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**Restore the Bark River in Bayfield County**

- Whereas,** The Coaster Brook Trout in Wisconsin will not survive and reproduce unless the habitat and spawning beds are improved and
- Whereas,** The Bark River in Bayfield County was a productive brook trout stream until the 1990's when improper logging had destroyed the topsoil of the steep slopes over the river and
- Whereas,** The Bark River can be restored with groups of volunteer sportsmen and women working on the stream bed and reseeding native plants on sand piles that has washed down from surrounding hilly areas and
- Whereas,** Small groups of volunteers, 6 to 12 people in each group, with a total of 10 groups working under the supervision of a Department of Natural Resources technician can start the restoration of the Bark River and
- Whereas,** Each volunteer group would be responsible for a 200 feet stretch of river, the total length of this restoration would be less than 1/2 of mile of river and
- Whereas,** Successful completion of this portion of the project may take 2 or more years; therefore be it
- Resolved,** That the Wisconsin Conservation Congress at their 2008 annual meeting on May 9th and 10<sup>th</sup> at Wisconsin Dells, working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and volunteer sportsmen and women, begin the steps needed to make this project happen.

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