

Title: Overfishing of Walleyes

The Problem:

The current bag limit of five walleyes leads to overfishing of this species in lakes and rivers that have this bag limit throughout the state. This is especially true in certain waters where there is significant pressure such as the Madison Chain of Lakes, the Rock River, the Wisconsin River and a number of other popular walleye fisheries.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Jefferson County on April 9, 2012 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing two rule changes: 1. allow up to 3 walleyes (including saugers and hybrids) to be taken from any water in Wisconsin, with a slot size limitation of 2 that are between 15 and 21 inches and one that is 24 inches and larger. 2. The season shall be closed between March 1 and May 15 in all Wisconsin waters to allow for spawning and recovery of these species.

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