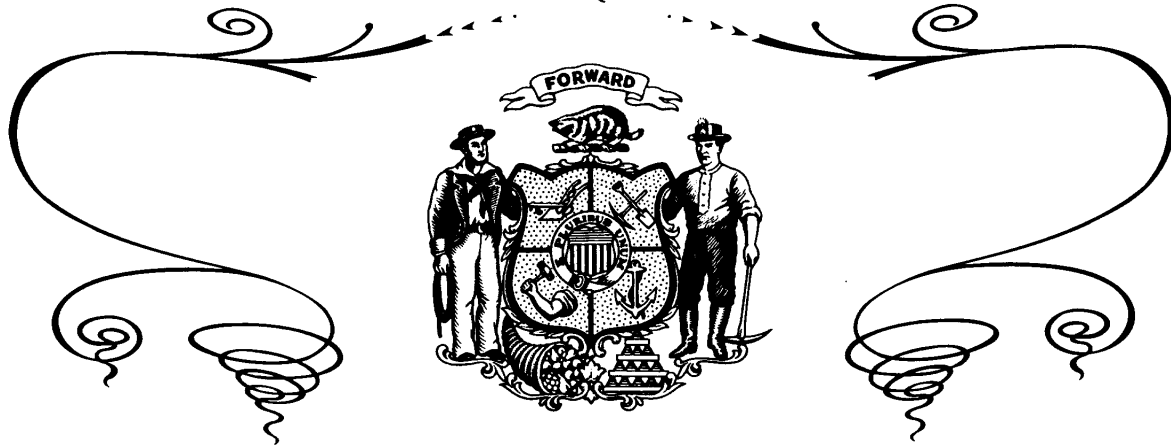


State of Wisconsin



2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 106

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: recognizing the importance of sturgeon to Wisconsin and designating the second Saturday of February in 2024 as State Sturgeon Spearing Day.

Whereas, Wisconsin is blessed with a robust sturgeon population, contributing significantly to our state's biodiversity and cultural heritage; and

Whereas, the cultural impact of sturgeon, including the practice of sturgeon spearing, holds deep historical and traditional value for the residents of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, the sale of sturgeon spearing tags and hook and line tags generate funds for sturgeon research, having a substantial positive effect around the country in terms of sturgeon conservation and longevity; and

Whereas, it is imperative to address potential threats to the sturgeon population while maintaining a balance between conservation efforts and cultural practices; and

Whereas, the Department of Natural Resources plays a crucial role in managing and preserving our state's wildlife resources; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin State Legislature acknowledges the significance of Wisconsin's strong sturgeon population and the cultural importance of sturgeon-related activities; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin State Legislature does not support listing the lake sturgeon as endangered in Wisconsin or the Lake Winnebago region; and, be it further

Resolved, That the second Saturday of February in 2024 will be designated as State Sturgeon Spearing Day; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin State Legislature requests the Department of Natural Resources continue to collaborate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in implementing proactive measures to ensure the continued well-being of the sturgeon population; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin State Legislature urges the Department of Natural Resources to work diligently towards maintaining the sturgeon's status outside the endangered species list in

Wisconsin, fostering a balance that preserves both the natural environment and cultural traditions of Wisconsin.

Senator Chris Kapenga
President of the Senate

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Edward A. Blazel
Assembly Chief Clerk