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## Changing Walleye limits on Spirit Lake and North Spirit Lake

Spirit Lake and North Spirit Lake have Walleye limits that are in the slot, a daily catch of five fish, none between fourteen inches and eighteen inches, and only one over eighteen inches. This slot is based on preserving the primary spawning size fish. The WDNR has established that there is no natural spawning occurring in these lakes.

The Spirit Lakes Improvement Association, Inc. (SLIA) working with the WDNR has embarked on a program to stock fingerling Walleye in our lakes.

Since 2006 SLIA has stocked 10,415 Walleye fingerlings five to seven inches long at a cost of \$7,325.10 in Spirit Lake and North Spirit Lake. Additionally countless volunteer hours have been utilized to establish and maintain the stocking efforts.

SLIA believes the current bag limit for Walleye is detrimental to our stocking efforts.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Taylor County on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the WDNR to make necessary changes to the Wisconsin Fishing Regulations to eliminate the slot size on Spirit Lake and North Spirit Lake and change it to a minimum size limit of eighteen inches with a daily bag limit of three fish.

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