

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION
Inland Fisheries Committee
February 9, 2008

Our main focus since our last meeting has been VHS and tournament rules and their effect on each other.

We had a conference call meeting of members of the tournament rules committee.

Ten members took part in the discussion. Nine members were either from the Bass Clubs, the Boat Mfrs., or Chamber of Commerce. Only myself represented the Mom and Pop Fisherman. I was the only one interested in what was being done to stop the spread of invasive species. The answer I got from the DNR staff was that on lakes with the VHS present, it would be written into the permit.

I believe, the VHS rules are now permanent.

Tournament rules has sent back to be rewritten, George was there and can explain better than I. But I believe it was because the DNR Board wanted better rules to prevent spreading of invasive species.

Senate Bill 361: Under current law, a person is generally required to obtain a fishing license to fish in this state. The fee for an annual resident is ordinarily \$19.25. The fee for an annual nonresident is \$49.25. Under current law the fee for an annual fishing license for resident who is veteran with a 70% or greater military-related disability is \$2.25. Under this bill the fee for an annual fishing license for a nonresident who is a veteran with 70 % or greater military-related disability would be \$2.25.

Senate Bill 385: Under current law, there is no slow-no-wake restriction for other motorboats within a given distance from shoreline. This bill imposes a slow-no-wake restrict of 100 feet from the shoreline for motorboats that are not personal watercraft.

Senate Bill 454: Provides penalty for leaving a boat landing without removing weeds from hanging on trailer, boat or car. It is similar to Minnesota's Law, it works there and will work here and help the control the invasive species. In Minnesota at the boat landings everybody checks their boats, trailers and auto before they even secure their boat. The law is working.

Wisconsin Council of Sport Fishing Organization: Statewide annual spring W.C.S.F.O. meeting. Place-Gander Mountain-6939 S. 27th Street-Franklin, WI
Date-March 22, 2008. Time-9:00 A M to 3:00 P M.

Thank you,

Bob Miller, Chair Person