



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



Resolution #4: Stocking of Inland Transferred and/or Cultured Yellow Perch into Lake Michigan

Whereas any type of stocking of inland transferred and/or cultured yellow perch into Lake Michigan and its tributaries due to genetics, fish health and costs are not supported by the state agencies governing Lake Michigan, and

Whereas the lack of information about whether distinct stocks (i.e., gene pool and/or gene pools) of yellow perch make up the current Lake Michigan yellow perch population, and

Whereas stocking of hatchery reared yellow perch into Lake Michigan would be a risky program without trying to maintain a current gene pool and/or gene pools, and

Whereas introduction of hatchery reared yellow perch can lead to transmission of fish parasites and diseases from outside sources into Lake Michigan and affect not only yellow perch but all native and non-native species.

BE IT RESOLVED, the committee of advisors recommends that yellow perch should not be stocked into Lake Michigan and its tributaries by any state or federal agency, private entity, or tribal group.

Resolution 04-04

Submitted by Mike Ryan

Passed by U.S. Committee of Advisors

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