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Rep. Rob Brooks lauds DNR for maintaining Chinook salmon stocking levels

Madison, WI—Today, Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville), released the following statement in response to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ decision to preserve Lake Michigan Chinook salmon stocking at current levels.

“I commend the Department of Natural Resources for embracing the recommendations made by their stakeholders to develop a stocking approach to maintain Lake Michigan’s world-class fishery.

This decision is a win-win for Wisconsinites, as maintaining a robust Chinook salmon supply bolsters tourism, economic development opportunities and revenue for local communities. Furthermore, it further encourages the sustainable angling practices the Department of Natural Resources and others have worked tirelessly to promote.

Sport fishing has an economic impact of more than \$100 million in Wisconsin. Tourists from across the country and world travel to the Sixtieth Assembly District, annually, for the opportunity to spend a day fishing on Lake Michigan.

Earlier this summer I had the opportunity to join Wisconsin DNR scientists in Milwaukee for a meeting to discuss this issue. Furthermore, I was afforded the opportunity to tour the lake with a charter fishing boat captain.

The Department of Natural Resources’ decision to stock eight-eight-hundred-twelve-thousand Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan, is the result of the department’s hard-work and input from residents throughout the state. I very much agree with the Department of Natural Resources that today’s decision maintains the economic, recreational, and biological benefits of the state’s Chinook salmon population.”

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