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Resolution: Trout Lake, Vilas County

Where as Trout Lake has shown the ability to grow trophy size walleyes in large numbers, due primarily to the cisco/whitefish food base.

Where as the walleye fishery, especially the over twenty (20) inch fish are predominantly female, is heavily impacted by hook and line anglers, especially early in the season.

Where as the reproduction of walleye is heavily impacted by the invasive rusty crayfish, with the exception of the Allequash Creek Refuge.

Where as these same rusty crayfish continue to destroy the aquatic plant beds critical to the health of Trout Lake and the survival of young walleye.

Where as there are no programs in effect to replace those aquatics or to remove the invasive crayfish to allow improved reproduction success.

Where as a larger population of larger female walleyes will go far to ensure some natural reproductive success.

Where as Warden personnel have documented numerous cases of over bagging/double tripping especially of larger fish.

Therefore the Department of Natural resources shall establish a bag limit of three (3) walleye, with a minimum size of fifteen (15) inches and allow only one (1) walleye per day over 20 inches to be taken. Further the possession limit for Trout Lake to be the same as the daily bag and size limits.

Respectfully submitted April 9, 2012,



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