey tags for areas outside of their original
10 hunt zone for a separate hunt period would encourage travel to other hunting zones, generating tourist
11 revenue in areas one would not typically frequent; and,
12 **WHEREAS**, license quotas are set by biologists based upon population survey results for a maximum
13 potential harvest number; NOW,
14 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the Michigan
15 Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Natural Resources Commission to allow spring
16 turkey hunters the opportunity to purchase one leftover turkey tag in addition to their already purchased
17 tag when leftover tags become made available to the general public, for a hunt period and hunt unit
18 different from their originally purchased tag.

Proposed Resolution #2
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Charles Felcyn
MUCC region: 7
Passed: December 7, 2019 Conservation Policy Board, as amended by MUCC Wildlife Committee
Title: **Change the Deer Management Philosophy in the Lower Peninsula**

1 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to change the deer management philosophy in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan,
2 which can be accomplished by educating hunters as to the importance of harvesting does while balancing the buck
3 to doe ratio; and,
4 **WHEREAS**, the hunting public should have a better understanding of deer health and reducing disease
5 transmission in their hunting areas; and,
6 **WHEREAS**, MUCC should work with biologists to use sound science in decision making; and,
7 **WHEREAS**, under this proposal the combination license would include an antlerless license to be used for Deer
8 Management Units (DMUs) allowing antlerless harvest; and,
9 **WHEREAS**, hunters will still have the opportunity to harvest two bucks in Michigan; and,
10 **WHEREAS**, every hunter will have the tools available to manage their own hunting area; and,
11 **WHEREAS**, hunters will become a more significant part of the management of Michigan's deer herd; and,
12 **WHEREAS**, Michigan will have a better buck to doe ratio; and,
13 **WHEREAS**, this philosophy help will reduce the disease pressure resulting in a healthier deer population; and,
14 **WHEREAS**, out of state license fees can then be increased to the national average; and,
15 **WHEREAS**, a well-balanced deer herd is more important now than ever in Michigan's history to help stop the
16 spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and bovine tuberculosis and improve deer herd social structure; and,
17 **WHEREAS**, the current license structure and philosophy in the Upper Peninsula for herd management will not be
18 affected or changed; NOW,
19 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the
20 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Natural Resources Commission (NRC), and the Michigan
21 Legislature if necessary, to manage Michigan's deer herd for health, buck to doe ratio, and quality not quantity;
22 and,

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that MUCC support changes that would implement a three-year trial of a
24 regulation that would:

- 25 • **include** a doe tag with the combination license (3 tags), which will include 2 bucks and 1 doe in DMUs
26 where antlerless harvest is valid; and,

27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the DNR and NRC provide sufficient additional antlerless tags to meet the
28 needs of managing the deer herd in the Deer Management Units (DMU).

Proposed Resolution #3
Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Dawn Levey, Region 5 Executive Board member
MUCC Region: 5
Passed: March 7, 2020 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: **Recess in K-5 School**

1 **WHEREAS**, outdoor play is an important part of childhood and is the first step to developing
2 the next generation of conservationists; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, many schools are limiting or eliminating recess time for children k-5 deeming
4 it is not instructional time and substituting it for standardized test preparation; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, studies indicate that outdoor play is vital to a child's overall development
6 and learning; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, learning includes improved spatial recognition, understanding environmental tendencies
8 like the changing of leaves and watching the changes in flora; improves physical and social development;
9 encourages the use of the imagination; reduces screen time; contributes to cognitive and social/emotional
10 development; increases attention spans; and happiness/stronger immune system; NOW,

11 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the Michigan
12 State Legislature and the Michigan Department of Education to educate and encourage the development
13 of standards and curriculum to maintain designated time during the school day for outside play/recess for
14 the wellbeing of Michigan's greatest natural resource, its children.

Proposed Resolution #4
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Erik Schnelle
MUCC region: 5
Passed: December 7, 2019 Conservation Policy Board
Title: **Restoring Antler Point Restrictions on 2nd Tag in Disease Areas**

1 **WHEREAS**, mature bucks are more likely to be infected with the deer diseases bovine tuberculosis (bTB) and
2 chronic wasting disease (CWD) than yearling bucks; and,
3 **WHEREAS**, regionally appropriate antler point restrictions protect the majority of yearling bucks while allowing
4 the harvest of bucks 2.5 and older; and,
5 **WHEREAS**, DNR biologists recommended restoring APR's on the restricted tag in the disease areas; and,
6 **WHEREAS**, hunters will still have the opportunity to harvest two bucks in Michigan; NOW,
7 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the
8 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Natural Resources Commission (NRC), to restore the antler point
9 restriction on the second tag in the combo license.

Proposed Resolution #5
Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Dean Hall, Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: March 7, 2020 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: **A Resolution to Propose a State Tax Credit for the Donation and Processing of Legally Harvested Deer to Feed the Hungry of Our State**

1 **WHEREAS**, Sportsmen and Sportswomen as well as non-hunters in the state of Michigan have supported
2 the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH) organization and its program since its inception in 1991;
3 and,
4 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) is one of the founding groups who fostered
5 the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger organization and continues to be involved and represented on the
6 board of directors for the MSAH; and,
7 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the MSAH is providing ground venison to state recognized non-profit food
8 banks, shelters and pantries providing food assistance to the hungry of the state of Michigan through

9 donated deer from hunter and deer management programs and the processing of those deer by MSAH
10 participating processors in the MSAH network; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, the hunters donating their harvested deer to the MSAH program receive no compensation for
12 their generosity; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, the wild game processors working with the MSAH receive only \$1.35 per processed pound
14 of venison they produce for the MSAH program due to budgeted funds available to pay for their processing
15 work through the Sportsmen Against Hunger Fund controlled by the state of Michigan in which voluntary
16 donations are collected at the point of Hunting/Fishing/permit sales to pay for the processing of the deer;
17 and,

18 **WHEREAS**, from 1991 to 2019 an estimated 706,005 pounds of ground venison has been provided to
19 Michigan based non-profit food banks, shelters and pantries to create up to 2,984,020 hot and high in protein
20 meals through the combined effort of the MSAH and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources
21 (MDNR); and,

22 **WHEREAS**, to offer an incentive to a hunter as well as a Michigan wild game processing facility working
23 with a state charitable organization like the MSAH engaged in the donation and processing of, legally
24 harvested deer during a hunting season for their generosity would be fair AND increase deer donations to
25 feed the hungry of our state; NOW,

26 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that MUCC support legislation to create a state tax credit per each
27 deer legally harvested during a hunting season by a hunter and donated to a charitable organization like
28 the MSAH that is engaged in the distributing wild game processed at a Michigan Department of
29 Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
30 inspected and approved participating wild game processors in our state; and,

31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that MUCC support legislation to also create a tax credit per each donated
32 and legally harvested deer that is processed into ground venison burger by a processor to feed the state's
33 hungry through working with a charitable organization like the MSAH that is engaged in the distributing
34 wild game processed at an MDARD or USDA inspected wild game processor to feed the hungry of our
35 state through the state of Michigan recognized non-profit food banks, shelters, and pantries.

Proposed Resolution #6
Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: March 7, 2020 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: **Feral Cats as an Invasive Species**

1 **WHEREAS**, millions of free-roaming and feral cats (*Felis catus*) exist on the landscape as non-native,
2 obligate predators and as such, cause considerable damage to wildlife populations killing several
3 hundreds of millions (birds, small mammals, amphibian, reptiles and fish); and,
4 **WHEREAS**, this represents a significant threat to the biodiversity/stability of ecosystems; and
5 **WHEREAS**, even a house cat allowed outside to roam and not in need of food will still hunt and kill
6 several animals each and every day; and,
7 **WHEREAS**, most of free-roaming and feral cats suffer the vicissitudes of lives lived outdoors (disease,
8 weather extremes, starvation, trauma) and cannot be considered as being treated humanely and live
9 shorter brutal lives as a result; and,
10 **WHEREAS**, these feral cats represent a human public health hazard as they carry several zoonotic
11 diseases such as toxoplasmosis, rabies, Francisella tularensis (trichinpsis), Yersinia pestis (plague),
12 Microsporium canis (ringworm), and fleas carrying typhus, not to mention diseases they can transmit to
13 other cats (FeLV, FIV, FRDC); and,
14 **WHEREAS**, current statutory status does not discriminate between feral and responsibly owned cats (but
15 merely as “domestic” which does not accurately describe the feral situation), and the eradication of feral
16 cats by the general public is considered a felony; NOW,
17 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) will promote
18 the designation of feral cats as an invasive species and thereby subject to regulation as such; and,
19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that MUCC educate the public of the threat to public health and our
20 wildlife resources of this invasive species and the inhumane practice of releasing neutered cats back into
21 feral colonies.

Proposed Resolution #7
Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: March 7, 2020 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: **Further Measures to Facilitate the Elimination of Feral Swine**

1 **WHEREAS**, the elimination of feral swine in the state of Michigan has made great strides since their
2 designation as an invasive species as witnessed by the lack of many reports in the Lower Peninsula; and,
3 **WHEREAS**, the prevention of stocking fenced facilities with European wild boar, an action supported by
4 advocacy and policy from Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), has been primarily responsible
5 for the discontinuance of escapees providing the continued presence of feral swine on the landscape; and,
6 **WHEREAS**, in the past two years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health
7 Inspection Service's Wildlife Services Program has reported the presence of feral swine with a domestic
8 genetic background; and,
9 **WHEREAS**, the origins of these pigs is unknown, there is the possibility that they were escapees from
10 game ranch facilities and/or backyard swineherds, but regardless they have the potential to provide a
11 continuation of the feral swine population as this species easily adapts to the feral situation; NOW,
12 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that MUCC advocate for all strains of swine to be banned from
13 game preserves for the purposes of hunting and be it further resolved that MUCC encourage the
14 permanent identification of any pig that is not raised in an enclosed, confined pork production facility.

Proposed Resolution #8
Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Leonard Shaner, MUCC Member
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: March 7, 2020 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: **Logging Quiet Time**

1 **WHEREAS**, Michigan has had a long and wonderful history of deer hunting, and as this tradition
2 continues each November this special time has been defined by friends and family getting together for
3 some quiet time in the outdoors; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, in some instances quiet time is being disturbed by logging operations that have been
5 permitted on state forest land during the firearm deer season seriously compromising peace and
6 tranquility the hunting public is seeking; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, logging on State forest takes place in State Forest Lands because private lands are not
8 available at this time of year due to the owners wanting to enjoy the peace and quiet and an undisturbed
9 hunt; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, logging operations cause noise and use restrictions due to heavy equipment operation and
11 people working, thereby interfering with the hunting public attempting to use the state forest. In addition,
12 these actions destroy roads making them impassable and unusable with anything other than heavy
13 equipment; and,

14 **WHEREAS**, Michigan has seen a decline in deer hunting license sales in the past several years, operating
15 heavy logging equipment during the firearm deer season does not help attract new hunters to our state or
16 the retention of current hunters. Most people do not come to the Northern Forest to hear heavy equipment
17 ruin from dawn to dusk; and,

18 **WHEREAS**, the State Forest constitutes public lands and are in fact owned by the citizenry of the state,
19 and the conditions of logging contracts should be stipulated on their behalf; NOW,

20 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) remain an advocate
21 for the Hunter and the use of State Forest lands for people to enjoy this time of year. To this end, MUCC
22 should work with the Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division and the Wildlife Division to
23 modify logging permits so as to close all state forest to logging operations during the month of November
24 to allow hunters to enjoy the peace and quiet of State Forest lands without interference of logging
25 companies and their employees.

Proposed Resolution #9
Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Chelsea Rod & Gun Club
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: March 7, 2020 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: **Reduced Youth Hunting Fees**

1 **WHEREAS**, the number of deer hunters in Michigan has been in steady decline since 1998. Down 21%
2 through 2018 (Detroit Free Press); and,
3 **WHEREAS**, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) is reporting 2019 unique hunting
4 license sales are down 3% from 2018 and unique sales have been in steady decline for many years; and,
5 **WHEREAS**, MDNR depends on hunting and fishing license revenues to fund many different programs
6 and operations; and,
7 **WHEREAS**, recruitment of youth hunters is vital to preserving the hunting culture and traditions in 21st
8 century Michigan; and,
9 **WHEREAS**, the cost of hunting licenses to families with one or more youth hunters may be prohibitive in
10 many instances; NOW,
11 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs use its influence to urge
12 the Michigan DNR and the state legislature to reduce hunting license fees for youth hunters under the age
13 of 16 to a level equal to or less than the fees paid by senior hunter.

Proposed Resolution #10
Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Joe Sommers, U.P. Whitetails of Marquette County
MUCC Region: 1
Passed: March 7, 2020 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: **Clarify ATV Helmet Laws**

1 **WHEREAS**, new helmet laws in Michigan state that a person who rides a motorcycle, moped, utility
2 terrain vehicle (UTV), does not have to wear a helmet; NOW,
3 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs shall work with the
4 Michigan Legislature and Michigan Department of Natural Resources to change necessary state
5 regulations such that the adult rider, driver or occupant of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), quad or 4-wheeler
6 not be required to wear a helmet.

Proposed Resolution #11
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Straits Area Sportsmen’s Club, Gary Gorniak & Steve Dey
MUCC region: 2
Passed: March 13, 2021 Conservation Policy Board meeting
Title: **Change the Minimum Size Limit and Change the Possession Limit of Northern Pike on Inland Lakes in the Upper Peninsula**

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WHEREAS, the present maximum size limit (MSL) for Northern Pike on inland lakes of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is 24 inches in length; and,

WHEREAS, generally Northern Pike 24 inches or larger are mature ‘trophy status’ females; and,

WHEREAS, some male Northern Pike would not ever become legal-size before they died of natural causes; and,

WHEREAS, by having a maximum size length of 24” it has put undue pressure on the only fast-growing female Northern Pike; and,

WHEREAS, fish data on pike lakes shows overall before the regulation change in 1993 to the present regulation, only about 11% of the pike had attained 24 inches or greater; and,

WHEREAS, efforts indicate the 24 inch MSL has failed to produce any improvement in Upper Peninsula of Michigan’s pike size structure; and,

WHEREAS, surveys indicate for our bass and walleye waters typically have about 25% of the fish legal-sized or better. Post-1993 Northern Pike MSL survey evaluations revealed only 10% of the Northern Pike had attained 24 inches or greater; and,

WHEREAS, survey data found no improvement in the pike size structure; and,

WHEREAS, by changing the MSL to any size and changing the possession limit to five (5) with only one (1) fish allowed over 24 inches fishermen will keep smaller Northern Pike for the table leaving larger mature female Northern Pike to reproduce; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to change the Northern Pike regulations on Inland Lakes in the Upper Peninsula to no MSL and the limit to five (5) with only one (1) being 24 inches or greater.

Proposed Resolution #12
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Patrick Hogan and Tim Muir Jr.
MUCC region: 8
Passed: December 5, 2020 Conservation Policy Board meeting
Title: **Work with the MDNR to add FREE fishing on Mother's Day**

1 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to increase participation in fishing and the outdoors; and,
2 **WHEREAS**, adding a free fishing weekend to Mother's Day would satisfy all three R's (Recruit, Retain,
3 and Reactivate) of the R3 program; and,
4 **WHEREAS**, this would create opportunities for family members of multiple generations to reconnect,
5 and spend quality time together outdoors; and,
6 **WHEREAS**, adding a free fishing weekend would also be useful to various clubs and groups to
7 schedule outings designed around family participation; and,
8 **WHEREAS**, Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May, a day on which mothers are particularly
9 honored by their children; and,
10 **WHEREAS**, the proportion of children in a single-parent household was 35% in 2000 and 78% of
11 children with a single parent live with their mother; NOW,
12 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with and
13 request from the MDNR that future free fishing weekends in the spring be aligned with Mother's Day
14 in an effort to increase participation in fishing.

Proposed Resolution #13
Requires 2/3rds Majority

Submitted by: Erik Schnelle, State Advisory Council President, National Deer Association
MUCC Region: 9
Passed: December 5, 2020 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: **Convenient Low or No Cost CWD Testing**

1 **WHEREAS**, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is an invariably fatal disease in deer; and,
2 **WHEREAS**, to date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in people. However, some
3 animal studies suggest CWD poses a risk to certain types of non-human primates, like monkeys, that eat
4 meat from [CWD-infected animals](#) or come in contact with brain or body fluids from infected deer or elk;
5 and,

6 **WHEREAS**, the CDC and World Health Organization do not recommend consuming untested venison
7 from areas of known CWD infection; and,
8 **WHEREAS**, in the 2019 Harvest Survey 82% of hunters agreed that the CWD status of harvested deer
9 was important to them; and,
10 **WHEREAS**, in the 2019 Harvest Survey 45% agreed that knowing the CWD status of harvested deer is
11 critical to their decision to hunt; and,
12 **WHEREAS**, CWD testing data can provide valuable information on prevalence rates by age and sex of
13 deer and the spread of CWD within Michigan; NOW,
14 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs encourage and support
15 the funding and provision of convenient, low or no cost testing for Chronic Wasting Disease in known
16 CWD areas of Michigan.

Interim Resolution #14
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: MUCC Fisheries Committee
MUCC Region: 9
Passed: September 30, 2020 Executive Board meeting
Title: **The use of trotlines, setlines, and juglines as a method of take for fish and turtles**

1 **WHEREAS**, A trotline or setline is defined as a line anchored at one point, with more than 2 hooks, and
2 not associated with a hand-operated mechanical reel; and,
3 **WHEREAS**, A jugline is defined as a free floating device that anchors a single line with no more than 1
4 hook and whose float material is constructed of plastic, wood, or foam with closed-cell construction; and,
5 **WHEREAS**, Fishing with a set line is currently illegal under the current State of Michigan fishing
6 regulations; and,
7 **WHEREAS**, These methods are an indiscriminate method of take, with unintended bycatch such as game
8 fish, other species of turtles, otter, mink, and even waterfowl; and,
9 **WHEREAS**, Modifying a method of take could have harvest implications which sometimes affect
10 unintended species; and,
11 **WHEREAS**, These lines would be dangerous to boaters as they can be very strong and thick; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, There are concerns whether using this method of take is considered to be a fair chase and
13 ethical; and,
14 **WHEREAS**, There is a potential for abandonment and the loss of line(s) during high water conditions or
15 during bad weather; and,
16 **WHEREAS**, These methods of take would require use of fisheries division resources to study, implement
17 and manage with also an additional law enforcement burden; NOW,
18 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs oppose the use of
19 trotlines, setlines, and juglines as a method of take regardless of the number of hooks used.

Proposed Resolution #15
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Mark Hergenreder, Chelsea Rod and Gun Club

MUCC region: 8

Passed: March 13, 2021 Conservation Policy Board meeting

Title: **Encourage MI DNR to further engage opportunities of collaboration within the Michigan Trail Systems by utilizing citizen science data collection for natural resources management**

1 **WHEREAS**, Citizen Science, as it is called, typically involves data collection by members of the public 2
2 who pass their information along to researchers trying to answer real-world questions. Volunteer 3
3 monitoring has contributed for many years to diverse fields ranging from astronomy to medicine and 4
4 computer science to natural resource management; and,
5 **WHEREAS**, Participation in Citizen Science while using the Michigan Trails system can contribute to 6
6 Wildlife Connectivity among its varied outdoors users; and,
7 **WHEREAS**, Single-tracks ranks Michigan as one of the most bike-friendly states in the nation with 8
8 thousands of miles of family-friendly trails; and,
9 **WHEREAS**, Michigan has nearly 4,000 miles of hiking trails, 2,700 plus miles of rail trails connecting
10 communities, 3,600 plus miles of designated ORV trails, 6,000 plus miles of designated snowmobile
11 trails, 1,300 plus miles of equestrian trails, nearly 2,000 mile of biking trails and 1,000 plus miles of state
12 park trails; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, The DNR currently has a web-based platform Eyes in the Field. Users of Eyes in the Field
14 includes forms for reporting observations of diseased wildlife, tagged fish, mammals such as cougars and
15 feral swine, fish such as sturgeon, birds such as wild turkeys, and reptiles and amphibians such as the
16 eastern massasauga rattlesnake; and,

17 **WHEREAS**, The Audubon Great Lakes promotes citizen collected science points of data via the MI
18 Birds program. MI Birds aims to deepen Michigander's engagement in the understanding, care, and
19 stewardship of public lands that are important for birds and local communities; and,

20 **WHEREAS**, The Michigan Herp Atlas Project is used to collect observation data about Michigan's native
21 amphibians and reptiles (collectively known as herpetofauna or "herps") so we can document their
22 distribution and changes in their populations statewide; and,

23 **WHEREAS**, Public participation in environmental projects has been described as a global phenomenon;
24 and,

25 **WHEREAS**, An improved web-based system that collects citizen driven data points can assist in the
26 planning and implementation of mitigation strategies to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions; and,

27 **WHEREAS**, An app could be used to constantly collect information and to find community
28 recommended points of interest and points of public safety including wildlife, trail hazards, stranger
29 danger, invasive species, points of interest and would be utilized more frequently and offer a better
30 experience for users to engage; NOW,

31 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs encourages the
32 Michigan DNR to further establish an opportunity for detailed data points to be registered quickly and
33 shared easily with users utilizing a community driven application.

Proposed Resolution #16
Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Tim Hossack, Individual Member
MUCC Region: 3
Passed: March 13, 2021 MUCC Conservation Policy Board
Title: **Establishment of an annual Yellow Perch Season from April 26 to March 14**

1 **WHEREAS**, the fishermen in the Grand Traverse Bays (East and West Bay) and Lake Michigan waters
2 from Manistee to Charlevoix are concerned with the poor perch populations in MM4 (GT Bays) and
3 MM5 (Arcadia to Traverse City); and,
4 **WHEREAS**, lake trout season is annually shut down from October 1 until December 31 to allow for
5 natural reproduction; and,
6 **WHEREAS**, largemouth and smallmouth bass season is annually shut down from January 1 until May 22
7 to allow for natural reproduction; and,
8 **WHEREAS**, Muskellunge season is annually shut down from March 15 to June 6 to allow for natural
9 reproduction; and,
10 **WHEREAS**, Inland lake Northern Pike and Walleye season is annually shut down from March 15 to
11 April 25 to allow for natural reproduction; NOW,
12 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the Michigan
13 Legislature and Michigan Department of Natural Resources to enact legislation to establish a yellow
14 perch possession season from the last Saturday in April to March 15 in MM4 and MM5 to allow for
15 natural reproduction.