

Citizen Resolution # 72-05-16  
(For Hearing Officer completion)

**Maintaining Spawning Size Walleyes**

**CURRENT ISSUE,**

**Walleye are being removed from waterways before they are mature and able to conduct a minimum of one spawning season.**

Walleye are a highly sought game fish of Wisconsin. Premature removal of walleye is a problem that affects the genetic variability and natural perpetuation of the species. Current regulations of the Wisconsin River and waterways throughout the State of Wisconsin have a minimum size limit of 15 inches or less. Female walleye only begin to sexually mature at 15 inches and harvesting them from waterways at or before the minimum sexual size harms a waterways ability to perpetuate stocks.

**BE IT RESOLVED,**

Walleye minimum size limit shall be increased to 17 inches. This will allow for walleye to mature and conduct a minimum of one spawning season. Enactment would be for waterways that currently have a minimum size limit of 15 inches or less.

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