

Proposed Resolution #C
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Bob Schulz, President, Metro West Steelheaders
Proposed: December 3, 2022 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Pontoon Registration Fee/Renewal Fee

1. **WHEREAS:** Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 324.80124 requires that watercraft vessels in the
2. State of Michigan be registered, and that registration will be renewed every three (3) years; and,
3. **WHEREAS:** MCL 324.80124 sets forth the fees to be paid for that registration, and registration
4. renewal fees for motorized watercraft vessels based solely on length; and,
5. **WHEREAS:** MCL 324.80124 sets a separate registration and renewal fee for all pontoon
6. watercraft vessels, regardless of vessel length; and,
7. **WHEREAS:** Pontoons can operate at the same capacities of other motorized watercraft
8. vessels; and,
9. **WHEREAS:** Pontoons are now being used for all water activities (tubing, water skiing, fishing)
10. including on the Great Lakes; and,
11. **WHEREAS:** Pontoon registration/renewal fee is \$23.00 regardless of length; and,
12. **WHEREAS:** Other motorized watercraft vessels fee is based solely on length and ranges from
13. \$14.00 to \$448.00; and,
14. **WHEREAS:** This is an unfair fee schedule to all other motorized watercraft vessels that have
15. the same capacities equal access to State of Michigan waters; and,
16. **WHEREAS:** It should be known that all other motorized watercraft vessels, such as ski boats,
17. bass boats, cabin cruisers, sail boats, etc., pay the same fee; and,
18. **WHEREAS:** It should be known that all registration/renewal fees for motorized watercraft
19. vessels are based solely on length and not vessel dollar worth; NOW,
20. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Michigan United Conservation Club shall seek to have MCL
21. 324.80124 be amended so that all motorized watercraft vessels pay the same
22. registration/renewal fees based on length.