



Resolution in Opposition to Metallic Sulfide Mining in and around the Wolf River Area

WHEREAS, the mission of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited (WITU) is to conserve, protect, and restore of the cold water resources of our state, and to support both our national organization and our local chapters in their pursuit of that mission; and,

WHEREAS, there are known Metallic Sulfide Mineral Deposits in and around the Wolf River Area, and a foreign owned company has recently gained a license to drill exploration holes in the Headwaters of the Wolf River, with the intent to locate an open pit Metallic Sulfide Mine at that location. The Wolf River being one of the largest watersheds in Northern Wisconsin, which passes through Forest, Oneida, Langlade, Menominee, Shawano, Outagamie, Waupaca, and Winnebago Counties before emptying into Lake Winnebago, and ultimately Lake Michigan and;

WHEREAS, the Wolf River provides a unique habitat for species of special concern such as trout and other freshwater fish, which would be negatively impacted by discharges into the water and;

WHEREAS, the Wolf River and its surrounding areas support a robust outdoor recreation economy and a thriving tourism industry and;

WHEREAS, the potential impacts of the mine include long term leaching of acid-producing wastes into the groundwater and the river which would harm sport-fishing and essential sources of drinking water and;

WHEREAS, the hazardous wastes generated by the mine would degrade water quality and present risks to human health and the environment in Wisconsin, and knowing the fact that sulfide mines are the largest source of taxpayer liability under the EPA's Superfund cleanup program and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Council of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited strongly opposes Metallic Sulfide Mining and urges the Wisconsin DNR, the Wisconsin State Legislature, and Governor to deny a mining permit for any Metallic Sulfide Mine in the Wolf River Watershed.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2020

Wisconsin Trout Unlimited, Inc.

By: Mike Kuhr, its Council Chair