



Wisconsin Trout Management

Wisconsin Trout Fishing

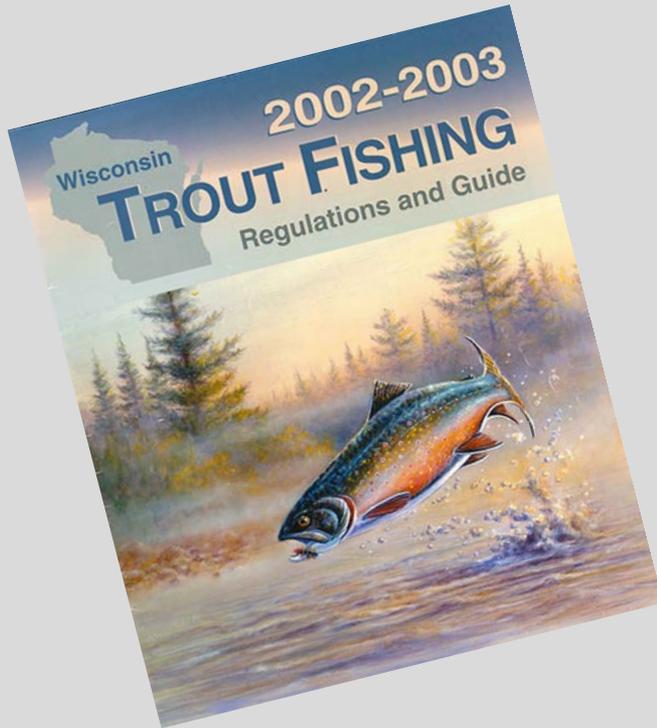
Is fantastic...

- Over 13,000 miles of trout streams
- Trout populations have increased
- Positive and large economic impact, **but...**



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- Regulations and seasons were **last revised in 2003**



03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14

11+ years!



Stakeholder Input

Since 2011.....

- 31 Public meetings
- 3 angler surveys
- Task Force stakeholder meetings
- Spring Hearing advisory questions



Wisconsin Trout Anglers Ask for.....

- More quality fishing opportunities
- Less confusing regulations
- Fewer special regulations



Trout Regulation Review Goals

- **Simplify** regulations and **retain** quality fishing
- **Increase** trout fishing opportunities and economic impact



Proposed Regulations (inland)

.....Based on biology and angler input

Simplify regulations and retain quality fishing

- Reduce categories & special regulations (management goals)
- More uniformity & clear boundaries
- Monitor & evaluate
- Update maps & tools



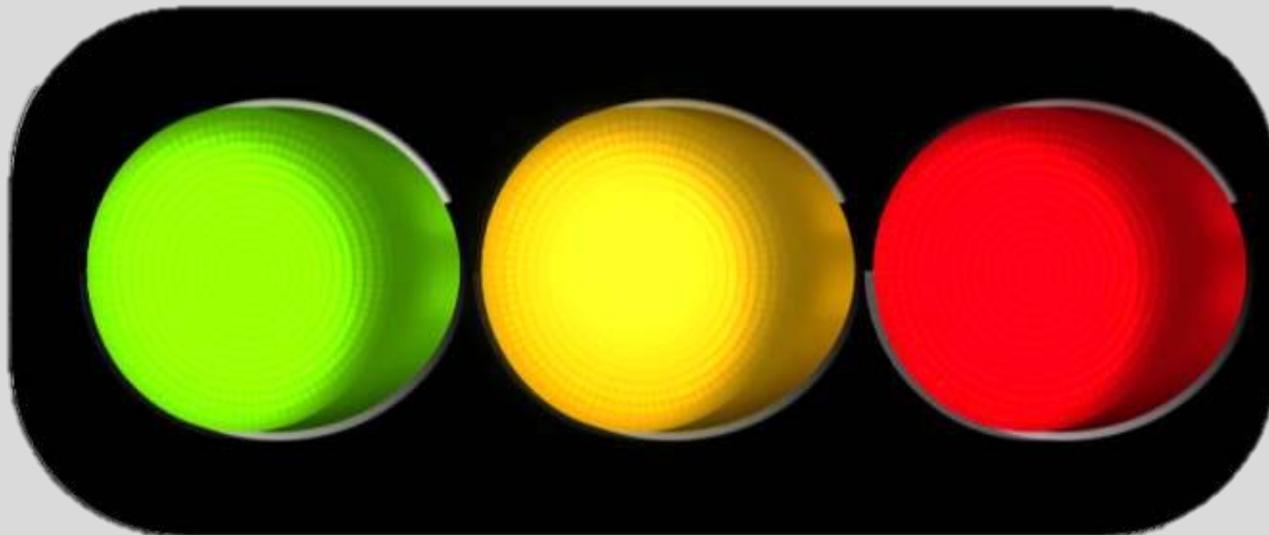
Proposed Regulations (inland)

Increase opportunity for all trout anglers

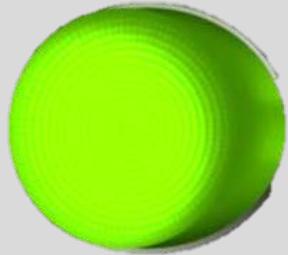
- Extend early season where it exists (catch & release) – January 1st
- Extend fall season statewide (harvest opportunities) – October 15th
- Eliminate 5-day closure (catch & release)
- Stocked lakes – gamefish season (May-March)



Stop Light concept for Inland Trout Regulations



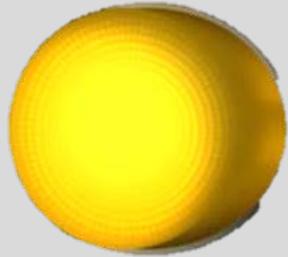
Stop Light for Inland Regulations



GO FISH – No
length limit, bag
limit 5, no bait
restriction

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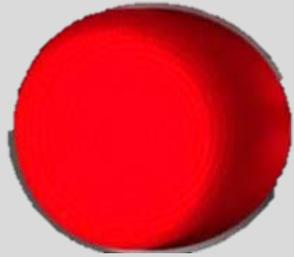
CAUTION –



8-inch length limit,
bag limit 3, no bait
restriction



Stop Light for Inland Regulations



STOP – Special regulations.
Understand the regulations before fishing



Possession Limit

Inland lakes, streams and spring ponds (brook, brown and rainbow)

- Total Daily Bag Limit 5
- Possession Limit 10

Inland Lake trout

- Possession Limit 2



Proposed Regulations Summary

Regulation Type	% Trout stream miles
No size limit (5 or more bag)	49%
Yellow (8" min, 3 bag)	35%
Artificial only	2.25%
High quality size structure (no bait restrictions)	6%



Timeline and Process



WCC District meetings – August 2014



Public meetings/stakeholder briefings – Summer/Fall 2014



Spring hearings – April 2015



Rules effective – Spring 2016



Summary



- Simplify and Standardize Regulations
- Increase Opportunities for all Anglers
- Tie Regulations to Management Goals
- Increase Economic Impact

