



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



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**Resolution #4: Boundary Waters Fishing Regulations**

**Whereas** the Great Lakes States and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec have different fishing regulations for the Great Lakes and connecting channels which they share, and

**Whereas** anglers, particularly in connecting channels such as the St. Lawrence River and Niagara River, may possess licenses for both a state and a province (one resident, one non-resident) in order to fish both sides of the border in these areas and

**Whereas** regulations such as different sizes, different creel limits and different seasons are often confusing, and may be conflicting (may possess on one side of the border but not on the other), therefore

**Be it resolved** that the U.S. Advisors for Lake Ontario request that the Great Lakes Fishery Commission address this issue with the various agencies in the Great Lakes States and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and the Government of Canada and urge those agencies to work toward commonality in regulations, that support fish community objectives and promote conservation, especially in connecting channels of the Great Lakes, to reduce the conflict and confusion.

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