

ATTENTION!

WALLEYE PRODUCTION GRANT APPLICANTS

The original Walleye Grant Application (Form 8700-344) and associated Guidance document were compiled on a relatively short timeline with no time available to completely vet them before their public release and posting to the WDNR website at the beginning of December 2013. Subsequent to the initial release, we have received a variety of constructive and insightful comments from stakeholders. Based on this feedback we have introduced several modifications to the Guidance document, which necessitated modifications to the application form. The previous Walleye Grant Application form and Guidance document were replaced on January 7, 2014 on the [Wisconsin Walleye Initiative web site](#). The modified Guidance document is identified as *Version 28-DEC-2013* on the title page.

Modifications include:

- **Green Egg and Small Fingerling Multipliers.** - The Department walleye **green egg and small fingerling multipliers of 3.4x and 1.3x, respectively, are no longer required** as the only alternative for determining an appropriate number of green eggs and/or small fingerlings to request from the Department to produce a predefined number of extended growth walleye fingerlings. Applicants should use multipliers based on their individual experience and hatchery production history. Applicant's requesting numbers based on multipliers different from the minimum acceptable value will be competitively evaluated on the merits of their entire proposal, and should include a brief description of their rationale in the Comments section of the Fish Provision Sheet section.
- **Average Length and Weight Count.** - The Department specified values for acceptable minimum average length and weight count for extended growth walleye **fingerlings of 6 inches and 16.5 fish/lb, respectively, are no longer required** as the only acceptable combination of criteria. Applicants should propose a delivery average length and weight count combination that they feel will be the most advantageous for their production goals, and should be based on their individual experience and hatchery production history. Applicant's listing acceptance criteria different from the minimal acceptance criteria will be competitively evaluated on the merits of their entire proposal, and should include a brief description of their rationale in the Comments section of the Fish Provision Sheet section.
- **Cost per Small Fingerling Walleye.** - The total cost per small walleye fingerling to be charged by the Department to provide an applicant with WDNR hatchery reared small walleye fingerlings from one of the designated genetic stocks at the applicant's specified level has been **updated to a value of \$0.157/fish**. This number represents the Department cost/fish specifically related to only walleye spawning, rearing and associated hatchery operation and maintenance activities.
- **Temperature of Rearing Unit and Stocked Water.** - The temperature of the rearing unit and water body being stocked has been **redefined to 65 degrees or less**, up from the original 60 degrees or less.
- **Fish Length and Weight Count Acceptance Criteria .** - In addition to specifying a genetic stock and stocking zone combinations on the application form's *Fish Provision Sheet* section (page 6 of 12), the applicant can now also specify the average fish length and weight count acceptance criteria for fish delivered to the Department for stocking. Two additional columns have been added – "Avg Length (measured) in inches" and "Number of Fish/lb at that Length" - between the "Stock" and "Stocking Zone" columns of the original table.

Please make sure you are using the latest version of Walleye Grant Application form and associated Guidance document (*Version 28-DEC-2013*) when submitting your official grant application package.