



**Committee of Advisors
to the
Great Lakes Fishery Commission**



Resolution #7: Minimum Size Limits On Lake Trout

Whereas there are now significant differences in minimum size limits on lake trout between areas within the Great Lakes basin, as well as among states and provinces, causing confusion and disparity;

Whereas a minimum uniform size limit on lake trout, with a phase in to a higher limit, would encourage natural reproduction and have minimal impact on harvest by sport fishers;

Whereas a uniform size limit on lake trout would reinforce a lake wide commitment to rehabilitation and lend consistency to sport fishing regulations throughout the Great Lakes.

Therefore the Committee of Advisors unanimously encourages agencies who have authority for establishing minimum size limits on lake trout for the Great Lakes to implement an initial minimum size limit on lake trout, and

Further unanimously encourages these agencies to phase in a higher minimum size limit on lake trout as data indicate such action to be warranted.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Grinold, Supported by Chuck Pistis
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