

**Appendix 1.** Public meeting and online survey respondent comments about the trout management program in Wisconsin. Comments submitted by survey respondents to question 25 are presented here as-is, with the exception of personally-identifying information and profanity removed (indicated by \*\*\*). Errors related to spelling and grammar have not been corrected.

<b>2001 Wisconsin Trout Angler Online Survey</b>	
<b>25.</b>	<b>Are there any comments or suggestions you would like to add? Are there any questions you would like to see added to our survey?</b>
1.	I feel beaver work on some waters to be a good thing like what their doing on the Ninemile, but would prefer the beaver work being done on the Evergreen to be left alone, the beaver in that water I have seen aren't causing any major silting or damage.
2.	I am just getting started in trout fishing and am enjoying it very much. There are many good opportunities near my home in Madison, and I will continue to support DNR efforts to improve stream habitat.
3.	I think trout fishing in Wisconsin is great! If I could make 1 suggestion to make it even better... focus on "wild" fish. I'll take 1 wild brown or brook trout over 5 hatchery fish any day. Thanks.
4.	All trout streams need to be looked at differently. Each has there own quality. I believe to let the streams reproduce naturally and set the regulations according to the quality of the stream.The current regulations have made Wisconsin one of the go to destinations for trout fishing, an example of this past weekend opening of the early season March 5th, 2011, running into well over 50 fisherman on a weekend that never got above freezing.
5.	Looking forward to this year's trout season
6.	I would like to see the trout fishing improved on the Wolf River, Peshtigo River, and South Branch of the Oconto River.
7.	Strongly support any efforts to manage fishery for recreation over harvest. Also would strongly support a late-season catch & release provided the DNR concludes this will not have negative impact on natural reproduction.
8.	Overall I think the fishing has been very good. I would like to see some year round fishing--perhaps catch & release? If not year round, then extend further into the fall (End the season November 30?)  Lastly--thank you. I have almost given up other types of fishing and exclusively trout fish. Currently trying to teach my 8 year old son to flyfish.
9.	Glad this is being done. Wisconsin should be a great Trout Stream state.
10.	Fishing residence is in Marquette County and I spend a lot of time fishing the Mecan, Chaffee, White, Wedde and Lawrence. Yet the Lawrence is the only stream that provides any quantity of fish anymore. Outside of the HEX hatch, fishing the Mecan and White is more an act of walking than fishing.
11.	A guide telling of public access to streams. I tried to fish the pine river this year but drove up & down it looking for a place to get on it, with no luck
12.	Any special (early or late) trout season should not, in any way restrict, access to any group or type of fisherman via artificial only and catch and release rules. These rules don't protect fish, plain and simple. These kinds of rules are meant primarily to establish private playgrounds for the fly fisher and catch and release crowd. They want the crick to themselves and this restricts the very old, the young and inexperienced, and the traditional fishers who have every right in the world to go to a stream and catch a fish with a worm, minnow, salmon egg, or natural nymph. This just isn't fair - and you know it that is the case.

13.	<p>Take away artificial lures only regulations. It makes very little sense saying a circle hook is more dangerous than a treble hooked artificial lure. This regulation is clearly set up to benefit fly fisherman. Many kids get into trout fishing using live bait. I think artificial lures only regulations greatly limit some from getting into the sport. It is basically a form of segregation in the trout fishing world. This is coming from someone who enjoys fly fishing. I just think everyone should be treated fairly.</p> <p>I also would like to see the trout size limits lowered. I prefer to eat the smaller trout that seem to be everywhere in many streams.</p>
14.	Extending the C&R season in the fall is my #1 wish
15.	I love Wisconsin trout fishing and just would like to streamline the regulations a bit more
16.	Get rid of artificial only regulations, they are discriminatory. Make regulations uniform. I wish there were no minimum size limits so I could keep the smaller ones.
17.	I think extending the trout season in the fall and spring are bad ideas. Year round trout fishing would be okay, but only if there was no fishing during the perceived spawning periods.
18.	I like stream bank improvement on some stretches of streams but I really think some areas of woody cover need to be left. Don't take out all the wood and shade.
19.	I like the fact that you guys are reviewing the regulations. I would use caution though. Wisconsin is now a world class fishery, if changes are made make smaller changes and build from there. Don't make any changes that are too drastic.
20.	I love to fish trout and steelhead. I think there are too many fly only elitist's. I use whatever method work for me on a trip sometime spinners sometimes worms/bait or flies and nymphs. All methods should be legal everywhere we should not work one group of fisherman against another. Manage resource with limits not tackle restrictions. I have noticed over the last 20 years a major shift from bait and artificial angling to fly fishing and total c&r numbers of trout up quality gone. you can only support so much bio mass per river mile it can be a varied size structure like the old days. Or you can have thousands of 8 to 10 inch fish which is currently happening on the Rush river. used to get a wide variety of sizes even some monster now with fly c&r stunted minnows no interest going there anymore.
21.	I am overall satisfied with the trout fishing in Wisconsin, I am just not a fan of closed seasons but I understand the need for natural reproduction. I would rather have the beaver dams in place for the pools they create above.
22.	there is a lot of grate stream to fish. the only thing i don't like is the mud in some streams. they have gravel bottom, the mud builds up any time it rains they become unfishable. that is my only complaint.
23.	Would like to see more catch & release streams.
24.	no
25.	<p>Thanks DNR for making Wis. one of my favorite places visit. Y'all do a great job with your resources. I was just talking with *** the other day about fishing around Richland Center again this May. He's a great ambassador for the Driftless Area and has a true love of the streams. Now that I'm retired maybe and I can fish your rivers and streams more than once or twice a year. I would like to have info on how I could help with some stream restorations. If you have any contacts let me know...***</p> <p>Thanks, ***</p>
26.	Love the WI regs and management - keep up the good work. I have family in Green Bay and fish the Lake MI tribes and Brule in the fall as well. Keep up the good work, but I would like to see fewer LUNKER structures where possible (maybe more on DNR land than landowner leased areas) and more natural bank management with periodically burned grass and prairie plants.
27.	Thank you for your stream restoration projects. I have seen many streams that were on the brink of death: Larson Coulee, Burns, and Church Creeks that have been brought to life with all your hard

	<p>work.</p> <p>I would like to see a uniform stream regulation. If it's category II, it should be the entire creek, same as any other category. This multiple categories on one stream is very confusing to the angler.</p>
28.	I would love catch and release to start right after regular season ends
29.	I'm a fan of catch-and-release regulations and artificial lures only. I'm not a fan of any move to regulations that allow more harvest of fish. I don't buy the argument that looser regulations will increase recruitment and retention of young anglers. Keep the regulations you need to protect the fish stocks; true anglers will keep buying licenses and supporting your programs.
30.	Spring Pond dredging in Sullivan Springs in Oconto County and Goodman Springs in Vilas County have greatly reduced quality of fishing. Please study why this hasn't worked in these two ponds. Also Black Jack Springs in Vilas County has lost all trout. This needs study as well. Stream work in SW WI is great.
31.	Not very concerned about complexity of regulations, would prefer the best regulations for each fishery. Strongly support expansion of trout fishing season, ideally to year round, assuming it could be structured in a way to minimize negative impact to the trout
32.	I THINK THAT THAT SOME OF THE STREAMS ARE A WASTE OF MONEY. MANY LISTED IN THE BOOK ARE WARM WATER MANURE STREAMS. THE DNR NEEDS TO GO THROUGH THE LISTED ONES AND CONDUCT SURVEYS ON WATER TEMPS AND QUALITY BEFORE SPENDS MORE FUNDS ON THEM. IF THE STREAM HAS WATER COLD ENOUGH TO SUPPORTS TROUT YEAR ROUND, EVEN WITH SPRING FLOODING THEN I SUPPORT IT. I TRAVEL AROUND MANY DAYS A YEAR AND GO TO A LISTED STREAMS AND NOTHING BUT CHUBS AND MUD. ALSO, LAWS SHOULD BE PLACED THAT IF YOUR PROPERTY HAS ANY STREAMS THROUGH IT, 1 ACCESS MUST BE GRANTED, 2 STRICT REGULATION OF FARMING PRACTICES, LIVE STOCK AND FERTILIZERS.
33.	The rules are so complex that it is hard to get young people excited about trout fishing.
34.	Keep doing what you're doing, DNR
35.	I support the following: 1. A longer season. 2. The longer season extension being catch and release only. 3. Higher out of state license fees.
36.	Do not let fly-fishermen or TU dictate or influence stream regulations and rules. Continue to research and develop non-artificial habitat improvement i.e the Duck Egg Forest or Neprud Property. LUNKERS have run their course and are not needed as trout populations have improved over the last 20+ years. Trout are not rare, their populations are healthy (in some streams too healthy). Use catch and release on streams used for brood stock or rare genetic strains in peril.
37.	Lack of stocking and low water conditions have drastically reduced trout populations in the north central area that I fish. This completely does not follow the recently released articles of how greatly the trout fishing has recently improved throughout Wisconsin. Extensive trout stream improvements on area streams have NOT improved the fishing.
38.	<p>Regarding Question #22, you might want to consider options that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- trout streams that no longer have trout</li> <li>- trout streams that are too crowded.</li> </ul> <p>Regarding managing trout resources, I'd like to see:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Regulations based more on science rather than local social pressure</li> <li>2) Trout season to remain closed after 9/30</li> <li>3) More management tailored for quality trout fishing</li> <li>4) More access acquired on private property</li> <li>5) More protection of ground water/aquifers</li> <li>6) More fencing of streams that flow through pastures</li> </ol>

	<p>7) Better land use practices in ag areas  8) Better control of storm water and runoff  9) More bank stabilization and erosion control  10) More information/monitoring of possible privatization of navigable streams</p>
39.	<p>Very happy with the opportunities to trout fish in the area. Some days are to catch for food, others days just to fish regardless of what I catch. 'Trophy' fish go back, regardless...just shows the program is working.</p>
40.	<p>I would like the seasons to be longer, regardless if they are C&amp;R or regular, not having about 6 months of the year for trouting is rough. Areas are open earlier and certainly later than the present seasons' dates, it would be nice to have another reason not to sit around the house.</p> <p>Another small comment is that I'd like to see some places where there is an option to use a live bait with flyrods, as far as I can find flyrods always have to use artificial lures. If these regs do exist, please disregard. Thank you for the continued work!</p>
41.	<p>It is important to have strong ground water and Farm rule to control non point pollution such as farm and urban run off. This is key.</p> <p>Continue the great DNR, county and TU programs to restore streams. This is very important and I would support higher fees for this to move forward.</p>
42.	<p>I think that the trout fishing is very good in my area. I would very much support the idea allowing early season trout fisherman to keep one trout per day. Although I take every step to ensure a quick catch and release to ensure the trouts survival there are times when a fish tires and is exauhsted after the catch, if this trout cannot survive every ethical bone in my body believes that I should harvest the catch and utilize the resource. This scenario is not common for me when I fish but it has happened in the past. I typically spend 10-20 (3-4 hour) days on the water in the early season and sometimes catch up to 60 trout and I would estimate that about 2 a year die.</p> <p>Lastly I strongly disagree with allowing barbed hooks in the early catch and release season if you cannot keep any fish because the mortality numbers will only increase with barbed hooks. Sure a few nice trout shake a lure without barbs but if it means killing a nice fish and not being able to keep it I will take the chance of loosing that fish. I do believe that the early season should remain as artificial lures only because if folks are using live bait there may be higher mortality rates.</p> <p>Please reconsider the season based on the above facts!!!</p>
43.	<p>I think an extended season for inland stream trout fishing would be incredible. The only concern I have is disruption of redds after spawning season. Perhaps the season could be structured around that? Also, I believe trophy fish should not be killed, and so it makes sense to me to have a slot size regulation for trout. Brook trout between 7 and 13 inches, Brown trout between 8 and 16 inches. There are world-class fisheries in other locales where this sort of rule is in place. We have a lot of fish in our trout streams, but many of them are small and fewer of them are large.</p> <p>The other comment I have is that I believe the state should work hard to strengthen public access rights where streams exist. The "wet foot" rule is great, but I think either the acquisition of more trout stream land, or significant financial benefits to landowners for easements would continue to open up opportunities for trout fishing.</p> <p>Thanks!  ***</p>
44.	<p>I live right across the Mississippi in Red Wing, MN and fish Pierce County streams a lot. I think Marty Engle and his crew do a good job. I think it is important that as fishermen, we understand what fisheries personnel are doing and why.</p> <p>I do not like the "lunkers and rock" type of habitat improve that I'm seeing a lot of being done. I understand why they do it, but I believe it is unnecessary in most places. I'd like to see more being done with prairie grass and just bank sloping and seeding. I'm no expert in this area, but I really get disappointed when I see all our smaller trout streams turned into little lunker-infested "Mctroutstreams".</p>

	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>***</p>
45.	Get rid of artificial only regulations. They are unfair to bait anglers and there is no scientific reason to exclude an entire class of anglers.
46.	Q 22 answer not shown. It is to far to drive to the streams.
47.	Mecan river has been overrun with carp, fishing in the areas I have fished for years is suffering.
48.	would like to see more streams with trout in fond du lac county. there are 3 streams listed as having trout but it is very hard to find one. fished over 100hrs and only caught 2 fish. seen 4. not very good. also it would be a good idea to support barbless hooks for all trout fishing to lower the mortality rate on smaller, to be released, fish. thanx for this oppertunity!
49.	I would like to see LESS clearing of trees near trout streams. I feel like almost all restoration projects are designed to increase opportunity for the fly fisherman. I feel they have plenty of cleared areas to allow for their style of fishing. Thank You
50.	I spend a lot of money in WI because of the quality trout fishing. Please keep up the good work and limit killing.
51.	There is nothing wrong with current system, that a few added trout regulations won't improve. Including NOT allowing harvest of ANY trout OVER 12 inches by any means!!
52.	Please do not implement any 'fly only, artificial only' section of streams. This will only cause elitism and conflict. The streams in my area have improved without these regulations and support a broad base of fisherman. Also with declining numbers of kids and the need to keep hunting and fishing going there is no need for this.
53.	Beaver Control program is a concern - I am also a duck hunter and I don't like the policy of complete removal. I think there needs to be a balance between allowing some beaver pond habitat for ducks. This is a tough one to balance, but there should be some consideration of the value of wetland created by Beaver.
54.	get rid of that one week closure between the early and regular seasons
55.	Do not let catch and release fishing when trout are spawning.
56.	I definitely want to see more artificials only streams with catch and release regulations as well as more fly fishing only waters.
57.	I would like to see the regulations changed on the Prairie River. I recommend a 10" size limit for Brook Trout and a 14" size limit for Brown Trout. This I think would help the fishery restore it's former glory. Thanks
58.	Thank you for doing this survey. Obviously I'm biased toward the fishing I have locally but I appreciate the DNR's work on all the State's streams.
59.	I have stopped fishing certain streams near Madison because they are too crowded.
60.	<p>The trout regulation system is damned near perfect. Some streams could use tweaking, but a total overhaul would be insane. Trout fishing is better than ever, and we have more money being spent on it than ever -- helping local economies to the tune of 100's of millions of dollars every year.</p> <p>If you are thinking of changing the system just to change it, or to make a few vocal complainers happy, just don't. It's a great system with chances for everyone - from bait anglers to spin fishermen to fly anglers.</p> <p>People complain because they have nothing better to do -- but it isn't broken; don't try to fix it.</p>

	You'd only kill a good thing.
61.	there are many great streams out there that I think need restoring or at least an attempt. in kewaunee and door county I can think of at least 6 streams that used to contain trout and now there nowhere to be found restorations and stricter regulations on those streams I believe would have a great impact on the sport and a greater appreciation for those streams.
62.	Thank you for doing this survey.
63.	I trust the DNR fish biologists to make good decisions. Certainly they know more about these issues than I do.
64.	I have been threatened by landowners for trespassing, including one threat to shoot me if I didn't leave, and I was wading the centerline of the stream across that property. Posted property when wading the middle of streams with the sign hung over the middle of the stream should not be allowed. When I have to stop fishing a stream out of fear of my personal safety is just plain wrong.
65.	Please don't dumb down the regulations.
66.	You should ask some questions regarding effort.
67.	The groundwater issue is a major factor for trout survival in the area I enjoy fishing the most. The Little Plover River (Portage Co.) every summer is drying up due to "unknown factors". There is the logical solution to the problem and then there is what is being done.
68.	Continue to manage trout streams scientifically. Do NOT give in to the small-minded vocal miscreants who can't read.
69.	You have done a great job with trout management, don't undo it by having regulations the same across all streams and increased bag limits. Have more artificial/catch and release only sections. It always amazes me how fishing can be so good on say the Upper White in Bayfield county when the season first begins and then as the discarded bait containers on the shoreline continue to build up as the season progresses the fishing gets worse.
70.	I am satisfied with trout regulations. Wish there were more funds to acquire access rights and do stream restoration.
71.	I feel that Wisconsin has done a fantastic job with stream management. There are areas for improvement such as more catch and release and artificial only sections on certain rivers. I find after the worm fisherman hit the streams the quality of fish go down drastically. The recent suggestion of lifting some of the size restrictions that have been instituted in Wisconsin's fisheries management would reduce the number of opportunities for fisherman to catch trophy size trout as well as reduce numbers. If they need to simplify the regulations make it no trout can be taken. That would make it simple enough for people to understand, but is not necessary. Keep the balance and the current slot regulations. Why do they use slot limits for trophy walleye management? Don't they think the number of Minnesota licenses sold would override the regulatory costs if there is a chance for an out-of-stater to catch a some trout as well as a trophy?
72.	Thank you for an excellent survey. Fisheries have made very good progress to improve cold water fisheries. There seems to be an undercurrent that regulations need to change. I would suggest that those requesting such changes either don't understand the fisheries or are thinking in about the short term. Speaking as a person that actually takes part in stream improvement and working with the DNR: I would approve of more money being allocated to cold water resources and giving credit to the improvements that have been made. This is a new erra that requires greater measures of conservation in order to support the increased demand on the resources and the declining quality of the water resources themselves. Unlimited ground water extraction and contamination of surface water (thermal and chemical) needs to be addressed. Thank for your work. Sincerely, ***

73.	I hope that Wisconsin continues the stream restoration program.
74.	Kweep up the good work!
75.	Good survey; fairly well satisfied with things; don't make many changes
76.	I strongly believe in tailoring regulations to the water.
77.	Thank you for the survey. Is there any information provided to farmers that indicates the hazards of farming land near stream beds (I understand that many may have been farming some areas for many years and feel no need to change). Also are there any incentives for converting agricultural land near streams to their natural state or using vegetation buffers of some sort to prevent excessive runoff (even small incentives may work for some concerned farmers: i.e. free trout stamp for life for restoring land near trout stream).
78.	Are there any ways to improve seeforellen habitat and program?
79.	Overall, trout fishing in Wisconsin is great! I typically fish Southwest Wisconsin. There seems to be a lot of streams with regulations that favor fisherman that use artificial bait.
80.	Trout fishing in Northern Wisconsin is not the same as southern. I do not agree with generic statements from the DNR that trout fishing is improving in this state. In the SW, yes. In the northern, no. We have overharvested and do not protect the native Brook Trout. DNR project managers have not received support from Madison for more restrictive rules to allow fish to grow and have a sustainable, natural population density size distribution in the streams. Do not agree with debate about youth opportunities being limited by regulations. That's just not true and DNR needs to stop listening to vocal public interest groups and get more restrictive regulations in place, where it could result in better trout populations. People do want to catch mature fish...not just dinks.
81.	I wish you would consider allowing some bait fishing on the Mekan river downstream from Dakota to the Germania marsh. Maybe this could be done on a rotating basis. Allow a limit of two, but no size restriction Too many small fish that get deep hooked, but have to be tossed because of size requirement. Why have you taken away the barbless hook law for the early season? I wish for all seasons you would require barbless hooks.
82.	How about fishing survey for the great lakes? Are you going to increase stocking programs in the great lakes and green bay in particular? Are you going to reintroduce lake trout in green bay?
83.	i think lower bag limits and higher size limits would make fishing more fun.... an increase in license fees would allow more fish stocking and restoration programs and i would be willing to pay and im sure eveyone else would too
84.	The current trout regulations are just fine. There is no need to change the regs and destroy what WI has done to create one of the best trout fisheries anywhere. Also, I have all but quit fishing the Tomorrow River near Amherst, WI. When will they remove the dam in Amherst? This dam is killing the lower Tomorrow River. Water temps get over 70 degrees in the summer. Also, can the regs around central WI become tighter? Many streams are yellow. These streams can not handle the abuse they take. Maybe a change to green 4 fish 9" min? Central sands streams just don't have the output of sw WI streams.  There are some out there that feel these current regs are making it harder for kids to fish. I don't believe it! My 6 year old goes with me all the time. Parents need to take kids fishing at stop letting the TV babysit their kids. These current regs are easy to follow. All you need to do is open them up and read! They are not hard to follow.
85.	The main reason I did the survey was to add my input to the season opener. I would like to be able to catch trout on live bait earlier than the current opener. I think the current management practices are working great, I would just like to be able to start earlier.
86.	I feel I haven't trout fished long enough to answer some of the questions about changes over time. Also, in my experience, I seem to catch more brook trout in slower moving, often un-restored

	sections of streams. As Wisconsin's only truly native trout, I would like to see brook trout thrive, but I also enjoy fishing on restored sections of streams. Finally, I would really appreciate a year-round open trout season, even if it were catch and release for the fall and winter. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback!
87.	There are a number of streams I fish that I would like to see more quality trout, and less "dinkers" under 12"...though having some creek with high populations make it good fun for beginners or kids. Brook trout habitat seems to be improving. Some stream could still use better farmland management (esp castle rock). I rarely fish weekends because of how busy some rivers are.
88.	I do believe the DNR are doing a good job with management. Especially with the financial limits given to you. The extremists push to categorize all of WI streams into a simplified system, catch & Keep on all streams is absurd. I would like more emphasis on those streams/systems, that have potential for a quality or trophy management, to be done.
89.	The slot limits appear to be working well. There needs to be a balance of the type of trout fishing opportunities if possible. For instance, the Kinni is a great fishery for numbers of 12" brown trout, but very rare for a trophy. Which is fine. However, the Rush used to be considered a premiere WI trophy stream, now it is very similar size of fish to the Kinni. I believe, if it is possible, that each region is managed for trophy opportunities.
90.	I really like the idea of keeping the season open year round and having catch and release from October 1st through the first Saturday in May.
91.	What you call stream improvements sometimes turn prime stream habitat into open fields that warm too quickly and allow everyone and their brother to access them. I enjoy fishing streams that require some skill and effort.
92.	I used to enjoy night fishing on the Tomorrow River with live bait. I released about 85% of fish caught. Usually keeping only legal bleeding trout. This was an exciting and yet eerie way to fish lots of critters at night.
93.	I wish one trout over 12" could be harvested from Burnett County streams. Every season I catch 5 or 6 larger trout well over 12" from the Clam River but cannot keep them. It's kind of disappointing.
94.	A year-round season in WI would be an excellent idea. Keep up the good work.
95.	no
96.	Streams listed on question #20 are ones that I fish within reasonable day trip driving distance from my home. I fish the Upper Wolf River in Langlade County as much for the scenery as the fishing. Hopefully fishing can be improved for that river.
97.	The DNR should be allowed to continue regulating trout streams on science-based methods of stream assessment and trout populations. It is my opinion that the fisheries biologists know what they are doing and have done it well.
98.	no
99.	You should really stock Rainbow Lake by Straight Lake. I already fish it and you can catch golden shiners left and right but I'd rather fish for trout.
100.	To: Wisconsin DNR... Trout fishing in Washington & Waukesha counties was excellent in 2010. Hopefully 2011 will prove productive as well.--I'm sure it will. The only request I do have is to extend the regular trout season ending Sept.30th to the third or fourth week of Oct. Trout fishing Wisconsin during the peak of autumn would be a truly awesome experience. Wishing all of you at DNR a prosperous year. Sincerely, ***. ---Washington County, WI.
101.	We need less intensive agriculture in trout stream watersheds. I wish I knew of more opportunities in southern WI to fish for trout while canoeing/kayaking (Like The Yellow River in Northeast Iowa.)

102.	<p>This survey ***! There are too many questions that are nebulous at best, and STUPID at worst! That is the problem with surveys - those who construct them operate within their own set of biases, and thus they do not allow a wider range of options for answers.</p> <p>P.S. ***!!!!!!!</p>
103.	<p>I truly hope that they will stock the lakes in Bayfield County such as Perch and Wanoka in 2011. By not stocking most ponds and trout lakes in 2010 my grand-kids missed out on a lot of fun and some good eating. And so did I! The lakes and ponds make for some relaxing fishing and the trout are often very good eating. When in the lakes for a while some even have nice sweet pink flesh. I didn't mention my 2nd and 3rd favorite trout streams because they are productive and I've only seen 3 other fishermen on them in over 40 years. They provide small but delicious trout. Good luck with your Trout Program review.</p>
104.	<p>your trout unlimited are ruining the streams by cutting all the tress an bush an shade away..making it for fly fishing??</p>
105.	<p>one thing i have noticed over the last couple years...it seems some of the inland stocked trout lakes/ponds, have been taking over by mr. and mrs. largemouth bass. dont get me wrong, i think everyone enjoys fishing for a largemouth. i have noticed in the last couple years, you catch less trout and seem to have a better day catching bass. i'm of course talking in the lincoln county harrison hills area (lake ament and lake tahoe). i have also noticed it at other lakes as well. is there anything that can be done about that? probably not. one last thing, i feel wisconsin spends more time and money on other game fish, not fully relizing the potential of growth with trout fishing in the state. on opening weekend, you're lucking if you can find a parking spot at most trout lakes. i can't say, ive experience that when fishing for other game fish opening weekend. theres something very natural and true about trout and people love that.</p>
106.	<p>Need more widespread hands on activity by the DNR. Some stream and pond regulations are outdated on certain bodies of water due to changes in habitat and population, but remain unchanged. The DNR seems unaware of the current status of many streams and populations in them. Too much is devoted to the southwest portion of the state, while the rest of the state seems largely ignored.</p>
107.	<p>95% of my fishing is done in wisconsin.</p>
108.	<p>Use science to make decisions, not fisherman attitudes/politics. Manage for native fish and fish reproduction over stocking. Do not stock non-natives, even rainbows, browns or salmon.</p>
109.	<p>How do you like the trout regulation booklet? How could it be improved? by adding a "how to use this book" or "how to find a stream &amp; its regulation" in the front section.</p> <p>Do you think the price of the trout stamp is fair? should the stampo cost be higher? yes</p>
110.	<p>keep science in the forefront of determining trout regulations.</p>
111.	<p>The state needs more artificial only and no keep stretches on the rivers. Stop catering to meat fisherman. Trout are a resource that must be kept in quality numbers to make money. Letting work dunkers and power baiter take trophies out of quality water takes dollars out of the state.</p>
112.	<p>Please increase your stocking program in the Central and Northern Wisconsin counties. It appears that most of your efforts are in the southern and south western counties. Have you forgotten about us or is it all about politics and dollars?</p>
113.	<p>Less stocking; more habitat restoration; increase science-based size and bag regulation; lower bag limits overall; more headwaters protection to reduce water temps; reduce groundwater withdrawals by agricultural users. Stop any further groundwater withdrawal by commercial bottlers. These last two suggestions most important to me: Add flyfishing only regulation to sections of Rush River. Add flyfishing only regulation to Bois Brule River upstream of Big Lake to Cty Road S.</p>
114.	<p>I am somewhat opposed to the stocking of trout in downtown Waupaca areas. I would like to see more stocked outside of town instead. Too many people fish downtown on the opener, making trout mortality really high. It seems like a waste of money raising these fish in our hatcheries and then</p>

	have them die after the season opens. It would be better to stock legal trout downtown. Then anglers would still buy licenses, have lasting memories, and be able to eat what they catch. But only if stocking downtown Waupaca is for promotional purposes.
115.	Brook Trout must be protected during spawning season.
116.	If a lake or creek is not currently stocked, why even print it on the regs? A lot of these creeks are just trickles.
117.	Please take into account the differences between northern streams and southern streams. I don't believe the successes from the Stevens Point study apply to the northern streams. The Stevens Point study is flawed in its numbers of category 5 water in the north by including L. Superior tribs. Harvest is a problem in the north. Please try to bring quality opportunities to the north.
118.	Expand trout opportunities in Dodge County. May not be possible with water quality but maybe establish a stocked pond with full public access somewhere central in the county. The few fisheries in Dodge Co. are not easily accessible and the fishing is not very good.
119.	I would like the DNR to continue with science based management for wild trout. I would prefer more stream restoration be done too, as many of the streams have become degraded via erosion, farm runoff, low water, etc.
120.	The Little Lemonweir near Hustler, WI needs immediate attention. Beaver moved in and with them the otter. The otter have really destroyed this fishery. We would often see them on every outing and we fish nightly during the fly hatches. Additionally, if you have extra funds available, Holton Creek which feeds the Fountain Creek and the Little Lemonweir could use improvement. Many, many brooks spawn their but it is not the best spawning grounds. Very much sediment.
121.	More catch and release streams, better oversight on poachers and litterers, no treble hooks, year around catch and release, shorter regular season, keeping the funds raised from license sales funding the great lakes salmon and trout spawning programs and not anything bot trout or fish related, real water quality regulation ( including programs or laws keeping cows out of trout streams) and criminal liability for willful or reckless release of pollutants into Wisconsin waters, higher minimum size, and a mandatory fishing etiquette class at least once before a fishing license can be obtained.
122.	Comment on trout kept for eating; I generally only keep trout that have been foul hooked or otherwise will have a high mortality rate.
123.	Is there any way to make a "Minnesotans only" time on our local rivers? I agree that they pay twice what I do for license and stamps and they are eager to clean the Rush every spring, but they often treat locals like a bunch of hillbilies
124.	Please set up a catch and release season for winter!
125.	I would like to see a bag limit of at least 5 on most waters. With the high cost of fuel it is hard for me to justify two trips to a stream to get a meal of trout. More uniform regulations would be very helpful. I would like to see more cutting of tag alders on the smaller streams. Many small streams are nearly impossible to fish.
126.	I am a member of TU and have worked alongside the DNR on a number of restoration projects. They do a wonderful job and I wish that more funding was available for such work.
127.	I would like to see a 5 fish bag with no minimum size limit for all the streams I fish in Crawford & Vernon Counties, if it will not hurt the populations( which I don't think it will). I just hate having to release undersized fish when I know they are going to die because they are badly injured. I drive 20-40 miles one way to fish these streams and it would be nice to be able to keep a couple of extra fish, with the high price of gas and all.
128.	Out of state anglers need to pay more for their fishing licenses and trout stamps. The TU/KiApTuWish chapters are mostly minnesotans looking out for their best interests - and have the time and money to invest more to enjoy what Wisconsin trout streams have to offer. I have been squeezed out and discriminated against by them for being a bait fisherman. There are 3 streams that i no longer fish

	<p>because of the number of minnesota fly anglers piled up at bridges and stream accesses. These folks think that because they do stream rehab it now belongs to them and bait fishermen need to keep out. Their thought is that trout are not for harvest PERIOD. I am sick of these people and their interests and the numbers of them. Make them pay more for their out of state interests! They have ruined trout fishing in Minnesota and will do the same in Wisconsin - that is why they are in our state! There are local rod&amp;guns/sportsmen's clubs in wisconsin that can offer the same thing (stream rehab), but do not have the same TU agenda that out of staters have (Catch and release only).</p> <p>Please add the following questions to the survey:  are you concerned with the number of out-of-state anglers? does this limit the number of streams you fish?  would you consider joining TU / special interest group?  would you consider joining a local rod &amp; gun / sportsmens club?  what price should an out of state angler pay for a fishing license &amp; trout stamp?</p>
129.	<p>Trout fishing is very hard. Simplify the regulations. I want to catch and eat; not catch and release. Focus more on habitat and natural reproduction than stocking. I want to catch real wild fish, not a stocked population.</p> <p>Focus on habitat and access; let the fisherman do the rest with simple regulations.</p>
130.	<p>What region do you mostly fish?  What type of streams do you mostly fish?  What region would like to see more stream improvement and management?</p>
131.	<p>Longer seasons would be great we are missing out on some excellent opportunities in October and November. How about a separate license for time frame through early season. I would gladly pay another license fee if it met extending the season thru November. I am ok with closing the season for rifle season</p>
132.	<p>I would like to see more trophy oportunities on certain waters.</p>
133.	<p>Some smaller streams develop large sized brown trout only to have bait fisherman remove them from deep holes illegally, good example Bluff Creek in Walworth county.</p>
134.	<p>I only fish the put n' take lakes of Waukesha county. great fun. last year stocking was down. i hope not this year.</p>
135.	<p>Tell the public where trout are planted; make that info easily accessible.</p>
136.	<p>We need to have stiffer regulations that limit the amount of trout kept. I'm in favor of a bag limit of no more then 1 trout on all streams in Wisconsin. If a trout must be kept there should be a size limit with no trout kept above 11" for brookies and 13" for browns. Catch and Release is really the way to go to preserve the resource.</p>
137.	<p>Year round catch and release trout fishing would be great.</p>
138.	<p>WI DNR is doing a great job partnering with Trout Unlimited to restore cold water resources - keep up the nice work!</p>
139.	<p>Please release trout in the north eastern Lakes like Thunder Lake and little cub lake. In 2010 you did not release any trout in these waters. The kids really enjoy this! The streams are too hard for a younger child to fish.</p>
140.	<p>Need More done to improve stream quality</p>
141.	<p>Thanks for the good work the DNR does.</p>
142.	<p>There needs to be better regulations and better stocking especially in the tomorrow river in Portage county. just because people say that they cant meat fish just say well thats to bad because the dnr gives in to much. you are the law and no one can say anything because there are lots of people</p>

	taking under sized fish anyway! and the game warden needs to be out more i have only seen 1 game warden in my life and that was at a fishing tournament! also the dnr needs to cut back on the brown trout stocking and try some tiger trout, brook trout, rainbow and also in the lakes you should try splake trout there were some in the chain o lakes but now they are all gone if you want more input call me at 715-592-3629 ask for Nico thanks for what you guys are doing i like this you should do this every year
143.	Why am I catching small mouth and northern in the S. Branch of the Oconto River? Are temps warming in the river? It's a really beautiful spot, but what's happening to the trout?
144.	Make fishing less complicated less rules. More free family fishing weekends.
145.	Thr drought has hurt N.E Wisconsin brook trout fishing. Along with the lack of rain comes increased pressure on our ground water resource. Need to protect our ground water. Runoff is STILL a major problem. I've grown up trout fishing Spring ponds and flowages and to watch them fill up with with run off and plant decay breaks my heart. I think we are lossing some our BEST brook trout water in these ponds and flowages.
146.	Continue to make trout regulations based on best science and to manage the fisheries within their local environment and conditions
147.	A year around season with possibly lower bag limits for part of it.
148.	Why has the DNR stock 7,000 trout last year and 7,000 trout a few years ago in Deep Lake, Adams County a lake that is less than 50 acres. The public access is a joke. It is a dock that set over a very shallow shore line that runs out 40 to 50 yards. I fished it twice last year and using my best fishing tackle and I was only able to catch one fish. A kid could not catch a trout there!!!!
149.	Easier and more access points for stream entry. Maybe some sort of trail system. Better landowner cooperation for trout fisherman. Immediate removal of trees that have fallen across streams from storms that block access up/down stream (Rush River specifically).
150.	It would be nice if the catch and release season ran from Oct. 1 to the start of regular season, I think it would help reduce some of the pressure during the start of the early season now as it has become very popular among many anglers.
151.	Not a big fan of the current regulations with colored stream indicators etc.
152.	Make it easier for us to access quality trout streams when it's surrounded private property. I think that's the number 1 thing that stops me from fishing for trout the most.
153.	Simplify the regs!!!
154.	I believe everything is moving in the right direction and the right attitudes about how to protect and preserve the cold water resource are taking hold.
155.	Need to maintain a diversity of choices for trout anglers, just as we have a diversity of streams. Sometimes I want to catch fewer but larger trout, and sometimes I want to bring home some for the pan--but not trophy trout.  Habitat restoration and access acquisition are crucial to the state's trout management program and need to be continued with DNR's strongest support.
156.	Only streams I've stopped fishing are because they're too crowded - I find less crowded rivers instead.
157.	Mitch Bent had some interesting observations concerning slot size regulations which don't seem to be improving trout numbers or size. In the Wolf River since there is such a poor carryover I think youth under 16yrs should have no size limit. What is major cause of low trout numbers? In this financial atmosphere I don't see increasing stocking happening, if that is the answer.

158.	I would like to see better signage at stream access points -- both to identify that it's an access point and to specify the regulations.
159.	(1)The partnerships between private organizations (TU, TPE, Pheasants Forever etc), private landowners and WDNR have been great for trout fishing. Nurture and grow these partnerships. (2) I would like to see accurate stocking data placed online in timely fashion. (3) You do not ask about rainbow trout, but they have good entertainment value in some streams and they are good to eat.
160.	The past restoration project on Sugar Creek in Crawford county has been great for Sugar creek. Catch and release seasons promote opportunities for illegal harvest and accidental death of trout. I support getting ride of it completely. Thanks for great trout fishing in Wisconsin!
161.	Use some of the trout stamp money to brush steam banks instead of extensive in stream work. We loose miles of fishing water to save a 40 or two.
162.	<p>Going to a year round or extending the catch and release season later into to the fall or year round would be a great idea. I would also be in support of extending the catch and release portion of the season.</p> <p>This would be a general comment for Trout and bass in some rivers that are fed by trout streams. I would be in favor of a one fish bag limit (higher then average length limit too) on rivers that support trophy fish (20" + Trout and 18"+ smallies). The sugar river in particular below Belleville gives an angler the opportunity to catch both in the same day currently. I would hate to see these large fish overharvested (I know of guys that will keep any large trout (or bass) caught and have asked others if they could take the fish that they caught).</p> <p>I do support high bag limits with short lengths on streams that are overpopulated, there definitely is not a one size fits all rule.</p>
163.	Keep the current range of stream classifications so they can be managed scientifically for they benefit of trout!
164.	<p>I enjoy improved access to our streams, but would love to see more public access to privately owned Land.</p> <p>I would like to see more education about runoff ( agricultural and hard surface ) and stronger laws and more enforcement.</p>
165.	Need to reduce the beaver populations. Stock more trout please. Thank you.
166.	I have some pictures of an Iowa County crik, you wouldn't believe how bad this crik was in 1934.
167.	Extend a catch and release into October and then shut down if spawning will not be impacted. If the spawning cycle would be impacted at all, don't extend. It is about wild reproduction! I don't eat trout because the rules are complicated and it isn't thT big of a deal. I am thankful for the opportunities to fish in this beloved state on such fine waters.
168.	I believe that frequent major flooding is a very serious problem, and major new threat, that WI trout steams, and the quality of my fishing, face in the future. Major flooding events during the past several years have substantially changed and seriously degraded several of the WI stream I regularly fish.
169.	reparing streams is most important along with stream access
170.	Restrict bait fishing on restored trout waters.
171.	Extend the season to November, with a month of catch and release only.
172.	keep up the good work , sad to see the stamp contest end, times are a changing

173.	I find the stream categories difficult to follow unless they are well posted. I would like to see more stream restoration and public access. I would like to see a "learn to fly fish" open period for all ages. I would like to see year round open season for trout.
174.	I do almost all of my trout fishing in the Northwest corner where our cabin is located. I think the Hayward DNR has done a terrific job restoring the trout fishery on the Namekagon River. I would like to see the Catch and Release season extended on Wisconsin trout streams, I do not think it would hurt the trout population.
175.	more interested in quality experience, and feel that certain stream sections need special treatment. all water can not be all things to all people. there is room for all types of fishing and fisherman.
176.	Catch & Release all year with artificials. Close Black earth creek to public for two years(Too many *** people). No *** Allowed.Quit cutting down ALL the trees(Most but not all).Get the cows out of castle rock and big green. No more Beaked bows. Increase fines for *** beer cans on the streamside. Happy to help with stream projects near dane.(Gordon,Trout,Blue Mounds,Big Spring, Black Earth,Anthony, Old Mill,Otter,Castle Rock,Bigreen, Borah, Mt Vernon, Rowan) Call me ***. Applied for job at DNR. Never heard back. WOULD LOVE JOB IN COLD WATER FISHERIES DOING ANYTHING!!!!
177.	On the question about why you stopped fishing a stream, an option should be if the stream has degraded.
178.	DNR has done a great job with the trout program. Keep it science-based as much as possible.
179.	Although I live out of state, overall, I feel fortunate to live within hours of such a wonderful sportfishing resource. I am exclusively a fly fisher, and prefer small spring-fed streams and feel that the WDNR has done an excellent job with maintaining, and developing quality trout waters. I especially appreciate the emphasis on expanding public access. The seasonal WI license fee is still one of the true bargains for sport fishers anywhere in the country. My hope would be to be able to extend the inland trout season beyond it's Sept 31 closing date. Not only would this allow us to enjoy more fishing opportunities while the weather is still pleasant, but it might encourage small, seasonal travel and sportfishing businesses to survive and expand in Wisconsin.
180.	The DNR Fisheries biologists I have known have all been very professional, very able, and very effective with the resources they have been allocated. I am pleased with the way trout fishing has improved in the last 20 years, and I would make few if any changes to the overall direction. Some of the categories could be tweaked based on changes in the stream and fish populations, but don't throw out a goos program because it need a few adjustments here and there.
181.	It is absurd to suggest that trout regulations are too complex. The gains of the last 20 years are remarkable and should not be put at risk by a return to put and take stocking. It is working now.
182.	Retain your current system of stream-specific regulations. Enhance and promote regulations that protect our trout populations through catch & release and/or slot limits where applicable. Expand the opportunities to fish trout with catch & release seasons running longer than they currently do. Consider a year-round season where October through April are 100% catch and release.
183.	I used to fish on Trout Creek in Iowa county quite a lot in the '0's but stopped doing so after all the streamside trees were cut down. It makes it feel too much like fishing on a golf course and I believe it heats up the qwater too much later in the season.
184.	Wisconsin has developed into one of the best trout fisheries east of the Mississippi in the last 20 years. Please be careful when you set the new regulations.
185.	I'm very frustrated with the TU and DNR programs of clear-cutting streams.  The Upper stretch of Mill Creek in Richland County was completely devastated last year with clear cutting. DNR ruined what was one of the best pieces of water in the region. Now it holds horribly small fish, chubs, etc. The fishing quality has become horrible. This clear cutting of streams has to stop. Trout Fishing is not meant to always be easy. There's enough pasture-style fishing in this state already; we don't need more of this. It made me sick to see what you all did.

186.	Overall I believe that the WDNR has been doing a terrific job managing the trout streams. However I do believe that they could do more and our passionate about doing more if they had the financial resources. I have the same belief in regards to the Minnesota DNR. I think that the resources in Minnesota and Wisconsin are a privilege that should be cared for. I think that changing attitudes towards "privilege" and away from "right" is the key. Also proving to the farmers that changing their practices to eliminate erosion is beneficial to them and the sportsman. Nationwide these beautiful resources are diminishing and need protection.
187.	I believe the DNR has done a very good job overall. Lack of potential future monies have me concerned for future generations. I work with youth and adult programs that deal with trout fishing. I would also like to see the potential of a number of far north eastern/central trout stream improvement from the standpoint of ease of fishing (if possible). Maybe remove some of the over grown brush in stream. It might take pressure off the southwestern part of the state, Coulee Country
188.	I think the WI DNR is doing a great job with our trout streams. Can they do better? Anything anywhere can improve but you are doing a great job.  Thanks,
189.	Look to the Arkansas white river, below the Bull Shoals Dam, to have an idea of what WI is competing for in luring trout fisherman. They are at a whole different level. It is true that there topography is different, which may make it easier for a cold water fishery, but we do have these resources in WI that feel under utilized or forgotten. Fishing for trout seems like a 'secret' in WI and only the old guys know the spots. Eventually, this information will die with them and the state will lose an incredible amount of revenue and opportunity.
190.	Increase bag limits on overcrowded streams like the Kinni. try to establish more "trophy" streams or sections and require catch and release on them or have small size limits. It makes no sense to kill trout that have shown capability to grow to 12 inches and reproduce. DO NOT GO BACK TO THE "GOOD OL DAYS" of uniform regulations and killing 10 trout just because an off-kilter fish "manager" is spilling a bunch of *** to the uninformed.
191.	Extending the fall trout season, by any means (e.g., catch and release) would be terrific.
192.	I just want to applaud DNR for its (their) management of Wisconsin's trout streams. I think DNR does a magnificent job.
193.	I have been very impressed with the Wisconsin DNR's management of coldwater streams. Keep up the good work. Please don't simplify the regulations. The DNR's regulations, public access to streams, and habitat improvement have made Wisconsin the home of many quality trout streams. Please don't change the regulations, everything is working fine as it is. Thanks
194.	I strongly support a year round trout season in Wisconsin. Closing the season on September 30th is silly.  I have limited my trips to Mt Vernon due to the deteriorating quality of the bottom in the lower stretches and also due to the stream side vegetation. That stream needs some attention.
195.	Your survey is way too long with too many choices. This must have been developed by a team of biologists with little or no training in survey design or public input. I suspect you will either get a messy result that is not helpful or a pile of answers that allow any one to find any answer they want. Sorry.
196.	Kudos for top-notch stream management & access programs - you are all to be highly commended for your hard work and teaming with other organizations like TU. Somewhat concerned about overzealous removal of woody vegetation from streambanks, which seems more geared to fly fishing accessibility than habitat restoration. It takes away key lies for big trout. Don't see as many wardens out and about near trout streams for enforcement, but most of the places I fish, the people are very respectful of the resources and regulations.
197.	1. Open the season to catch and release Jan. 1st, but still close it Sept. 30th 2. Add more miles of catch and release fishing 3. Spend more money on access and stream improvement

198.	no--to long at this point!!
199.	I was born and raised in Wisconsin. I own property in Oconomowoc and Viroqua. I love what the State of Wisconsin is doing for trout fishing. Bravo! Standing ovation!
200.	DNR needs to start going after land owners that fence streams and think that they own the streams! Get some balls!
201.	We've done a great job creating a world-class trout fishing destination in Wisconsin. Be careful of regulations that would undermine these efforts.
202.	Increase catch & release opportunities
203.	extend the late season there are a lot of states with trout fishing all year long
204.	I would like to see less stream improvement with lunger structure and more with in stream boulders etc. I would hate to see the end of different regs. for different streams for one reg. for all streams. That would be the end of quality trout fishing in Wi. and would force me to go to Iowa and Minn..
205.	Catch and release and slot sizes has greatly improved our fishing experiance. Keeping fish on marginal water or waters with large numbers of smaller fish is fine but catching larger fish is the best.
206.	Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this. I'm rather new to trout fishing in Wisconsin, but have enjoyed it very much. I think a slot limit (between x and y inches) with a bag limit would be a good way to go so all the big fish aren't harvested and are around for others would be good. I don't ever keep fish but if I did, I would think it would be preferable to take smaller (9" - 11") fish as they would taste better.
207.	On brook trout streams, emphasize brown trout harvest not protection (regulation category 4)
208.	Good survey! I love what the DNR has done for trout anglers in this state! The only thing I would like to see changed is the start of the early season. Have it start on 01/01 and make it catch and release artificial flies and lures only. If you are brave enough to go out in JAN and FEB more power to you. We also lose a lot of business to Iowa during that time frame. It should generate some good income for the state. I like how the season ends in 09/30 to protect spawning trout!!! That said, Keep the streams that have little or no reproduction open. I don't see the harm in having streams without natural reproduction open all year. Thanks for providing the survey. ***
209.	it would be nice if you would ask for email address and then respond with tabulated results
210.	I think the bag limits should be higher, at least in southern Wisconsin.
211.	Some stream "improvement" projects are over-engineered, resulting in artificial-looking sameness, lacking esthetic appeal, and sometimes destroying some good habitat, ie: Blue River below Bluff Road, and Gordon Creek near Mt. Horeb. Some sections with good habitat could be left in natural state.
212.	Thanks for taking the initiative to investigate this topic. Wisconsin has an amazing trout fishery and the efforts to keep improving it are appreciated!
213.	i would like to see the season extended to nov. 1 with early season regulations in effect.
214.	I would like to see more public access along all the trout streams of Wisconsin. Along with that I would like to see a concerted effort to educate landowners on the public trust doctrine and the responsibilities of owning land along a stream. I would also like to see more accessible areas for anglers that have mobility problems or are elderly. My ultimate dream would be that there is a permanent easement of 15 feet from each streambank on all trout streams for anglers.

215.	I was glad to fill this out. Keep up the good work.
216.	The DNR is doing a great job managing the streams. Having the catch and release extended through October would be great for both the fishermen and the local economies.
217.	More uniform regulations from area to area. It seems each fish manager can do whatever they want to do. More open information about why special regulations are being used and what the outcome is of those regs. More science like set up with objective, method to evaluate and outcomes available on the web.
218.	A catch and release season from Oct - Nov would be great.
219.	I would like to have seen a question about an extended catch and release season after the regular season closes, lasting thru the month of October
220.	I'm not going to give away my best streams. It creates an artificial pressure so that would be the worst question on the survey. I think the DNR generally does a good job on fisheries management. I think they are less good on stream improvement and maintenance. Ventrano seemed to be able to organize grants beyond the Trout Stamp money for stream improvement. Others take that as their improvement budget which is too narrow. I know that catch and release fishing alienates non fly fishermen. It's a needless culture war. Because of that I think catch and release should be eliminated in favor of protecting streams with bag and size limits. If this means some stocking of "natural" streams, I would take that trade off. We already stock plenty of trout and have the hatcheries in place. Personally I would love to see an April to October trout season which to me is the natural season in Wisconsin. March is too cold, by November it's hunting season. Thanks for this survey effort and good luck with the new management.
221.	I feel the DNR has done a very good job in restoring a number of trout fisheries. I am also very satisfied with the regulatory system (size and bag limits) that is currently in place. I think the combination of regulation and restoration have contributed to a better overall trout fishing experience than in years past. Though I would like to add that I can understand why particular fisherman may feel the current regulations are confusing. Once again, I am personally very happy with the successes of the current system.
222.	I'd really like a year round season or at least an extended fall season (catch and release during the extended seasons). I have no problem understanding the current regulations and see no need for simplifying. Most states have stream specific regulations and regulations on certain stretches of streams. The fish managers need such tools to manage effectively.
223.	I think Mount Vernon Creek in Dane county is an excellent example of an awesome Wisconsin trout stream. Much of this stream is protected from erosion, it isn't stocked, and there are some very good sized brown and brook trout present. Some areas of the stream could use additional work but largely, I think this stream should serve as a model for other streams in the area.
224.	I Fish streams all over the state and very seldom the same stream twice or section twice. I fish mostly in may + September.
225.	What about Rainbow trout? Can we get a new head of the DNR?
226.	Really need to keep focused on erosion protection and farm run off protection.
227.	More Public access. Crawford County is great with public excess. I would try and get more Iowa county and Dane to have more public.
228.	we need more stream improvements in the national forest trout streams, most improvements have been in southwestern part of the state. I fish all over this state and the number of fish have been in decline, in the northern streams. but, in southwestern streams some great fishing.
229.	40 year resident of WI, just relocated to IA. I would like to see a question regarding whether anglers support requiring "guides" to be qualified.

230.	none
231.	the reason I have not trout fished as much is because I other angling interests. In my youth trout fishing was done lots because I did not have boats and resources to fish the inland lakes and great lakes. I understand the reason for the variable regs on waters to maximize water-way productivity. Different systems support different trout and different growth rates and density. But the multiple reg structure foe water-ways is a major turn off. Multiple low flow years has also hurt many streams I've fished through the years. Interst by the angling public introut fishing has sigificantly declined, the 30 year record of stamp sales prove this. My most rewording and quality trout fishing is done when I go to Wyoming.
232.	Continued improvement/stocking efforts of Dutch Creek.
233.	DNR is doing a great job of trout management. Special regs have greatly improved fishing. I fully support special regs. I do think, however, that they could be simplified somewhat and we would have satisfactory results; i.e. sometimes there are too many special catagories primarily with split size limits. I fully support catch and release regs.
234.	Make all of Mt Vernon no-kill or 1fish under 12 inches. Problem is enforcing. I have fished WI for many years have only been asked once to show license to state personell.
235.	Vrey thorough. I am very concerned with our govenor's desire to "simplify" trout regulations. He is totally ignorant regarding trout fishing. He can ruin years of hard work by TU, and that would be a travisty! ***
236.	Parts of this survey were difficult to complete...particularly #17, which asked if the state of runoff, groundwater protection, etc., had improved. Without having a specific time period in mind (relative to when), it's hard to say. Of course ag runoff has improved since the 1960s, but is still a problem. Same with groundwater protections, attempts at which to strengthen failed last year.  I STRONGLY OPPOSE a one-size-fits-all trout regulation applied to large geographic regions encompassing numerous streams. Each system is different and has a different carrying capacity for trout populations. Please continue to treat the trout regs as such. Thanks.
237.	There should be something about how to improve the relationships between land owners and fishermen. "How do you feel land owners view trout fishing" "How do residents view out-of-staters." It bothers me how much hatred and vitriol is generated about someone who lives in another state. Very selfish attitudes exist within the trout fishing world.
238.	More rock work mid-stream and banks, with fewer lunkers, would create good habitat and protection without hiding the fish.
239.	DNR Keep up the good work!
240.	You should add a question about gender. I am female, making me a minority among trout anglers, and I believe that females are the only group that is increasing in size, rather than decreasing, among anglers for trout and other fish. We are therefore an important demographic for the future of trout fishing.  The DNR is currently reviewing many policies and, in most cases, is considering weakening them due to the current political climate. This survey should be an opportunity for anglers to voice their support of protection of trout resources. When I answered "somewhat satisfied" to the DNR's management of trout resources, I hope that that answer will not be construed to mean "anglers are not 100% satisfied, therefore everyone agrees that we need to weaken management." I am "somewhat satisfied" because there is always MORE to do in terms of protecting valuable habitat for trout and other fish. I FULLY support easement programs, public access spaces and public access to the waters of the state, stream restoration, thorough permitting processes, strict phosphorus regulation, and habitat protection, and I would be supportive of any programs that STRENGTHEN regulation and keep trout streams healthy--NOT open for development.  Tourism and fishing are businesses; let's keep Wisconsin open for these.

241.	I just moved up to Price county and I'm looking forward to exploring the streams up here
242.	trout fishing in wisconsin is an under utilized resource. for the amount of stream miles and the access available the resource could really tolerate a lot more use. it seems to make sense to streamline the regulations (using scientifically based information and assessments ) that will protect the resource and enhance the fishing experience for all fishers. in this vein it also makes perfect sense to extend the season. increased revenue for the state and local businesses and happier fishers, seems like everybody wins.
243.	Please continue stream habitat improvement for wild trout. If stocking must occur, I would prefer wild strain where possible.
244.	DNR has done a good job with improvements made with limited funding. Trout fishing is better than when I started 40+ years ago. Need continued involvement of more local conservation groups to supplement funds and restoration work. Big worry is global warming effects, maintaining stream flows over a full season, and continued assault on water resources in the future.
245.	I've found the Mecan River upstream of 14th St to be full of carp & bass. This area used to be an excellent area (untill about 4-5 years ago) and I enjoyed many sucessfull outings in this area of the Mecan. I do not agree with the regulations that allow keeping smaller fish that are hardly worth eating (under 9"-10").
246.	I fly fish only, as does my wife and granddaughter. In recent years we have turned increasingly to smaller streams with smaller trout because the larger streams have become more crowded that we care for. Some of the smaller streams are fertile and can grow quality fish in a hurry if the harvest limits are kept low, or bigger fish must be released. We keep a meal of small fish to eat once every 2 or 3 years. In my experience, the best era for large trout in driftless area streams was during the early to mid 1980s. IN recent years, with all the high water, I see a clear pattern of many more trout than in the past, but and average smaller size. I have not been out this spring so I don;t know if the average size has come up since last year. The last couple of years I have caught a lot of 12 -13 inch browns, but few over 16" and none at 20" or more. In the 20 years preceding the last few years of high floods, I considered it normal to catch at least 2 or 3 browns pushing or over 20". I think the seasons are about right at this time. I oppose extending the season into the fall because I fear it would disrupt spawning. I think fishing for trout in streams in the winter is a waste of the resource. I think it is hard on the fish and the fish are lethargic in very cold water. Mind you, it is easier for me to target large trout in January or February than during the regular season, but I find it to be unfulfilling because the fish are not ready to fight. I say let them rest a little until the water temps come up a little in the spring.
247.	I really appreciate the quality opportunities in Wisconsin. I don't find the regulations confusing and don't feel they are keeping any angler, using any method, from finding quality places to fish in Wisconsin. Some simplification and more harvest is probably fine, but please don't blanket the state with "one size fits all" regulations as some (i.e. ***) have proposed.
248.	It would be good to go back to the "High Water" access law for stream fishing.
249.	I would like to see the continued use of scientific data collection regarding trout populations to set size and harvest limits. I would also like to see some destination areas where catch and release is exclusive and trophy fishing for brookies and browns can be done. Spring ponds could easily be turned into trophy catch and release destinations.
250.	more live bait opportunities extended seasons later closing earlier opening more public easments
251.	Crowding is why I have quit fishing some streams.
252.	I would be interested in extending the trout seasons, either catch and release seasons or harvest seasons, but would want to see some science (re: survival of released fish during different seasons, impacts on spawning fish, etc.) before I could support any changes.  I often take children (mine and friends') trout fishing, and would like to see more easements for

	fishing small streams from shore. Also would like to see easements listed right in the trout regs to make them easier to find. I enjoy trying new streams and like the format of the trout regs, with easy to understand maps.
253.	I love fly fishing!
254.	Please keep protecting and enhancing our trout sustaining water resources. Expanding public access and no-keep, flyfishing opportunities is good, too...
255.	Continue to try and secure stream access and easements. Use streams improvements only where needed. Catch and release season all year
256.	nope
257.	Year round catch and release season would be great, but perhaps it should be limited to certain waters (similar to the Minnesota program).
258.	non
259.	Nice to see the work that has been done on some streams in my area. Two in particular are the Blue River and Big Spring Creek. Hopefully there will be more of these kind of projects in the future.
260.	I would like to see a quicker response to Beaver issues on streams. I've seen streams that have been nearly completely ruined due to beaver activity. One in particular, Ash Creek, in Richland County. It was the best Brook trout water in the area. It was drastically changed for the worse due to 2 beaver dams. Nothing was done until it was too late. Now it will be some time before that creek will be back to what it was-hopefully it will be at some point. It gave me a sick feeling to see how that water changed for the worse over a 1 to 2 year period.
261.	More stream improvement projects needed in NE. Such as South Br. Oconto near Breed. This stream needs to have down trees removed to improve water flow.
262.	Wisconsin is a great state for trout fishing, please don't allow it to deteriorate by allowing over harvesting or slack regulations.
263.	Even though I rarely keep any trout anymore...I would like to see a statewide regulation of 3 trout..7 inches..Just to keep the regulations simple and easy to understand.
264.	Have you taken someone new to the sport of trout fishing with you in the last 2-3 years?
265.	I would like to see continued expansion of the stream access program. Stewardship funds should be encouraged for stream easements.
266.	I'd be interested in learning more about stocking in lakes. Particularly with regards to fish mortality. I would be interested in knowing about how many stocked fish in a lake actually survive their first year
267.	Keep stocking Devils Lake, it's a good eating fishery. I hear numbers of stocked fish are going down and I really enjoy ice fishing there. I have to imagine lots of trout stamps get sold to fish that lake exclusively, so keep the numbers up, more rainbows....why walleyes?
268.	Regulations way too complicated. Too many streams go from open fishing to restricted tackle and limits then back again making it difficult to follow. I am in support of any expanded trout fishing in the state, whether it is catch and release or not.
269.	What streams could benefit from stream restoration efforts?
270.	How many times did you trout fish last year?
271.	Quite simply...trout fishing is much, much better in Wisconsin since I started fishing in 1974.

	Please continue improving streams with fencing, riprap and in stream structures!
272.	Lets eliminate the gap between the catch & release season and the regular season.
273.	I think Wisconsin trout fishery management has been pretty good overall and since I practice catch and release I would be unaffected by rule changes so I see no particular value in re-writing them.
274.	CONTROL THE OTTER POPULATION, DONT MAKE TROUT FISHING RULES SO COMPLICATED.
275.	RE: Question 22, I moved 150 miles from old haunts.
276.	Perhaps an automated system for entering concerns or comments on a specific stream would be useful. The concerns or comments could point out erosion problems or other issues that the angler notices. Maybe the DNR could then identify groups or individuals to volunteer to be river keepers for a specific stream or stretch of stream and ask them to address the concerns to help the DNR manage the resources.
277.	I am a private land owner in Wisconsin, even tho my residence is ***. I have about 1/2 mile of Mill Creek in Richland County. I am interested in improving it, and would like to have someone contact me from the state who could walk the stream section with me and discuss how it could be improved. My cell phone is ***. Thanks. ***
278.	I think that things have really improved for inland trout in Wisconsin over the past 25 years, and the DNR should be very proud of this, but the experience of fishing in southwest Wisconsin is getting worse for trout anglers like me. The quiet, reflective solitude I used to enjoy along Wisconsin's streams is becoming hard to find. I now see as many anglers on weekdays as I used to see on weekends, and angler avoidance has become the dominant factor for me as I plan my fishing day. The better stretches of streams, especially those most suited to fly fishing, are fished hard every single day of the season. Even out-of-the-way streams far from main roads are regularly visited by an increasing number of professional fly fishing guides and clients. I don't really have an answer for this, but I miss what author Howard T. Walden once described as "rural peace, unmechanized enterprise, and nature left to herself."
279.	There is a pond in Cedarburg called Willowbrook. This pond attracts lots of community support from families fishing for pond trout. This past year there were no pond trout. The interest to fish in the pond dropped significantly. I strongly encourage DNR to stock the community ponds to inspire our next generation to fish. If fishing is fun and accessible for kids, they will grow up looking for more remote and natural experiences on Wisconsin's larger trout streams and lakes as they mature.
280.	Keep up the great work!
281.	Stock trout in Tomorrow river down stream from Amherst to county line. Trout unlimited fixed several areas (fish houses, boulders) but the numbers of fish are low due to over fishing and lack of forage.
282.	<p>I fish in northern Wisconsin. A limited number of rivers there have catch &amp; release beginning in March, the normal season, and then catch &amp; release until mid-November. This is a great opportunity which I really enjoy. I wish you would extend the late catch and release even later - say mid December.</p> <p>The other comment is that there are simply not the number of inland trout fishers there once was. Part is demographics, part is competing outdoor opportunities (The DNR has done a wonderful job on introducing turkeys &amp; Great Lakes trout &amp; salmon is exceptional) or opportunities &amp; work requirements which redirect fishing activities. I like the idea of a free fishing weekend and one-day licenses to get people back to the water. I also feel that the regulations are overly burdensome. The growth of quality trout is, I believe, in great part to this reduced pressure rather than the stringent and stratified regulations.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing input.</p>

283.	The season should be extended as catch and release to November 30th. I would recommend that the barbless hook rule be put back in place for all trout fishing during any open season.
284.	Keep up the good work.
285.	More spring pond and connected flowages pumping and restoration needs to be done.
286.	keep up the good work - just wish I could fish those beautiful October days. Also, bought land in Vernon County and look forward to retiring there just because of the awesome people and trout fishing!
287.	I know times change, and regs have to change with it, I feel that people get discouraged with having to read and understand all the maps and classifications of the streams just to enjoy fishing trout.
288.	I would like to see daily bag limits/sizes increased. Being a Young Angler it seems alot of the great fishing has pasted because of people being greedy and keeping smaller fish. I for one often practice catch and release.
289.	Work on more access to southwest streams Online access to view fishing easments along streams.
290.	First, eliminate the 5-day closure between the early catch and release season and the opening of the regular season-there's no biological reason for it and it deprives anglers of the opportunity to fish the best dry fly fishing of the season. Second, extend the trout season until October 31-it's been documented in DNR handouts that brook trout don't spawn til late October/early November, and brown trout don't spawn til late November/early December. This same statistic has been documented in the western U.S. in areas of higher elevation and colder temperatures. The southern half of the state stays warm longer than the northern half in the fall, so maybe there needs to be different sets of regulations for each section of the state. Use science as a guiding principle for regulations, not politics.
291.	By redoing the road "dam" on the Tamrack Cr. In Vilas co.,the Tamrack Cr. went from a flowage with beaver to a 3 Foot cr. running through a open meadow, thus killing a good Brook trout stream. What happened to Wis. trout program?? By removing the beaver in the Blackjack Cr. in Vilas county and in a Wilderness Area ,the river is now full of Chubs and shiners.With the beaver there is deeper water and alot more trout. I think the Trout program could do alot better by leaving the Beaver in a wilderness aera thus inhansing the trout stream.
292.	I'm a property owner on a trout stream in Forest County. Almost every weekend trespassers exit the stream in my front yard, walk up my driveway and back to their vehicle down stream. I'd like better enforcement and harsher punishment for trespassing.
293.	Opening up a longer season is WI would definitely be good for me. make it catch and release would be good too.
294.	Please do not go back to old regulations where harvest of big spawning sized trout is increased. Protecting spawing sized trout through catch and release or slot size regulations have led to an excellent wild trout population in many of our streams. There are more quality wild trout than there have been in the past and that is bacause of current, excellent, progressive regulations, as well as habitat improvement and better land use practices. The regulation book is well done and the regulations are not hard to understand. There are plenty opportunities to keep a few trout to eat without harming our trophy trout fisheries.
295.	1)Please don't simplify regulations where it does not fit the resources of the stream. 2)Would like to see more stream restoration. Would be willing to contribute to this. 3)Access to streams is generally good but more public access is always better.
296.	I would like to see an extended c&r season,artificial lures only, on streams into october and even november. the streams chosen would be decided by area fish managers input as to which streams could be in this extended season so as not to harm any fishery that may have an "Early" spawning event on said streams. It is my experiance that most of the trout in the southern half of Wisconsin do not spawn and create redds until the november deer season.this would give trout fishers more

	recreational opportunities in our state, at a wonderful time of the year to pursue outdoor activities, and help to create economic stimulus in Wisconsin versus going outside Wisconsin to other states such as Iowa or Michigan which do have extended seasons.
297.	I believe the quality of trout fishing in the state of Wisconsin has improved tremendously since I was a boy. Thanks for the great work.
298.	I would like to see an extended Catch and Release season to begin on October 1st. Wisconsin loses 45 days of great Inland Trout Fishing, especially with Dry Flies.
299.	The declining fish numbers in streams north of Green Bay is very upsetting. There are no trout to fish in Oconto, Wolf and Peshtigo Rivers. Poor management on the DNR's part is to blame. Fishing was a lot better 20-30 years ago. Lack of interaction between DNR and local clubs such as TU.
300.	all the best fishing water on the Mecan river in Marquette Co. is restricted. Bait fishermen are locked out. Hardly no one fishes it any more. This is not right and unfair. Also, I think the best part of the trout streams are restricted in favor of flyfishing leaving other types of anglers shut out. A person should be able to use a small hand seine to dig for bait to use for fishing.
301.	I would like to see further opportunities for early season trout fishing in northern Wisconsin, particularly in the northeastern corner. Also, it seems that some of your questions (the beaver control example comes to mind immediately) are incredibly overgeneralized. Beaver dams can create exceptional trout fishing. At the same time, they can warm downstream river systems. So to say that I am either for or against beaver dams is entirely impossible. I'm not sure how you can remedy this, but beaver control is a touchy, as-needed sort of issue, not something that is generally considered good or bad. Consider this in the formation of all your questions.
302.	WI., like Michigan, is a great destination for trout and stream fishing overall. The DNR does a good job, but budget constraints diminish the good work that can be done. I love the flyfishing experiences here and find it positive to PA, OH, IL, IN and much of New England. Folks from these and other states would visit often if they know of the great outdoor experiences here. The trout fishing is exceptional!
303.	Thank you.
304.	don't let that idiot Walker sell the fishing rights to the Koch bros
305.	There should be more catch and release streams or sections of streams and live bait should never be allowed to be fished in any trout designated streams.
306.	I have quit fishing in WI. There are too many regulations varying by waters and that has taken the enjoyment away.
307.	add stream restoration crews and dollars and easements. This has made the coulee streams dynamite!
308.	I stopped fishing certain trout streams because I was tired of catching domestically stocked rainbows and Browns. I have since then started to fish streams, almost exclusively, where I can catch Wild Browns and native Brookies.
309.	I'd like to see more emphasis on native brook trout protection and restoration.
310.	Do not eliminate current category 5 waters. More category 5 waters should be added with artificials only.
311.	The DNR has done an incredible job managing our streams! Thanks. It is time to have a year-round open season.
312.	I would like to recommend restoring the barbless only regulation for the early catch and release season
313.	I live on the Brule and even though the bag limits would seem very restrictive to some anglers there are still a lot of local anglers who keep as many fish as they can catch. I know of one angler who killed

	28 steelhead and 20 brown trout over 20 inches during the fall season. This river can not support this type of fishing pressure and I believe the return numbers will show a big drop starting this fall. You could put the camera at the weir to much better use to adjust the bag limits each year and perhaps have a specific number of tags to keep the over harvest by certain individuals.
314.	Keep up the good work!
315.	I have noticed a decline in some of my fishing areas since the early season was instituted. I do not feel this season is adequately policed and that there is significant illegal keeping of fish going on.
316.	let the dnr keep doing what it is doing. brown trout fishing is the best it has ever been.
317.	COMPARED TO MY HOME STATE THE DRC IN YOUR STATE FAR SURPASSES THE EFFORTS IN MY STATE FOR TROUT FISHING OPPORTUNITIES. I ALWAYS JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO TRAVEL TO WISCONSIN TO FISH FOR WILD TROUT.. GREAT JOB AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
318.	When selecting trout fishing locations I often select streams with higher/more stringent regulations. I find that these are a guide to higher quality fisheries and a better opportunity to catch larger/more fish. I highly enjoy the early trout season as it provides an good fishing opportunity between ice fishing and open water game fish season. I enjoy the variety of streams in Wisconsin and exploring the driftless area (primarily Dane and Iowa counties). I also like fishing some of the streams in Langlade County where my family has property.
319.	<p>There were a number of poorly written questions that seemed to be looking for certain responses. Number 16 and the last questions about stopping fishing certain streams. There are numbers of other reasons than those listed - as a matter of fact, none of those listed were very compelling to me and I think the answers were leading and looking for certain results. The reason I've stopped fishing certain streams - they're further away and I don't have time, they're often crowded, there are so many other opportunities available, and a host of other factors. I can read a regulations book and use a map so regulations aren't really a problem.</p> <p>I think regulations matter a lot less than people give them credit for - on most streams there simply isn't enough harvest to make a dent in the populations (on low density streams, they're probably pretty important). I'd rather see more regulations that protected larger individuals and promoted the harvest of smaller, younger trout at least in southwestern WI where I do most of my fishing. I'd like to see more focus on size structure in addition to total populations.</p>
320.	I spend a lot of time on trout streams. The early season is inundated with poachers and dead fish. Dead trout are a result of them being released improperly or hooked too deeply. Please consider discontinuing the early season. I have noticed an increased lack of trout in the streams I fish due to the early season. Thank you for making this survey possible and the work you do on trout streams. Fritz Krueger
321.	More catch and release waters. Send Mr. Kerr (sp?) to Iowa. Pick a couple of sections of well known streams and try fly fishing only for a couple of years.
322.	all in all I'm pleased with the current state of trout fishing in Wisconsin. I think the DNR fisheries people do an outstanding job. Thank you
323.	I strongly support science-based regulations for all trout streams. Public input, in an advisory capacity, should be taken into account - but only to help set management goals. I don't want to see another debacle unfold, as happened with the repeal of the Prairie River special regulations 2 years ago. A vocal minority should not be allowed to overturn effective, science-based regulation.
324.	Current Streambank easement/purchase and restoration program is terrific. Budget proposal to limit Stewardship stream easement purchases to five acres or less is a terrible idea; makes watershed-wide approach more difficult. To mandate hunting and trapping on any Stewardship stream purchases is also a bad idea; a lot of these lands are croplands or pastures and not good hunting land. The current regs are fine; they have dramatically improved the resource and are certainly not too complicated for anyone to understand. I would add questions related to the Stewardship easement restrictions being proposed in the budget.

325.	I often fish in ashland and bayfield counties they have had years of drought. Are there any plans to restock the northern streams and rivers? Secondly some of the northern stocked lakes are so shallow the trout just freeze out. Couldn't some of these fish be used in rivers that at one time held good populations of fish. Thank you.
326.	I would like to see regulations that allow the harvest of smaller trout on streams with high reproduction. At the same time I would like to see the protection of large trout in the same streams. I guess what I am getting at is that I support a protected slot or a 1 over rule on these streams. I fish mainly category 4 streams and catch a lot of browns in the 9-12 inch range that I would be more than happy to take home for the table but cannot. These streams also support brook trout but I don't keep them unless there are good numbers present. I would like the opportunity to keep the most abundant size fish rather than what appears to be the fastest growing fish from these age groups.
327.	Please do not give up on a system that provides a variety of regulations and experiences. The regulations booklet is simple to read. Please change the regs to make for more quality regs in northern Wisconsin, especially for brook trout. Please implement regs that prohibit kill or at least extremely limit it on brook trout streams that flow into Lake Superior. We may then see if a population increase will cause brook trout to become coasters. Until we try, we will never know.
328.	Please adopt a 1 month longer season. October is such a prime hopper time in Wisconsin.
329.	I think bag limits and size limits should be restricted more to improve the quality and size of trout. I notice a drop in number/quality of trout caught as soon as the catch and release season ends.
330.	I strongly prefer improvement of Streams without LUNKERS. Of course, if gradient dictates that LUNKER is only way to go, then so be it, but I probably will not fish there. Also, would like to see more catch and release sections on Black Earth and other streams, except for the landowner, who should be allowed to keep some for the pan.
331.	Please! Please! Manage our wonderful streams by science and not by political pressures. I lived in Minnesota for years and watched their trout streams become reduced to mediocrity. Also, the mismanagement and loss of the wild steelhead run on the Lake Superior North shore was a crime.
332.	to control manure runoff in the spring. Ban manure spreading until the frost is out of the ground. (Banned from Nov-May)
333.	Support the DNR. Make sure the trout stamp money continues to just go for habitat improvement. Don't let the politicians take it for any reason. Habitat improvement only, and keep it that way forever.
334.	I am tired of people complaining about trout regs. Trout streams are so varied and different that there is no way you can effectively manage them with a one size fits all regulation. Also, as a fishing professional, there has to be a financial consideration in management. More out of state anglers, more fly anglers, and the folks who (for better or for worse) pour money into the streams need to have their voices and concerns addressed in that regulations keeping money flowing in to Wisconsin's trout program should not be forgotten.
335.	We need to pursue more public fishing access
336.	Why can't season be open on many lakes year round, that rely on stocking for a trout population? Should minimum size limits be implemented on stocked inland lakes that offer bait fishing. Could a similar size limit structure to that of some Walleye waters be implemented on a small number of Stocked inland waters, such as No Size Limit, but Only 1 fish Over 14 inches (ie, The Wolf R. Langlade Co., Stormy Lake Vilas Co., Clear Lk. in Oneida County)? With the 1,600 Spring Ponds in the State (Hunt 1980), could four or five of them with decent access and potential have restrictive regulation geared toward a 'trophy fishery'? Why so little thought to Rainbow Trout, stocked or wild?
337.	I have two boys that I fish with, started doing because of them, started out slow but after we figured out how to catch them In portage county we had so much fun And have caught a lot of fish. We did take a trip to the kickapoo last year and also did very well even though the conditions were bad the weekend we went. we are going again next year on a better weekend and we are very excited about it. Here in portage county beside opener we do not see that many people fishing these great

	streams, when we do see people fishing they are rarely catching any. And we always are catching them depending on conditions, Thank you DNR for the excellent streams in Wisconsin I am very happy with how well the streams are taken care of.
338.	No
339.	Reinstate the regulation so that you can walk the stream bank rather than having to walk in the stream to be legal.
340.	More restoration projects up in Trempealeau County. Were just north of Vernon and I feel our streams could become just as good as some down in Vernon County. The North Fork of the Beaver creek is an excellent Brook Trout fishery with most stocked trout surviving, along with some natural reproduction, with some restoration it could become an even better fishery for Brook and Brown Trout. Needs some bank protection, as some sections run through pasture and are washing into the creek, making it shallower and lowering water quality. Also other area spring creeks have very good habit and population, but need a little work to prevent bank erosion and runoff. Thanks.
341.	Keep the good work!!!! I wish we could fish year around with some type of "catch and release" program. It would make life so much better!!! Thanks
342.	More Public Access and easier access as far as laws to fish streams that are privately bordered. Wet feet law makes impossible to trout fish without stirring up Wisconsin's Muck Bottom Streams and ruining your chances to fish holes without trout knowing your presence.
343.	I would like to see a year round inland trout season implemented throughout the state. If population is an issue, I would be fine with it being catch and release one, limited to artificial flies/lure only. We have some of the best trout populations in the country, yet we are one of the few states I fish that close our inland season. I would not be opposed to some of the river systems being closed, if evidence mandated that it couldn't support year round pressure. However, comparing the experience in Iowa to Wisconsin, and the fact that Iowa is year round, I have a hard time understanding why Wisconsin doesn't offer a year round program. Great survey, thank you for asking.
344.	I don't fish central WI streams anymore because there's no need to go down there. Crystal River and Pine River were some I fished in my youth but I've lived in northern WI for the last 42 years.
345.	Hello, I know I am only of age fifteen, but I feel that my input is very important, as Wisconsin's youth is ever degrading the attitudes towards trout fishing, I feel as a minority. I feel that my experience level is high, among the trout anglers of today... I myself am an avid fly fisherman, and do enjoy fly fishing. I have mastered to sport, but sometimes feel as if though the DNR has not mastered, promoting trout fishing, and/or creating more access in Wisconsin. I am glad that all corners of this state are corners where a person can catch trout, but I do feel as if though attention is lacking in some areas. Trempealeau County... this is where I am growing up. I have had the experience to fish, Iowa, Minnesota, and all over Wisconsin. From the northwoods, and the Namekago, to the Central bluffs, with the Rush and the Kinny. All the way to Viroqua; Tainter Creek. Coon Valley; All the waters of the Coon Creek Watershed... I have come to feel that attention in my home region is lacking. Beaver Creek, including the North Fork, which runs through Ettrick, has been long ignored. I believe restoration in the north fork, would produce an amazingly popular fishery, and would help the carry-over issues... thus leading to a very very popular. Also goes for stream accessibility. I also would like to suggest running the regular season, as is, but include catch and release, w/artificial lures and flies open year round...(Cabin Fever sets in quick). This is a tremendous fishery none the less. Thank you. Sincerely, Sam. P.S, when my youth fades, me and my friend Matt, would like to start a fly shop/guide service, so keep up the good work!
346.	Make sure the WDNR is fully funded so they can keep up the good work they've been doing.
347.	Make the regulations less confusing, especially the descriptions of where one category of a particular stream ends and another begins. No maps are available with section lines, etc., that are presently used in some of these descriptions
348.	I feel the regulations are fine. It takes 2 seconds to figure out where you are and pin point what the regulations for that stream are for that section. I have only had one instance where I was confused,

	but that was due to the way the stream was posted. I believe it is elk creek. You will never make everyone happy. There are plenty of places for the "purists" and the "harvesters" to fish and catch enough.
349.	Provide year-round open access to streams with catch-release, artificials only regulations. Closed, of course, during deer season. All studies say that "stomp on eggs" is not a control of recruitment. It's a myth perpetuated for no good reasons. Cows in the streams and landuse abuses are the key problem. Provide fenced buffers and landowner benefits to expand that protection. Support programs like the TU DARE! Tell Scott Walker that improved trout fishing brings tourist dollars to rural economies. It's the best investment he can make toward making jobs!
350.	Extend inland trout stream season, Oct.1st til end of October, catch and release, artificial lures only. I don't think the streams will be over crowded due to the other outdoor activities going on at this time. Also, I don't beleive that the actual spawning actually starts til November.
351.	lessons on how to fish without fear near cows.
352.	More wardens on the streams.Increase trout stamp fee to \$20. Make catagory 5 water catch and release only. Much more stocking of brown trout in marginal streams. We have too many anglers crowded onto the better water.
353.	Would like to see more brown trout planted as when I was young large brown trout in the steams was common place now most of the time planter brook seems to be most prominant in the streams that I fish.
354.	Thank you! I really hope this helps.
355.	This is a critical time for Wisconsin trout. The changing political landscape means lower water quality and fewer trout even if regulations remain the same. Collecting survey data from the public is important, but DNR should regulate trout based on good science. DNR needs to be inclusive, in other words, but it also needs to be scientifically objective and to stay strong. I am one of a great number of anglers who would like to see more C&R water, stricter size and take limits, and new creative ways to protect and restore trout habitat. As the state's population increases and pressures on the land grow, we CANNOT afford to slip backwards in terms of protecting trout and our unique stream habitats. DNR must stand strong. Please call on anglers like myself for support; many of us are extraordinarily grateful for the dedicated efforts DNR has made over the years for trout and trout habitat. It has made Wisconsin a special place.
356.	I am very happy with the way the WI DNR has been managing the trout fishery and I am concerned that the DNR is considering changing some of the regulations that have made WI trout fishing so special. I used to travel regularly to MT to fly fish -- I now stay in WI -- the variety and quality of trout fishing is fantastic! Please keep up the good work!
357.	My #1 concern is the extension of the catch & release season to allow year-round fishing. No other regulation is so restrictive of our freedom to fish with so little basis in science. Catch & release mortality is practically negligible with barbless artificial lures, especially flies. There is no biological justification for prohibiting catch & release fly fishing at any time of the year, except during extreme heat stress, which never happens during the current closed season.
358.	No
359.	Keep up the good work! Would love to see regulations changed back to the high water mark for stream access. I really do oppose the keep your feet wet access law. The regulations are easy to follow and do not need to be changed.
360.	I have heard many complaints from people I know suggesting trout numbers have rose over the past ten years but trophy fish numbers are down. I would like anglers to be able to keep browns under 12" if they chose to do so along with the current 3 per day. Too many fish in some streams equals less trophy fish. Unlike what most people believe there are tons of trout in most of our streams and some need to be culled and it would help the fishery. Regulations on streams need to be one only (not several regs per stream). Keep it simple and straight forward.

361.	I'd like to see simplified regulations and a year round catch and release season. I'd also support aggressive stocking of fingerlings in lakes that have the capacity for carry over and grow big fish, versus stocking yearlings in put and take lakes that don't. Not sure that many midwestern lakes could carry over trout though?
362.	There has been some push recently to eliminate "Fly Fishing Only" and "Artificial Bait Only" sections of streams. Of course the argument goes that "those guys get the best sections of the stream and we wormers get the leftovers". I believe that there is evidence to indicate that fly and lure fisherpeople not only CATCH but also RELEASE many fish where as SOME WORM FISHERMEN CATCH AND KEEP EVERYTHING. I certainly hope the DNR realize the mind set of those who think the "Grass Is Greener" in "Regulated Waters"... and continue to protect those Regulated Waters even as the push becomes shove.
363.	Extend trout fishing through October.
364.	I have since stopped fishing the Prairie River in Gleason WI. I feel that after the restoration of a portion of that river was completed, the habitat for trout and quality of trout fishing drastically declined. It is my opinion that the habitat and trout fishing quality was better before the restoration of that river.  I now travel to the driftless area of WI for the scenery and top quality trout fishing opportunities. I would like to see better enforcement of the rules and regulations for trout fishing. (ect.....I have seen people trout fishing well after the season is closed)
365.	I'm pro Fly-fishing and catch & release... habitat restoration and conservation are my top concern. Have been disheartened by lack of respect for rivers & streams in Grant County this early season... litter, beer cans, dead trout  **The work the WDNR has done for trout fishing is extremely commendable. I'm very proud to call this my home-state and have reaped the benefits of a fine fisheries management program. I consider my annual trout stamp one of my best investments.
366.	I would like to see a question that looks at "keep your feet wet" rule and relationships with private landowners. I see many small creeks where the land owner has posted "No Fishing" signs. This can be quite intimidating given the "keep your feet wet rule." Thanks.
367.	Don't worry about complexity of regulations, trout anglers are smart enough to figure them out. Please do whatever you think is required, from a regulatory framework, to ensure great trout fishing is available for my 2 and 4 year old kids when they are old. We need a combination of trophy water bodies, and places where you can go and have a great chance to catch a trout, far more than the experience of taking a trout home to eat.
368.	I think the "keep you feet wet" access rule makes no sense. Landowners own land, not the streams that flow through them. If you don't have to cross private land to get to a stream you should be able to fish it. The high water mark rule would make much more sense for stream access. Granted, establishing where that actually ends may be logistically difficult and opinions would certainly vary.
369.	Wisconsin trout fishing has never been better. Do not sacrifice this for a few. Use science instead of politics to form your decisions. IE Prairie River Catch and Release reg removal
370.	more access gates and more mowed banks...Eight feet tall grass on banks is impossible to fish over
371.	(1)You need to do a much better job of beaver control on smaller quality trout streams. I've seen numerous ones ruined by warming water and blocked migration. (2)Habitat restoration should continue to be a primary focus. Maintain good habitat, water quality, quality wild trout stocks, and the streams will take care of themselves. (3)Sand traps and spring pond dredging, while expensive, can help maintain exceptional fishing. (4) Attention to small tribs, not just mainstream sections, can greatly increase available spawning water and thermal refuges and help maintain strong wild trout populations, reducing the need for stocking. (5) You definitely need to up the minimum size limit on quality brook trout waters. (6)More work should be done on top quality native brood stock and only stocking wild strain trout. The survival rates are much better, and it enhances rather than denigrates the wild population. (7) Put and take fisheries have their place for the "harvesters," and reduce the

	<p>predation on quality wild trout waters. But the emphasis for such fisheries should be on lakes and marginal streams. (8) Continue to work with landowners to provide access easements. (9) "Artificials only" are preferable to "fly only" waters; tradition aside, there is no rational basis for the latter. (10) You guys are doing a great job with the limited resources you have. I would only stress even greater emphasis on habitat restoration. It is the key to quality wild trout populations. The one DNR weakness I see is a failure to engage potential volunteer help to the extent that it is available; in the current budget crunch, you could greatly extend the bang for your buck by making full use of those groups able and willing to assist. There's a host of streams that could be much better producers with fairly minimal restoration efforts.</p>
372.	Keep up the good work.
373.	<p>Q: Do you feel the regulations are confusing?  Q: Has confusion of regulations prevented you from fishing any stream?</p> <p>I think they're simple as pie, but I know there's an argument out there to clear up.</p>
374.	<p>I would like to see more of my trout stamp dollars put to work in Northeast Wisconsin. Please continue to manage the resource in the best interest of the trout, and not for social reasons.</p>
375.	<p>I like knowing that you guys are considering the angler's opinion, but also want you to keep managing the Trout fishing to maintain and increase its quality. Also, stream access is very important. It is a big part of what sets Wisconsin apart from Iowa and many other states as well. Keep up the great work.</p>
376.	Wisconsin should have a designated Trout/Salmon river dedicated to Catch and Release only.
377.	<p>The addition to a later catch and release season is an interesting idea. I would fear the disruption of the brown and brook trout streams where some natural reproduction is present due to anglers wading the water. To save this reproduction a later "regular season" would be detrimental.</p> <p>I would like to see more artificial only waters. Not necessarily catch and release though. The mortality rate in trout for fly fisherman is almost nonexistent as far as the hook is concerned. The mortality rate for spin fisherman is a little more than that of fly fisherman due to the treble, but still the large majority will survive. However with live bait the mortality rate seems to be much greater. From past experience I feel as though the percentage of trout hooked too deep is probably closer to 50%. I don't think that these streams should be done away with. They are needed for introducing young anglers, and also the anglers that practice this form of trout fishing. But limiting the number of streams that bait fishing is allowed would be a good thing for trout populations as well.</p>
378.	<p>I fish in Waushara county a lot. Sometimes go to the Mecan, The early season regs up there are confusing to me. Its hard to figure out if you are in Waushara or Marquette county. There should be an easier way to state the early season regs. I am sure that this is not the only spot that is confusing when you cross county lines on the same stream</p>
379.	Being that I rarely keep fish to eat, and am far more concerned about catch and release fly fishing, bag limits and size limits are of little concern to me. Water quality, access, and extended seasons are my primary concern. Thanks for reviewing the state's trout fishing policies.
380.	Please consider reintroducing the high water mark law for stream access. The keep your feet wet law is impractical at times.
381.	I would like to make sure that there are a number of "trophy" waters available in Wisconsin especially for brook trout.
382.	i would just like to see more catch and release trophy managed waters.
383.	My answers to this survey include my opinions on the trout fishing in the northern part of the state where I live and in the southern part of the state where I travel most often to fish. I believe that the quality of management in the southern part of the state far surpasses what's taking place here in the

	north. The Prairie River is by far our best river in north central Wisconsin yet it has been mostly neglected by Dave Seibel. To be fair, Dave has helped coordinate habitat improvement projects on the Prairie but he's done very little to help strengthen the rules and regulations on the Prairie. It's unbelievable to me that a river system as large as the Prairie does not include even one small section of catch and release, trophy management. I've stopped fishing the Prairie because the opportunities to catch a trout over 8" are very limited. Sad because the river is capable of so much more. Mr. Seibel has done a poor job of making the case for a trophy section or even a small section of catch and release. Plus there's very little (if any) stocking on the Prairie. If managers advocate for catch and kill, I believe they should also advocate for increased stocking to replenish the fish lost to harvest. The Prairie is a shadow of its former self, hence the reason I travel so far to experience quality fishing.
384.	I am very strongly opposed to de regulating the current system. It must be brought up that trout fishing is better now than the last 30 years. Simplification - somewhat of the regs is fine- but utilize data and input from the TROUT fisheries managers on any one water. The trout streams are too diverse for a 'one size fits all' type reg. Or a put and take fishery. You can go to Iowa if you want that.
385.	It would be helpful if there was more posted signs that clarifies regulations, seasons, and right of way on streams.
386.	Understanding stream access is tricky, especially with touchy landowners. Liberal stream access and the spirit of cooperation with farmers is one of the hallmarks that sets WI apart from other states. Keep it that way and don't give in to the rich republicans! I support WI public employee unions and the dedication to public service. Thanks for contributing to and caring about our quality of life.
387.	I would be very supportive of a year round C&R fishery, especially on rivers like the Kinni with very high populations that could support the pressure. Weather would dictate more than anything, the pressure, but looking at places like Rock Creek in MT, which is open year round, and still has fantastic reproduction, leads me to believe that WI streams could handle this change. It would also lead to increased tourism dollars for WI, after deer season, I don't cross the border again until Mar 1st when the C&R season starts. A warm Sunday in Jan finds me in Whitewater State Park in MN, which is easily twice the drive for me as the Kinni. I'd head east a lot more often if the opportunity as there.
388.	For the most part I think the trout fishing opportunities are great. Would like to see a longer season, but I am ok with the way it is.
389.	Our current regulatory system has done wonders for trout populations and I hope that they are not rolled back.  Stream bank stabilization, stream rehabilitation efforts etc. must continue too.
390.	Keep doing the best you can with the resources you have.. Spread your old brood stock around to a variety of C&R streams to make it interesting for a few more people - don't dump the (because it's easier..) in Devils Lake for the tourists!
391.	Please simplify the regulations and allow longer or year-round stream fishing opportunities. Better signage of public stream access would also be appreciated.
392.	As you can see by my age, I am an older fisherman, but I'm not an "opinionated, off-the-wall, old guff that just sees things his own way" type of fisherman. I have spent my life Trout Fishing and in many ways has been one of the main things I live for, but I have watched it deteriorate over the years to its present condition of ABSOLUTELY PATHETIC in NE Wisconsin. To give you a little background about myself; back in the 70's & early 80's I used to fish for Trout every day, but I started to "catch-n-release" in 1971 and went to strictly fly-fishing for trout in 1973 and TOTAL catch-n-release in 1975. I have killed only 1 Trout in the past 36 years, that being a 19" Brook that I killed and put on the wall. Over the years I have fished for trout in most of NE Wisconsin's streams and probably most of the streams in SW Wisc. The reason I write this is not for bragging rights, but to show that I am quite knowledgeable about what Trout Fishing was like in the past and how it has deteriorated to its present state in NE Wisconsin, (SW Wisconsin is still pretty darned good, I wish it was even close to that up in the NE Wisc.) Anyway; I keep getting a warning signal that I'm running out of time, so I may do the survey again and complete my comments. I hope that this is OK.

	<p>I closed out "Clicked DONE" and came back to finish my comments. The changes I have seen over the past 40 years include; a major decrease in the Mayfly hatches (number of insects) which started with the '88-'89-'90 drought years and the prolific hatches never came back, then there is the sand siltation in a number of slower flowing "meadow type streams" that has filled in many of the pre-existing runs and corners (the Comet Creek &amp; Flume Creek that have been just about destroyed in stretches), and in the past 10-20 years the drop in water levels in all the streams &amp; rivers, that I have to believe is a direct result from all the irrigation (that also contributes to the siltation problems on some streams) and the MEGA WELLS that are drawing water from the aquifers 10-20 times faster than nature can replace it. Something serious has to be done about this or Wisconsin won't have to worry about Trout Fishing surveys. The percipitaion levels over the past few years have been above normal, yet most all of the Lakes, Rivers, &amp; Streams in the northern part the State remain at "July Levels" throughout most of the year. (It wasn't like that years ago) I also would like to say that I think it is imperative that the WI DNR re-institute the Trout planting programs that they had back in the 1960' &amp; 1970's. Years ago, in the 60's &amp; 70's I used to complian about the DNR trout stocking programs. I used to believe that the stocked fish displaced the native trout in the streams. Boy was I wrong. It's like the old saying "be careful about what you wish for, your wishes may come true", I used to wish they would stop the "planting programs" and then the DNR did and that was the beginning of the end of any reasonable Trout fishing in the trout streams in this part of the State. The natural reproduction of most all of the streams in NE Wisc. are not prolific enough to sustain a fishable population of Trout on thier own, the supplementing of the meager native population is imperative. At the State's Spring Meetings and elsewhere, they talk about the concerns that there are less and less young people interested in "Outdoor" activities. Well' what do you expect. You take a kid out to go Trout fishing (which isn't a "fun sport" with all the brush, mud &amp; insects) and you have a hard time finding enough trout for the kid to even enjoy it. I know, I tried to get my kids interested in Trout fishing, but with the minimal success and dealing with the "elements", they lost interest and went their "Video Games" where they can achieve success and get their excitement without dealing with all the crap. I know their attitudes would have been different if they could have experienced Trout fishing like it was when I was a kid. There were a good number of Trout then and it made it worth all the effort. If you want kids to get off the couch and back in the fields &amp; streams, the DNR will have to reinstitute some Trout (and Pheasent) programs, so they can achieve some degree of success and want to get out and Hunt &amp; Fish. The DNR cannot just depend on Deer &amp; Turkeys (which, if you don't own land is getting harder all the time) to carry the hopes of the future. Back to the Trout; there is some Trout stocking in Waupaca County, but it is always in the SW part of the county (by Waupaca) or the DNR throws some in a few lakes (that also have Northern &amp; Bass that eat them up faster than the VERY LIMITED number of people fish them there, can catch them). What a total waste of a resource!! Put those same Trout in the streams and a number of poeple will enjoy them, instead of a few. Also; If the excuss is that there aren't that many trout to stock each year, then make sure (by law if necessary) that the Trout stocking in the County should be rotated around to different streams each year, or some in each and stop the hoarding of the resource by a small regional area. That is Completely Wrong and should not be allowed.</p> <p>One last thing. The "so-called" stream improvement program that utilizes "Dredging" has pretty-much destroyed (the stretches of streams where it has been used) a few of the streams that I used to fish a fair amount, now it hardly pays to go there anymore. And this is after an 8-10 year period, so the stream should have recovered by now, if it was going too. The worst part is, the DNR always seems to take the best "natural" stretches, that are "the best" to start with and go about destroying them and leave the areas that aren't worth a darn alone. Then the DNR wonders why the public gets upset with them. Before they do things, they should get input from the locals and then do their work.</p> <p>Well, that's part of my 2 cents worth. But it is fact and not just biased guff. Hopefully someone will at least consider it before it is tossed in the "circular file".</p> <p>Have A Good Day!</p> <p>And try to do something to bring back the good trout fishing before I die, PLEASE.</p>
393.	<p>when reviewing the regulations keep in mind that although I appreciate the special regs on the Little Wolf River, I don't think catagory 5 should apply. The fishing has become poorer and poorer and I have not seen indication of this river becoming a trophy fishery. You have also alienated many children and grandchildren from taking up trout fishing.</p>

394.	I think it would be nice to extend the catch and release season prior and post regular season.
395.	Add male or female trout and what difference sex makes in answering this survey. With our current hot summers and river temp rising maybe there should be a ban during such hot periods. They do it at Yellowstone Park. Think about paying land owners or give them a tax break to allow access across their lands.
396.	With regards to the reasons for not fishing a stream I used to fish, I feel that the option for it being too crowded should be available.
397.	I support more habitat work versus stocking programs. Habitat will grow the fish and support the economy with jobs. Stocking is short lived. More attention should be towards stocking less walleye and more panfish mostly yellow perch.
398.	I think that the regulations could stand to be simplified a lot; there are many streams with multiple classes in different sections and it can be confusing. I also think that the season could be extended to match that of Michigan or Iowa as most of those fishing in the winter would be catch and release fly fisherman anyway. I think that the seemingly constant improvements that are being made to driftless area streams are fantastic! You guys are doing a great job teaming up with Trout Unlimited and other donors to make a very noticeable difference. Also, if the money continues to go to improvements of trout habitat, I think you should raise the price(s) of the inland trout/salmon stamps as well as charging more for licenses for out of state fisherman as this seems to be a pretty common standard throughout the western states I fish in.  Keep up the great work and someday we might surpass all of those western streams as a premier destination for fly fishers all across America!
399.	Landowners vs fishermen -- too much due to "one foot in rule" Senseless rule! Walking through streams that are too deep or mucky is a problem!
400.	I would like to see the early trout season done away with, the only fishmen that like this are from minn. I have heard that there was some thought of making rush river fly fishing only. If this is true I am totally against this. the reason is that I take all my grand kids fishing with me from age 5 to 9, and at that age they cannot fly fish.
401.	I love what the department has done with our trout fishery in the state. Better catch and release regulations and public access have made our fishery much better. Keep it up and support the stiffer catch and release regulations.
402.	I think that the current regulations are very clear and fair. I would like for the regulations to be as consistant as possible from stream to stream. I think that the DNR is doing a fantastic job in maintaining stream and bank quality.
403.	My biggest concern is the short regular season. I've asked a couple of times on the DNR website and have never been given a reasonable answer given that surrounding states have year round fishing and have been able the manage the resource effectively.
404.	Extend the season for artificial lures/barbless flies.
405.	I think the current trout seasons are just fine you get so much opportunity to fish please don't extend the seasons because your going to run into problems with people during the hunting seasons on private lands and public.
406.	Please consider extending catch and release season through October. Increase no kill sections on more streams.
407.	Thank you for considering the public opinion!
408.	I have trout fished in the past, about 10-12 years ago, and have just recently picked it up again. I can't say that I lost interest due to anything the DNR had control of, it was more out of personal interest. I have now begun fishing in the Wuatoma/Wild Rose area, and have found a bunch of

	streams that have produced really well for a complete novice angler such as myself. The survey was well written with great questions! I have since sent a link to all people that I know who trout fish. Hopefully this helps make the sport that much better in the future!
409.	I think we need to have the catch and release season open back up in october
410.	Many areas have public access, many more do not. More opportunities for access to streams would allow fishermen to spread out and not be on top of one another. Examples of fantastic work has been done on streams like Camp Creek, West Fork Kickapoo, etc that has improved the experience and habitats. Waupaca is one of my closest areas for fishing, but I personally don't see the improvements like I see being done in the SW Wisconsin area. Perhaps it's just not on the streams I fish, but I have seen stacks of lunger structures etc waiting to be put in on certain streams in the driftless area. Never seen that in central WI. I would like to see stricter rules on limits...you hear of people taking out buckets full of fish that are not even adjusted to their environment after being planted...what a waste.
411.	I would love to see you go back to the high water mark for wading in streams..
412.	Please continue to move in the direction of proper management of our streams. The current regulations have helped improve the quality of our Wisc streams. Lets continue improve our trout fishing experience with good management and less stocking of hatchery raised trout and not go backward by eliminating our varied regulations based on the individual streams. The argument that they are difficult to understand is a bunch of bunk.
413.	I believe overall regulations now support and encourage mainly flyfishermen, who for the mostpart only fish flies. I do not believe that concentrated areas of catch and release, flies only are any better for the trout health than managed streams where natural bait and artificial lures and bag limits are allowed.
414.	Yes, hard to find a stream that is not crowded and not private within an hour drive of Rock Co, to take my daughter stream fishing.
415.	Great Job on the water quality in SW Wisconsin watersheds....brook trout population increasing is always a good sign and I have seen much of that the last ten years...wouldn't mind a year round season, or an extended season through October. Also, great job using "wild stocks"...great to see thousands of trout per mile in many many streams in SW Wisconsin now.
416.	I recommend keeping the trout regulations as they are.
417.	My biggest concerns are related to access. Bridge crossings are usually find, and wet-wading is possible if one has the appropriate gear and is able, but it is preferable to have bank access to allow easier access for children and those without lots of expensive gear, including newcomers to the sport.
418.	Having one set of regulations for all trout streams is akin to having one speed limit for all of Wisconsin's roadways. It just doesn't make sense.  The Wisc. DNR has done a wonderful job of managing trout water. don't mess it up!
419.	Keep up the good work...I would hate to see the stream regulations changed because a vocal minority get pissed that they have to read a map. Not all trout streams are created equal, some need a little more help than others and I think you guys do a fantastic job of identifying those needs and addressing them.
420.	I would like to see extensive restoration efforts on the Upper Pestigo River.
421.	Adding a late catch-and-release season through November to streams would be amazing. I currently make the drive to Iowa to fish late season and would love to explore Wisconsin streams during the fall!
422.	Tu has done a great job restoring streams, speical regulations for streams are needed for Wisconsin trout streams to prosper.

423.	I can not tell where certain special regulations are in effect. Need more signage.
424.	Question to add: How often do you keep trout?
425.	Overall satisfied with WI DNR efforts to improve Trout habitat in WI
426.	You should allow for year round fishing with catch and release regulations and have set standards for keeping fish from Ponds, lakes ect.. Stream fishing should be c&r
427.	It has been written the Castle Rock is the crown Jewel of spring creeks in Grant County. I think there should be an effort to sign up the landlord/farmers in the watershed to bring this creek back to that status.
428.	I would like to see native "wild" populations supported/protected. I would like to see more work with landowners who restrict movement on the stream through their property boundaries. I do not want to see the elimination of current law, oversight, and protection of Wisconsin's trout streams.
429.	My main complaint is the category regulations being confusing. Making me nervous about fishing various streams. I would suggest lowering the bag/size limits to make them work for a vast majority of the streams. Unless, absolutely necessary... of course. Second complaint... that REALLY irks me, is posting(internet) that you are stocking woodland seasonal ponds; and not stocking them. I don't care if you decide not to stock them, but put up a sign near the pond that states the status "STOCKED" or "NOT STOCKED".
430.	longer catch and release season would be good if this is proven scientifically not to kill spawning trout or harm trout fry from stepping on eggs in stream bottom.  More easements would be great to spread out what seems to be increasing fishing pressure on the current public areas.  Thanks for the good work.
431.	The questions on what do I consider to be the best brown or brook trout streams in the state are difficult to answer as I haven't had the opportunity to fish a great number of the streams in the state. I generally fish trout in the general area of my home. Cost of gas is making it prohibitive to travel any distance to fish.
432.	Continue restoration on rivers that used to be high quality.
433.	I hope something has been done to improve the Pine just outside of Wild Rose.
434.	I love the driftless region and fished it many times. I would like to see it protected with better regs to improve the overall fishing experience.
435.	I am a Woman! Responses may get a shortage of female responses. After flooding in 08 some streams degraded to the point of having too much sediment to have many fish in. I no longer fish those and moved to other streams. In other streams fish seem healthy and abundant. Token Creek is a home water. Can we get some work done on it to provide decent trout fishing locally?
436.	Don't go back to regulations that allow high bag limits and killing big spawners. Trout fishing is better than ever because of habitat improvement and good regulations. The economic impact of a healthy trout fishery is great. Also keep using wild strain trout. They are so much better than the pale, weak stockers of the past.
437.	Really love the opportunities you've offered to catch trout in beautiful settings and all of the great public access.

438.	<p>Warm water runoff needs to be controlled somehow. Row crops greatly contribute to high silt levels in cold water streams, covering spawning gravel. Fertilizers should be banned within a certain radius of cold water streams, green algae has over taken some small spring creeks. I'm sure this is old hat, but it's true none the less. Wish I had the answer that would solve it. But with crop and cattle prices at an all time high, I bet this year will be really hard on our cold water fisheries.</p>
439.	<p>My comments speak to my impression of the driftless lacking trophy trout fishing qualities that I, as a Montana resident who visits his home state twice a year, looking to fish primarily for what you would call trophy sized trout.</p> <p>Seems like the driftless has a bunch of overpopulated trout streams, both fish and anglers. Further, I don't have time to figure out that maze/conflagration of mediocre streams to make it worth while. I lived in Wisconsin for 25 years and rarely fished for trout, choosing to chase northern and muskie up north instead.</p> <p>I have sharpened my trout angling in the Rockies for the past decade, but still find myself less than enthusiastic about the driftless because of crowding, restrictive rules, access issues, and annoyingly tough fishing for small trout.</p> <p>I now limit my activities in the south to Lake Michigan tribs in winter, when I visit over Xmas. When I visit in the summer, typically in the north, I fish Lake Superior tribs for trout en route, and interior river smallie/muskie fishing.</p> <p>I would like to visit the driftless in winter as I drive by it en route to Milwaukee, but it's not open. Many creeks there are spring fed and should be open thru winter IMO. That is how we roll in MT and rivers open year round do just fine. Harsh conditions do much to keep all but the most hardened anglers away.</p> <p>From what I've heard about the driftless, I think you should have folks take more fish out of your overpopulated waters. This will allow the remaining fish to grow in size as there is less competition for resources. Speaking of resources, you should consider alternatives to bugs as most bigger fish don't rely on bugs for their diet. Look to the viability of baitfish populations to support trophy trout populations, great bug pops are key, but they only get you half way.</p> <p>As an interesting aside, rodent populations are another possible resource to again boost your trophy fishery potential in any given drainage. I just saw a nearby small water drainage literally explode its trophy fishing potential in just three years time. It has produced at least a half dozen 25"+ browns, including one I caught several weeks ago, because of a vole explosion along its banks two springs ago.</p> <p>Hope that helps and don't forget about the smallmouth bass, aka the warm water trout.</p>
440.	<p>STOP ADDING MORE REGULATIONS TO THE ALREADY REG&gt; YOU NEED TO TAKE A LAWYER WITH YOU TO UNDERSTAND THE ALREADY REG&gt; R Babcock</p>
441.	<p>I would like to see an extension of the catch and release season, on both ends. I would also like to see some sort of catch and release season for Lake Superior run fish. The Brule River should be catch and release for all steelhead and bait should be outlawed and ENFORCED! Awesome early season on the Nam so far.</p>
442.	<p>I think the early catch and release season is a real winner! I would like to see it expanded. I have heard fishermen complain about it because some fishermen keep fish (poach) during the early season. However, everyone I know fishes with integrity. I'd like to see an all year catch and release season, like Iowa's. I'm a catch and release guy, but I understand the guys who like to keep fish to eat. If the catch and release season could be expanded, and the regular season was expanded too, it would be a win for all fishermen. The question is whether the streams/lakes can support it. That's where the expertise of the DNR comes in. If a year around fishery can't be supported, then I'd hate to see the regular season expanded to the detriment of catch and release.</p>
443.	<p>I believe the Trout stocking program has become heavily tilted toward boosting populations of Lake Michigan, and essentially abandoned the commitment toward streams that many years ago were allotted substantially higher numbers, including Rainbow trout. Certainly many of those fish were susceptible to anglers whom would congregate near the drop</p>

	<p>zones, though many fisherman were known to put the "planters" back. Some percentage may not have adapted adequately to survive their new environment? There also was a period of extended drought temporarily crippling the carrying capacity of many streams, making the investment of stocking questionable.</p> <p>During these earlier years however, it was evident that the increased numbers of introduced trout had a favorable impact, with some of these fish surviving to become acclimated, grow and resemble the native population.</p> <p>It is presumed amongst fishermen there is more revenue being generated from sales of the Great Lakes trout stamps than Inland Waters, therefore more effort has been expended there.</p> <p>On a positive note there have been enhancements to the structure on segments of several streams.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to add my perspective</p>
444.	<p>Please maintain the current regulations as is, and continue to protect the resource.</p> <p>Thanks!</p>
445.	<p>Keep the Upper Brule WILD!</p>
446.	<p>I love your state. I own land in it and spend 30-40 days a year. Keep up the good work</p>
447.	<p>The current trespass law makes stream access difficult in the north. WI. should require posting of private land if the land owner is not allowing access. This would eliminate an intentional trespass due to not knowing land boundaries.</p>
448.	<p>Thank you for your care of this wonderful resource.</p>
449.	<p>Follow the advice of Bob Hunt, Edward Engle, Dave Vetrano, Dennis Pratt, Ray White, and the 'elder statesmen' of trout streams in Wisconsin. Use Science and Research as the basis for decisions. Ignore disgruntled bar-room 'experts' like Roger Kerr.</p>
450.	<p>Trout numbers could use improvement aside from the driftless area.</p>
451.	<p>When you only take out 12" fish or bigger you take out your best producing fish and deplete the stream of its fish.</p>
452.	<p>I would like to see more detailed maps of public access of trout streams/ rivers on your website.</p>
453.	<p>Many of the streams that I used to fish in central Wis. seemed to have lost quality. Such as more sand build up in the stream losing depth and less water flow volume. Less numbers of trout and smaller size average. I question the value of having slot limits that let anglers keep fish over 12". This seems to kill off the larger fish. I would like to see more catch and release regulations. I would also like to add that some of the questions such as #17 could be answered differently depending on which part of the state one fishes.</p>
454.	<p>I'm not against harvesting of trout, but for those who do, I would like to see better enforcement. I'm almost 61 years old, I trout fish quite a bit, and I have only been checked for the license once on a stream. I know there are not many wardens, but we shouldn't load them with paperwork that keeps them from being outdoors.</p> <p>I would also like to say that I am blessed to live in a wonderful trout fishing state, and I appreciate everything the DNR does to help keep it this way. You're doing a great job. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.</p>
455.	<p>I would like extended seasons for catch and release for barbless artificial.. Also, rejuvenation of the streams improved in the 1980's in the Washburn county area. They were in cooperation with the Mosinee lands. Thank you for your interest!</p>
456.	<p>I would like to see the current bag limits and stream category system continue. I don't like the idea of making all streams equal bag limits.</p>
457.	<p>Keep up the great work on habitat and managing for wild trout. Stream access is important and managed well. Less emphasis on harvest and more opportunities for artificial lures or flyfishing only.</p>

	Year round fishing including catch and releases from Oct trough April would be great.
458.	I would strongly support a year round catch and release season, its amazing how some of my out of state friends marvel at our catch and release season and improvements in southwest Wisconsin, it has become an annual trip for them to buy licenses here. The DNR and Trout Unlimited have done a MAGNIFICENT job in turning this state into a trout destination.
459.	I'd like to see catch and release season extended to cover the balance of the calendar outside of the regular trout fishing season
460.	Trout fishing is like religion so protect it and for gods sake dont *** it up.
461.	Eliminate different colors for different sizes on the same stream.
462.	Wisconsin is a jewel among trout fishing states. Please work hard to preserve this natural asset. The work to remove cabins and restore the wildness on the Namekagon has been terrific. Judging by the increasingly high pressure on the Brule during steelhead season, it would be wonderful if other streams on the south shore could be developed to the extent of the Brule. Thanks for the good work by DNR
463.	Please do not go back to one size fits all. The argument that kids need to keep fish is hogwash. It is more important that they are able to catch fish than it is that they keep fish!! This includes my four year old grandson!!
464.	The only part of the restoration process on streams that I hate is when they come through, and totally clean out the stream. Why can't they leave some dead fall in the water? Why does every tree have to come down ? I have lost some really great spots after they were improved !!!
465.	im Handicapped excecable needeed for handicapped cant walk through grass and shrubs
466.	I would like to see Wisconsin manage its trout fisheries to meet the needs of a diverse angling public, from catch and release anglers to those anglers looking to harvest trout, to those seeking quality fishing opportunities.
467.	regulate livestock access to streams more heavily to mitigate bank erosion. Mitigate siltation and restore spawning grounds so that they can maintain healthy populations of naturally reproducing populations. Demarcate sections of streams for flyfishing only. Barbless.  Keep trees along the banks! Water temperature is a huge factor in sustainable trout streams, please keep the temps low, but leaving hanging trees. Root structure helps stabilize banks, stalling erosion. I got a million more, but I won't bother you. Thanks for giving the survey, good luck!
468.	no
469.	i don't understand why you can't plant in the streams of the northern part of the state, Florence-forest countys. the pine and brule rivers.
470.	Keep up the good work at maintaining a great fishery
471.	In Southwest Wisconsin we see a lot of pressure on Brook Trout and their numbers are limited and declining. For example, in Iowa County we have only a few streams that still have populations of reproducing brook trout. Unfortunately there are few restrictions on the number of Brook Trout taken. If a stream has natural reproducing trout I would encourage, even require, catch and release on these streams. I have a small stream that runs through my farm and I see many bait fisherman taking multiple limits in a single day. If something is not done, I fear they will damage the resource if they haven't already. Why not have regs that require the release of the brook trout but allow the harvest of brown trout? My fish manager doesn't listen to my appeals. Bill Wisler
472.	Thank you and keep up the hard work!

473.	Continue working to remove dams and improve steelhead on great lakes streams. Would love to see steelhead in Iron river (allow passage on removed Orienta dam, and build fish barrier to protect hatchery (if needed). I prefer to limit harvest of trout to below 12" for brown trout, and not harvest anything larger than that as there are lots of small brown trout but few quality fish (>14") on most streams. Continue to improve habitat capable of supporting quality fish, and improve access.
474.	Help in stocking
475.	Support TU
476.	I would like to see more catch and release only streams and for the catch and release season to be year long. Having lived in Montana and Colorado (both can fish year round), it is very disheartening to live in a place where it is illegal to fulfill your passion fly fishing as a responsible, catch and release only angler. You could include educational information about not targeting spawning fish and protecting redds when angler buy their trout stamps.
477.	Great job!
478.	In regards to land owner access, I feel that this has been handled very well in the spring creek area, but I have not seen any so far in central or NE WI where I do the majority of my fishing. I would really like to see this improved.
479.	Removing the dam on the Willow River in St. Croix county ruined the trout fishery on the Willow River. Better planning of that fishery's geology and the depths of it's springs would have made for a more gradual change / different plan that might have prevented this sad loss of good trout habitat.
480.	wi dnr does a wounderfull job!! hats off to all of you
481.	I believe that the special regulation sections of the trout streams in Wisconsin are vital to the continued development of trout streams in Wisconsin. These regulations have helped to shape Wisconsin into a true trout fishing destination.
482.	Don't make regs the same for each stream - have the flexibility to best manage the individual stream potential.  Open trout fishing (C & R is fine) all year where the resource can safely handle it
483.	Please do not change bag limits in Wisconsin. I like the current regulations. The regulations are not hard, and they do not scare away the children from trout fishing. Thank you for all of the work you do.
484.	Better stocking programs for central streams.(ie-tommorrow river,plover river, mecan river.)Thankyou
485.	Creation of fly only water or more artificial only water.
486.	I feel our trout waters are too complex to be managed by a single one size fits all regulation. I feel we need to maintain a system that recognizes that different waters require different management approaches. There may be room for some simplification, but the basic idea of categories needs to be kept. I also feel regulations should provide anglers with opportunities; the most obvious of which is to fish over populations of fish unaffected by harvest.
487.	The reason I stopped fishing streams I used to fish 30 years ago is I found better water elsewhere. I now fish primarily in the Driftless Zone. There are brown trout streams there even better than the ones I mentioned, but that's my secret.
488.	Overall, I have been quite satisfied with the management of the trout streams in Western Wisconsin (where I mostly fish). However, I would really like to see the catch & release season extend from Oct 1 through May opener.
489.	I feel that our catch and release regulations are very critical for the qualtiy trout fishery we currently

	enjoy. It would be devastating for the quality of our fishery to go to a single regulation system.
490.	In general, add fly/lure only and catch/release only to as much water as possible- it works. Barring that, decrease the bag/possession limits during all seasons on streams/rivers. Work with private land owners for increased access and habitat/stream improvement.
491.	The trout fishery is getting better all the time. It has greatly improved in the past 20 plus years. Kudos to the DNR and the TU groups in Wisconsin in doing stream restoration. In the near future more attention needs to be in the areas of large milking farms with run off near quality trout streams.
492.	Keep up the good fight work fighting for great trout populations, size and habitat!
493.	A uniform regulations program for trout is not good. Catch and release seasons need to be extended, it is currently far too short and I feel an extension will not harm the fisheries, it will increase angler spending in many communities and continue interest in the sport which will lead to habitat protection and enthusiasm. Again, a single and uniform regulation for all streams makes absolutely zero sense.
494.	More catch & release and more habitat restoration. Prefer brook trout (the native trout of Wisconsin) to brown trout, even though they don't grow as large.
495.	I'd really like to have the opportunity for some fall trout fishing in Wisconsin. The season needs to be open at least through October, if not year round. Many states that also have great trout fishing stay open year round for catch and release, why not Wisconsin?
496.	Severely restrict creel limits. Enforce protected (fly only/no kept fish) areas.
497.	in general i hope the DNR continues to maintain a regulations structure similar to what is currently in place. A "one regulation fits all" makes about as much sense as a single speed limit on every roadway in the state. i also hope that the DNR continues the great work they do on habitat restoration. The stream I fish most regularly, Black Earth Creek, has seen extensive work done over the last few years. Based on my observations and the opinions of other anglers i run into streamside, the quality of the fish has only improved. Thanks for the great work WI DNR, keep it up!
498.	I would strongly support opening the catch and release season to year round status, or at least extend it. Revenue dollars are going to Iowa right now that should stay in the State.
499.	I would like to see discontinuation of Lunker structures in the areas that I fish. I would prefer other types of habitat restoration work such as: terracing, slope reduction and rip rap (for erosion control). I would like to see more plunge pools with riffles and rock toe protection for instream habitat. Big rocks are the limiting factor in the streams that I fish, not woody debris or overhanging vegetation. I would like to see some questions on this survey about people's opinions about if they prefer or don't prefer to fish streams that support and maintain naturally reproducing populations of trout. I prefer to see and fish these types of streams where trout do not need to be stocked.
500.	catch and release season through the winter (october-december at least) would be great!
501.	I would like to see the early catch and release season be changed to allow catch and keep options and eliminate artificial only options. I feel many of the catch and release streams with artificial only have far to many trout with very few fisherman fishing these streams. Who is benefiting? Questions I would like added to the survey are: Question: Do you feel the distribution of trout stocking in streams is not equal and some streams seem to have preference? Also Do you think streams that allow keep and no artificial bait restrictions have declined in quality over the past years compared to catch and release streams.
502.	Continue with regulations that use the characteristics of the individual river to determine how best to manage that water. Increase the catch and release seasons.
503.	Keep the trout season open year-round.

504.	Keep up the great work! Wisconsin is a premier coldwater fishery! The only change I'd like to see is the C&R season beginning earlier, January 1 for instance. I'd also like to see the regular season extended to October 31.
505.	Added question: Are you a member of a conservation minded group?
506.	Great management. Really like and appreciate managing streams individually.
507.	In addition to the early season trout regulations I would like to see treble hooks outlawed. I think these do a lot more damage to the fish than one might think. Also, I would like to see the early season open earlier (possibly January, like Minnesota).
508.	Clarify in Regulation book what areas are most likely to produce fish on the catch and release portions of rivers. Exploring is fun but age is a deterrent.
509.	make the catch and release season longer and fix the north steelhead river in WI THATS WHAT YOU people should be worried about do you know how much money steelheading brings in lots
510.	I am 98% catch and release trout. There should be more(broader)catch and release regulations.
511.	Please consider extending the season thru October the weather is much better for fishing compared to the start of early season in March.
512.	My interest is in fly fishing c & r for WI native brook trout found in remote spring ponds, not interested in stockers
513.	I see some problems with the questions asked. For example, you ask how satisfied we are with the beaver control program. Dissatisfaction with this program could indicate the respondent either thinks it happens too little or too much. I said I am dissatisfied, put me down for thinking it happens too much. Beaver are an important component to a healthy ecosystem and have co-existed with trout for thousands of years. While some may think they reduce the quality of trout waters, I haven't seen evidence of this. Some of my best fishing has been in beaver ponds or below dams. Despite their impact on trout, positive or negative, beaver are a critical part of the ecosystem as a whole. While I am an avid trout fisherman, browns and rainbows are an introduced species and brooks co-evolved with beaver. I say let the beaver do their thing, the fishing will be fine. Just my two cents. Thanks for taking the time to gauge the public on trout! I think DNR fisheries is doing a great job.
514.	Keep up the restoration projects, even if it is necessary to raise the trout stamp cost a little bit
515.	Too much stream improvement. Leave some sections of a stream unimproved. Big trout live in wood. TU is mostly fly fisherman and they can't fish in wood or with trees overhead so they want every stream a flat open pasture.
516.	Each trout stream is a unique individual. In regard to management, much to the dismay of some, I believe streams should probably be managed that way. I do believe though, that there is some room for the simplification of rules and regs. I think the system can handle that. This being said, restoration needs to follow that thought more closely as well. I do think hard armor is over used. Mother nature will have her way in the end anyhow. Thanks for doing a great job!
517.	stop the catch&release early season on the RUSH RIVER!
518.	I have trout fished for many years and I can honestly say that it has grown in popularity among people that I know and there is a lot of interest among the younger generations so I hope to see it continue to get better.
519.	Hope this data helps and you continue to build great fisheries for our youth
520.	Get rid of early trout season, voted against it, but DNR seemed to find a way to pass it anyway. Also make non resident licence fee much more.

521.	Thanks for getting input!
522.	As a trout fisherman, I understand the desire to blow beaver dams for fish habitat and water temp, but as a duck hunter, resent the destruction of duck habitat in favor of trout habitat. I think too many beaver dams have been removed in my area.
523.	Please do not change regulations on the Rush River to fly fishing only!
524.	The more catch and release, the better.
525.	<p>When I was a kid 36+ years ago, the Rush River had HUGE trout thriving in it. There were deep pools plenty of bait fish and crayfish (big meals). Back then, cattle ranged freely and spent time in the streams, there was run-off and fertilizer. The stream temp was slightly warmer and there seemed to be a better flow. It was common to catch suckers and chubs but also common to catch 7 lb to 12 lb trout. The thought of catching a trophy trout (Over 5 lbs) is what fueled the local community every opener. The river is shallow, cold, and almost void of bait (rough) fish. The trout are small. It seems as though the river is slowly being transformed into a shallow, narrow, cold water, fly fishing conducive stream. The stream is being managed to satisfy the special interest groups who prefer to escape the city and seek refuge in a place they would like to call their own. I pay \$9000 per year in property tax to own 500ft of the Rush. I DO own and pay dearly for her. I have fisherman (outstate mostly) tromping up and down my back yard all season long with their expensive gear and fancy cars. I leave them alone because I can appreciate the refuge they seek and the rat race they want to escape. I worked in the city until 2006. I get it. My tolerance and understanding should not be taken for granted by trying to control what is mine. I will fight for my local community and what is best for our river and the locals who own it and want their children to own and enjoy it as well.</p> <p>We deserve to pass along our traditions and methods and allow our visitors to come as well. We should not tailor our river to their needs PERIOD....</p>
526.	<p>Would like to see more catch and release fishing regs.</p> <p>To reduce pressure on wild trout streams I would like to see a put and take program on some stream that do not/cannot support wild trout. something similar to what they do in North Carolina.</p> <p>Keep up the good work and continue to improve more streams. Thanks.</p>
527.	I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.
528.	<p>I spend a lot of time fishing for trout in Wisconsin. I stay at hotels and eat in local restaurants when doing so. In my opinion Wisconsin has some of the finest trout fishing in the country due to the stream regulations and habitat improvement. The regulations are easy to understand and follow. The DNR has done a fine job and should be proud of their efforts. I would like to see more stream rehabilitation/improvement AND improved access - the Timber Coulee drainage is a perfect example of outstanding work. In a perfect world fishing would be open later in the fall and open earlier in the winter. People should be able to keep a trout or two depending on the stream specific habitat and water quality. Reasonable restrictions are appropriate. The idea that kids aren't fishing because of complex regulations is simply nonsense.</p> <p>Thanks for reading my comments.</p>
529.	<p>I think the most important thing the DNR could do is to increase the number of special regs for size limit and bag limit instead of reversing the good work that has been done along those lines.</p> <p>I'd like to see a lot more habitat work in Northern Wisconsin, where the streams are suffering from the long term effects of the cut over (i.e. erosion and lack of large woody debris in stream beds.</p> <p>Slow the Flow!!!!!!</p>
530.	I used to live in MN and really enjoyed the April/early May regular trout fishing season - less undergrowth, no mosquitoes, nice spring weather. I would like Southern WI to start the season in early April. I don't mind more stream sections becoming fly fishing only, but I do mind the increase in catch and release. I want to keep at least one. In return, I could understand lowering the bag limit.

531.	<p>In general i like the current regulation system. However, Brown trout between 12 &amp; 20 inches should left in the streams to reproduce and provide better quality angling.  Allowing harvest of browns under 12 inches and brook trout under 10 inches should be allowed on stream that have high populations of wild fish. I would prefer a 5 fish limit on those types of streams.</p> <p>Actually a 5 fish limit with no browns over 12 " and no brook trout over 10" being allowed to be kept would be the regulation I would prefer on high abundance wild trout streams.</p>
532.	<p>I would like to see more public access to trout streams or at least be able to walk the bank if you need to. I would like to see better signage for these access points. I am in favor of a catch and release season after Oct 31st. I would like to see some stream improvements in central wisconsin as they have been the driftless area in wisconsin. I'm very happy with the fishing in the southwest part of the state.</p>
533.	<p>I think the current regulations that vary from stream to stream on an individual case by case basis work very well.</p>
534.	<p>Roger Kerr is an idiot</p>
535.	<p>It's time to eliminate the early trout season. This program started with good intentions but has failed miserably. The local steams are not producing the large trout they used to and it is no longer enjoyable to spend an evening on the river. Rumor has it the Rush River may become an artificial bait river only?? I hope this is not the case or there will be a major push to remove the local DNR manager.</p>
536.	<p>I am strongly opposed to changing regulations that allow more harvest and more bait fishing opportunities. I strongly support continued habitat improvement projects and stream restoration projects, as well as continued watershed management as a whole.</p>
537.	<p>Higher presence of DNR CO's. It's good to see them on streams.</p>
538.	<p>As I mostly am a fly fisherman and only use artificials and never keep fish, I don't pay a lot of attention to regulations. They are usually not posted so it becomes work to stop and try to figure out what they are. I also don't worry about wild vs stocked. I just enjoy tying flies and trying to catch trout. Feel lucky to be a Wisconsinite!</p>
539.	<p>For the record I am a fly fishing only angler for trout. I fish the Peshtigo and Pike rivers with the Peshtigo being my home and go to river. The trout fishing in those two rivers is good enough to keep me happy as a clam. I have no need to go anywhere else.</p> <p>The artificial only streams need to be enforced. I have seen so many trout killed by anglers fishing with live bait it is a travesty. I know this because the dead trout come floating by me in the river.</p> <p>The season needs to be longer. Sept 30 is much to early to close the season. I do understand that for brown and brook trout if I am not mistaken that is there spawning season but a catch and release season would be great and in my opinion have little impact.</p>
540.	<p>I'd love to see the inland trout season extended until the end of October!</p>
541.	<p>Good Survey. Thanks for taking the input!</p>
542.	<p>I would like to see the Rainbow fisheree in the White River basin improved or at least maintained. A question might be on average, how many fish are kept each time out.</p>
543.	<p>I wish to see a category 3 regulation on the medium to large size brook tout streams in forest, florence, oneida and vilas counties. These streams are capable of producing 9 inch and larger brook tout. This regulation would farther protect brook trout with a reduced bag limit of 3 fish. Anglers would still have the oppourtuny to take several fish for the table.</p>
544.	<p>With the current state of affairs in Wisconsin government, I fear that the great progress that has</p>

	<p>been made with water quality, upland management and wild trout emphasis will be lost.</p> <p>I (and all the other trout fishers I know) greatly appreciate all that the DNR and its dedicated staff have done with the trout program in my lifetime. You need to know this in this unprecedented time of rollbacks to programs to enhance and protect our natural resources. Best wishes to you.</p>
545.	GOOD SURVEY. THANKS FOR YOUR WORK ON BEHALF OF THE RESOURCE
546.	The stream restoration that I have observed has allowed my boss and I to better manage the river that runs through his stretch of land in Marquette county. It is on the Mekan River and the brush bundles that we have made have made a great difference and improved the quality of the river.
547.	keep up the good work!
548.	I want improved rainbow water and fishing in the Central Sands White River Watershed. Also want strict regulation to mandate no kill of 18" or larger trout with slot and smaller bag limits in this area. We need to clear out over wooded stream edges, keeping woody debris in water but expand casting and navigable water for Tomorrow, Mekan, White, Pine and Willow river fisheries.
549.	<p>I think you should start managing trout strictly for wild trout in streams and lakes that can support them. You should manage some specific streams for quality trout fishing and/or trophy trout fishing and others for numbers even if they only support small trout. I also think that a fall catch and release season with artificial lures and flies only could be implemented all the way from maybe October 1 to the end of the current catch and release season. You also should revise your regulations on the entire length of the Kinnickinnic River in Pierce and St. Croix counties because it has near 6,000-8,000 trout per mile on the upper river above river Falls according to Kinni River Land Trust. That is way over the carrying capacity for such a small river. Rivers in Montana such as the Bighorn have more like 5,000-6,000 trout per mile and the Bighorn is about 10 times the size of the Upper Kinni.</p> <p>Thank You</p>
550.	Keep Public and Private Land Leased for Public Fishing streams updated and clearly marked for easy identification near all bridges and access roads. Some are marked Leased for Public Fishing and then no trespassing signs right next to them.
551.	There is a reason I see so many MN vehicles fishing on not only my property, but neighboring properties as well. Now there is discussion on artificial bait only. I own a significant stretch of the Rush River and am saddened that there is a chance my young daughters will not have the chance to experience fishing for trout with a good old fashioned night-crawler.
552.	I would like to see better pulic access and the return of trophy browns to rush river.
553.	Improve and/or enforce run-off regulations. The farm lot and field run-off in agricultural areas is terrible. The discharging of barn and milk house waste directly into the streams should be investigated.
554.	Regulations seam to be working. I would like to fish deeper into the fall if only catch and release
555.	<p>I would like to fish trout streams through Oct. Not catch and release. I am disapointed with the size and quantity trout this state has to offer.</p> <p>Wisconsin could learn from states like Wyoming &amp; Montana. I fish in those states and catch far more fish.</p> <p>I am satesfied with the bag limits.</p>
556.	<p>Fly fishing seems to control the thoughts of our DNR management. Streams which used to have trophy fish are now managed for fly fisherman to catch many 12 inch fish and release them.</p> <p>I hate it when they make a stream fly fishing only. This is America we have the right to use spinning rods!</p>
557.	I strongly oppose any regulation that would take away the ability to fish as I prefer. I will never support any law/rgulation that forces me to "fly fish only". If a regulation of that kind is established

	the DNR, and the residents of the upper midwest would suffer greatly. DO NOT enact any such regulation!
558.	I think overall trout fishing in Wisconsin is good. Some streams are not stocked as much as they used to be though.
559.	close the early trout fishing season. Its been tradition for us to open trout fishing the first sat. in may. my kids do not get a fair opp. for fish on opening day if people have already been preshering the fish. How does that get our youth started or enjoy fishing when they go opening morning and dont catch a fish. telling my 2 year old its because other people have been fishing for 2 months and the fish our scared. she doesnt under stand. and stop using luncker structures. when we can go in and dig out a hole, put in boulders, and rip rap. its more natual, and luncker structures rot out after 25 or 30 years.
560.	Trout fishing in WI has improved dramatically during my lifetime. Don't screw up these improvements by changing the regulations back to the way they used to be..
561.	I have head rumors that some streams in Pierce County are being considered Fly Fishing only. I think that will be a big problem with the local people who have fished these streams for many years.
562.	Signage to let the angler know that there is stream access is often lacking. I often drive past good streams that have clearly had stream improvements but I am unsure of public access. Since "no tresspassing" signs are no longer required and I don't want to be fined, I drive on by. Even an online listing of easements would be helpful. I am annoyed by the secrecy and the discourteous attitude displayed by those who will give our money to the landowner for an easement or tax break but not tell the angling public the land is useable.
563.	As you know, there are some nuts out there who want to increase bag limits and get rid of C&R regs. I don't think many anglers support that, but in the current atmosphere, anything is possible. Maybe ask some questions that show there's no support for killing a lot of trout. Thanks for what you're doing.
564.	Please extend seasons even if bag limits are decreased or extend catch and release seasons.
565.	Why has the rush river trout became long and skinny? This river was know for it's large fish!
566.	It is very unfortunate that the DNR planted willows on the South Branch of the Oconto in the early fifties in an attempt to cool the water. The river is now silted and the hatches are infrequent to non existent. Good intentions- Bad outcome.
567.	The Rush River in our area has changed dramatically over time in my years of fishing this stream. The food sources changed dramatically along with the dramatic increase in the trout population. At the same time, the number of trophy fish have dramatically decreased. I do not fly fish this stream very much. I bait fish and use artificial bait most of the time. I feel that many of the changes to the stream are very unfortunate. Please understand that I have never needed to catch a lot of fish to enjoy trout fishing. At times, I feel it is simply too easy to catch fish on this stream due to the high populations of fish and the change in the food structure. This needs to remain a quality stream that is accessable to all people. Any discussion of changing this stream to a fly fishing only stream will anger property owners greatly and disrupt the culture of this area. I consider myself a very good trout fisherman even though I do not flyfish that often. At times, I know that local landowners and residents often become insulted by some of the attitudes toward the traditional trout fisherman in the area.
568.	Habitat restoration should be more widespread in agricultural areas. For the past 15+ years, restoration projects have been conducted primarily where the "elite" fly anglers have an interest. We are losing some of our small, high quality brook trout streams to habitat degradation. Efforts need to be made to reduce the impact of reed canary grass on some of these small streams. By mid-summer (earlier in some streams), reed canary grass growth envelopes the stream surface (in some cases in entirety) making it impossible to fish these streams. I'm also concerned with what this heavy growth does to the whole ecology of the stream system. Research should be conducted to evaluate the impacts of reed canary grass on a stream system along with methods to control this invasive species. Intensive stream bank brushing along the banks of low-gradient streams results in a succession to reed canary grass, as is evident with some of the streams included in Bob Hunt's early

	streambank brushing evaluation.
569.	Question 16. I do not agree that one size fits all on regulations and size limits. We have excellent trout fishing here because regulations and size limits are tailored to different streams.If it isn't broke don't fix it. Don't spoil your success. You have done a great jobso far.
570.	There are some streams in our area that formerly held decent trout populations but are now without trout due to erosion, beaver damming and deteriorated water conditions. Would love to see more stream reclamation, improvement programs. There are some 'trout ready' streams available with a little work, especially in cooperation with land owners. I currently own land on what used to be a listed trout stream, Alder Creek-Chippewa County, and am trying to improve my section of the stream, as well as soliciting involvement from my neighbors. Alder feeds into Paint Creek which is also in rough shape. Would love to have some help with this as it is a daunting task. I like the smaller, faster moving streams to fish and see these type of creeks being minimized in importance compared to the larger 'trophy' waters.
571.	Overall, the current trout regulations have resulted in vast improvements and maintenance of Wisconsin's fine trout waters. Wisconsin is becoming a fly fishing destination because of our stellar stream restoration work and generally responsible and well thought out DNR management. Tread very carefully on something which has been so successful for many years.
572.	there has been no stream improvement on streams in eastern jackson co. even when state owns the land there are improvements that can be made to sand streams
573.	Stream restoration efforts really work. Keep working with Trout Unlimited and other groups. Keep up the good work. Trout fishing is better than ever.
574.	Trout fishing is great these days. We're doing a lot of things right. Let's not do anything that will reduce trout populations or introduce wild cards whose results might be unpredictable.
575.	put ice fishing season on more inland trout lakes in Tomahawk area
576.	There needs to be more and clearer information about access and regulations publicly available.
577.	Extend the regular season later - make it catch and release
578.	I do not believe the catch and release season is a good thing to have because we tend to lose a lot of fish because they get hurt when they are caught and released and some of the people just keep them. So I truly believe this early season should be eliminated.
579.	<p>Yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Current regulations do not take into account many changes, from year-to-year of trout data: movement patterns, water quality, pollution and taking action in identifying/citing non-point runoff sources. MUCH more stream survey data (fisherman surveys, electrofishing counts, counting redds in headwaters, etc.) needs to be done. Partner with local organizations more to help accomplish this.</li> <li>2. The Conservation Congress as a "legislative arm" for the DNR in this state is a laughable system. Allow the water quality &amp; wildlife management biologists to make the directives and set agendas for required changes for regulations.</li> <li>3. Stream water quality has diminished rapidly since I first found it to be in the Driftless Region over my 17 years living and fishing in this area. This is due to poor agricultural practices and the lack of legal enforcement from the DNR. Legal riparian requirements are in place that landowners are not enforced to follow. Too many cattle are allowed access to the waterways and do tremendous damage to stream banks and overall water quality. Better enforcement of headwater regulations by the DNR must occur for stream quality and fish quality/quantity to improve.</li> <li>4. Access regulations should revert back to "High water marks". Stream bank quality reduction is caused by fisherman trampling over areas that are wet/weak and can do as much damage as grazing/watering cattle.</li> <li>5. The number of class 5 no-kill sections should be increased within the regulations. There is a movement to reduce the number of special reg. streams, which has no basis on actual stream data.</li> <li>6. More funding needs to be diverted to partnerships with environmental organizations to increase the number and quality of stream restoration projects.</li> </ol>

	<p>7. Previous stream restoration projects completed by the DNR do not appear to be budgeted to include long-term maintenance, nor is headwater management/quality enforcement any part of the consideration/determination of projects. Once a stream project is completed by the DNR, it tends to be left alone and not monitored regularly by the DNR for land use management practices. I have witnessed several previous stream projects that have been allowed to decline rapidly due to poor headwater management, (specific, direct enforcement of upstream water quality agricultural practices) and the DNR's allowances for increased #'s of cattle and poor agricultural practices on the land adjacent to the projects. No accountability/planning for storm runoff/high water events appears to be in place. My experience is that this has resulted in a high level of siltation in streams, severe reduction of dissolved oxygen in the water, increased nitrate counts, high reduction of stream bank quality, and consequently a reduction to the number of trout, other fishes and especially stream insects (other than diptera genus insects, which thrive in waters with siltation and low flow rates).</p>
580.	<p>I believe through regulations we have systematically made our Brook Trout grow shorter - the short fish are the ones who get to survive while the longer ones are the ones harvested. We need some sort of slot size limit where kept fish are only of a certain size - like 9 to 12 inches, above that they must be released. We are losing our trophy Brook Trout stocks, and the ability for them to pass on superior genes.</p>
581.	<p>Tradition is strong in family fishing - Don't fix something that is not broke!!</p>
582.	<p>A year-round season with catch-and-release beginning the day after the regular season closes would be ideal. As a die-hard trout and fly fisherman, to be able to go out year-round whenever an opportunity presents itself would be wonderful. I practice catch-and-release as a rule, so just having the opportunity to fish throughout the year would be great for those who have a limited time budget to begin with (e.g., families, job obligations, etc.)</p>
583.	<p>Yes, question #22 seems to need an addition. "Trout Stream itself has degraded" e.g. water quality change, narrowing of stream, etc.</p>
584.	<p>please limit bait fishing on only certin strams with limits one 1 or 2 trout for bags limits and with 10 inch on brooks and 12 inches on browns and only allow barbless hooks and on spinners only allow single hooks on both steams and lakes</p>
585.	<p>Keep up the good work! I favor regulations for catch and release, artificials only, and concentration of habitat restoration efforts on streams carrying these regulations. It would be nice to improve fishing opportunities near the Milwaukee area, where I live, and where many fisherman cannot get away to do quality fishing very often. The sites near Milwaukee that have been improved are heavily fished and it is sometimes hard to get a quality experience, especially on weekends.</p>
586.	<p>please keep the early catch and release. please keep or expand catch and release or limited bag limits</p>
587.	<p>I think it is very hard to regulate the early catch and release season with the limited number of DNR agents that we have. I believe there is a strong correspondence between the beginning of the early season and the negative shift in fish size and numbers during the regular season.</p>
588.	<p>Please, limit tubing on our trout streams...or better, yet prohibit inflatables...especially on a Wild and Scenic river.</p>
589.	<p>people from another state should not be part of this survey.</p>
590.	<p>I would like to see improved fishing in the streams of central wisconsin. Access to many good streams is difficult due to lack of clear public access. Would also like to see regulations to force release of all trout 18" or larger.</p>
591.	<p>I am primarily a Catch &amp; Release Stream Fly Fisherman, and I appreciate very much the yellow regulation signs posted at access points of streams. I also appreciate the DNR lots with access points.</p>
592.	<p>Our current regulations for catch and release and category 5 waters has improved the trout fishing in our state by leaps and bounds. Keep up the good work and try for more protection on rivers with potential for good natural reproduction. More public access would also be great. I have heard people</p>

	<p>mention that the regulations are confusing for trout fishing and yet my daughter can read and understand the trout regs. Keep making our trout fishing better for me and my children by protecting the resource. Catch and release is working and we are catching more and larger trout because of it.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
593.	<p>I would like to have a bag limit during the early season even if it is only one fish. Or have the early catch and release season open only on the stream portions that are catch and release during the regular season.</p> <p>Also would like to see a slot size limit used more. I feel it is a very good management tool on some streams.</p>
594.	<p>Restored streams and streams being researched should have special restrictions to sustain quality. "Put and take" streams should have liberal limits for quantity and size.</p>
595.	<p>Open early catch and release season earlier. Improve access to streams. Do not eliminate current regulation system, in my opinion Wisconsin has one of the easiest to understand trout regulation systems in the US. Moving to a uniform regulation will eliminate one of the few tools fisheries managers have. Our current easy to understand regulation system is not a barrier to youth participation. Open select quality sections of trout water early to youth (under the age of 15) trout fishing, in order to encourage youth participation, allow mentors to participate. Open up freshly stocked waters to youth fishing 2 or 3 days prior.</p>
596.	<p>Need to take out Amherst dam on tomorrow river.</p>
597.	<p>Would like the DNR to consider/study the possibilities of some special trophy brown trout management sections on the main branch of the Hay River (Big Water)(Wheeler Area). It would or may require the stocking of some larger brown trout and may benefit from some tree drops to develop some better holes in places where large wood is lacking. This larger type water may have a similar potential, with some special help, that the Nemekagan has.</p> <p>Thank You..... Jim Thompson 715-632-2303</p>
598.	<p>I would like to see at least some maintenance projects undertaken on trout streams that have already had considerable amounts of money invested in them. It seems to me that time and effort that went into these improvements have been wasted.</p>
599.	<p>Overall Trout fishing opportunities in the state are plentiful and of good quality, though more work and management is necessary. The current management has done worlds of good for our fisheries, and I hope it continues on its current path, or with even more vigor.</p>
600.	<p>Our trout streams use to have a greater number of larger fish.</p> <p>Promote the "If you are not going to eat it, put it back" attitude.</p> <p>Raise out of state fees!</p> <p>Eliminate the Early Catch and Release season.</p>
601.	<p>Thank you for all you do.</p>
602.	<p>brook trout are disappearing at an alarming rate.</p>
603.	<p>This is a great thing to do finally! I like the knowledge that I have an opinion in this and it is accounted for. I am all for making the trout fishing year round, even if it is catch and release only for the winter months. Thank you for hearing me out.</p>
604.	<p>stream bank restoration is the biggest concern I have. Also, run off into black earth hurts it.</p>
605.	<p>I am opposed to simplification of regulations just for simplification sake, which is strange for me to say when being in general for "less government". Each stream and watershed is different relative to trout and once you get into it, the regs just aren't that difficult. There are signs at most crossings for those who can't read the booklet. Trout fishing requires exploring to such a great extent that looking</p>

	up the regs for each "new" stream should just be part of the exploring experience.
606.	The DNR has done a fantastic job on their efforts of working with land owners and restoration projects. I wish that we could do more. Please continue your efforts.
607.	Less bait fishing on high quality trout streams.
608.	I dont like all the regulations. You need to carry the maps and regulations to all streams or take a lawyer along.
609.	get rid of the kiyackers, more axes
610.	stop the catch and release program. So many MN people are coming over and are not releasing their catch. They are ruining it for everyone. Make an additional stamp for catch and release. Charge MN people more.
611.	I think that overall Wisconsin trout streams are good shape and think part of that is do to using the regulations to protect certain sections of streams from over harvest. I would hate to see a blanket regulation either state wide or region wide. I think regulations need to be tweaked depending on the stream and using shocking surveys and creel surveys. You need to use science to insure a healthy stream.I know there is push on to make regulatons easier to understand but it isn't that difficult to understand now. Stronger run off regulations and better land management will go a long way to improve over all water quality and in turn improve our streams. Thank you.
612.	I have done quite well as a trout angler over the past few years. I would like to see increased harvest of smaller trout in high density streams to allow the growth of larger trout. I have caught a 18 inch plus brook trout in a stream with 8000 plus trout per sq mile. I would love to see the season extended to all year if that does not sacrifice numbers and size. I also think it would be beneficial to confine stream restoration projects to the upper sections of streams and focusing on creating trophy trout habitat in lower reaches. If I had to pick one request, it would be for an all year trout season!
613.	keep DNR & trout unlimited from changing or doing anything to the streams& banks unless they have degree in common sense.
614.	I enjoy just being in the stream and getting some bites. I want to be able to bring some home. They're tasty! I support the old limit of 45" of trout. This way badly hooked fish may be kept and not wasted due to under or over sized. Additionally when putting back trout, some folks may not handle correctly and fish will die. So, keep what you catch up to the total length limit and minimize putting fish back. Maybe the total length is adjusted by what the stream can support. My opinion. Can discuss ***
615.	I think the DNR with the help of TU and local groups has done an incredible job of improving trout fishing in Wisconsin. Anyone can enjoy a day on the streams with a reasonable chance of success. I hope the policies which have been so successful in the past will continue. I fear the new governor and legislature will undo much of what has been accomplished to accomodate businesses which are shortsighted or unconcerned with this precious resource. Thank you and please keep up the good work.
616.	'NOT ALL TROUT FISHERMEN ARE LL BEANERS'.we all can't afford to drive 2011 suv 50 milles at\$4.00 gal for gas. with fancy fly rod equipment to look good to catch and release only. ive been trout fishing for over 40 years and seen alot of good natural streams lost to sediment filling.alot of the streams we used to fish are no longer able to substain trout.those were streams the LL BEANERS didnt fish.so now were down to a fewer larger streams. that LL BEANERS want to push catch and release.so now let me give you a the way it was to the way it is.used to have lots differnt streams close by to go fishing for a few hours catch a meal of trout and fry them stream side. with out seeing anyone.know i have to save all week to afford gas to drive 2 hours to get to good trout waters to fish with LL BEANERS that give you funny looks if you club a trout.please stop catering to the LL BEANERS.not all trout fishermen are from the same school. im old school.it doesnt make sense to me to throw back a good eating fish i caught. to go to the store to buy a fish to eat that came from 1000 miles away in a can. it was 10 trout limit. now 5 and now 1.just a note to the few if you like sport fishing." fish musky."

617.	I love to fish wild trout where no one else would ever think of fishing. However, continuous stocking efforts and habitat restoration are crucial in preserving our trout fishing heritage in WI. I am an avid trout fisherman that appreciates all the WI DNR efforts. Thanks for everything.
618.	more fly fishing catch and release only waters are needed. fished the tommorow river years ago before the regulation changes, then fishing went down hill fast. one suggestion would be if your going to allow the keeping of fish, then set the size limit at 8" let those people who choose to kill fish to get there and leave. the problem with a higher size limit is the people only want to catch there limit will spend all day catching and killing trout to keep there limit, with a smaller size they will get to catch the fish you just poured off the truck, and leave the larger fish to those of us who only want to catch and release. i have pretty much given up on wisconsin trout fishing, this is pretty much a put and take state. having fished out in the western states for last 20 years i can tell you there quality of fish and fishing is way ahead of wisconsin, i realize alot of it is the quality of there water is far superior to wisconsin, but alot of it is the attitude of there dnr and the there fishing public, where it is not all about how many fish can i kill and throw in my freezer only to throw away at a later date. change your thinking and i may still continue to buy a licence or i may just quit and travel elsewher to fish.
619.	More uniform trout regulations on a stream
620.	many trout are kept or injured during catch and release seasons in northern WI. no reason for these seasons.
621.	I would be willing to donate more to the preservation and enhancement of trout streams if seasons were extended. Would even pay more for license to do so IF ALL OF THIS LEADS to further improvements.
622.	Please do not allow c&r during the spawning season, the stream there have great potential to produce big trout. if people want to keep fish let them keep the stockers.
623.	The DNR belives that beaver dams are devastating the trout streams. Many of us refer to them as beaver ponds. There maybe some validity in large streams,but on your small streams they are very benfricial to the trout population.Instead of the stream being only 1 to 3 feet deep,the dam can create ponds that have depths of 6 to 12 feet deep. This give the trout much more food & protection,This is A PERVECT enviroment TO PRODUCE HUNDRED TIMES MORE MORE THAN WITH NO DAM.THE PROBLEM IS THERE must be a good distance between dams. other wildlife benefit from theses flooded aeas
624.	I've heard there is a movement to make the Rush River, Eau Galle River and the Kinnikinic River limited to fly fishing only. Please do not do this to these rivers. The locals that live in this area are primarily rod and reel fishers and rely on these streams for their ease of access. I do know that there are a number of people fishing these rivers from Minnesota and they seem to be fly fishing quite a bit. I have spent my entire life living near and fishing on these rivers. My children live here and fish these rivers. My grandchildren live here and fish these rivers. My friends live here and fish these rivers. We are all rod and reel fishers and we do not want to lose these streams to the fly fisherman from the Twin Cities.
625.	Brook trout regulations should be modified. Some streams provide good fisheries with the category 2 and 3 regulations, while some of the streams with larger fish size potentials should be regulated accordingly, perhaps a slot limit of 9-12" and a daily bag limit of 2 fish. I think the diversity of Wisconsin's trout fishing opportunities requires a more local approach as far as setting regulations. I am quite certain that some excellent brook trout fisheries I know of are falling far short of what they could be. I think the best question you could add to the survery would be, "do you think regulations on one stream could be harmful if applied to another, albeit geographically close stream, due to different stream characteristics?" Another thing I would like to address is the actual comprehension of the trout regulations. Aside from in-stream confusion about which particular regulation area you are in (trout regulations signs placed at the upstream and downstream limits would eliminate this--or using easily identifiable features such as roads/bridges for demarkation.), the trout regulations are NOT HARD TO UNDERSTAND. Even as a child I was able to figure out which body of water was under what particular category of regulation.
626.	As much as I like to trout fish, concerns about fall fishing and damaging spawning beds need to be considered if ever an option. I would like to enjoy a longer trout fishing season even if it is catch-

	and-release but think we should be careful to not hurt trout natural reproduction either in the streams.
627.	Streams are overpopulated by fishermen
628.	Improve access. Clear dense overgrowth at stream banks. Clear/cut back tag alders!!! Lots of nice streams, but access is difficult if not impossible due to overgrowth.
629.	Trout fishing in Wisconsin has improved so much in the last 20 years that it is no longer necessary to travel to Western states or North Eastern states to find quality trout water. Our South West region of the state has developed quality water and is supported by land owning resident. Also, accommodations are very good making my occasional fishing trips most enjoyable.
630.	Clean up the special regulations, weed the carrot patch so to speak on some of the streams with abundant smaller trout. Stop the AO zealots it is plain and simple selfishness not science.
631.	Gear restrictions are based on politics and discriminate against majority of fishermen. Fishing has little effect on rivers and streams which means fish mortality of fish released by bait fishermen equals less effect on a fishery. There are many ways to reduce fish mortality without limiting access or limiting bait fishing. Special rules for special groups will catch up to WI and already limits my trips to the streams I have learned to love. We can share the water with fly fishermen why can't they do the same. I love to fly fish but would never consider rules that would limit any legal fisherman or woman.
632.	Please overturn artificial only regulations that only benefit a select group. No scientific reason for it. Harvest is so low so open up the regular season earlier.
633.	Good job. Keep it up.
634.	I prefer catch and release or lower bag limits on those streams that seem to attract the heaviest pressure. I am not familiar with the lakes and ponds.
635.	Slow down on stocking Salmon. Put the money into stream rehabilitation and transplanting 'wild' trout. NO MORE trout stocking- it is a big waste of money raising, buying and transporting big or dumb (or both) trout. It also gives the public a false sense of what is actually happening to the waterways in terms of stream quality. Put more money and man-hours into gaining stream access. Get rid of the "wet feet" ruling for stream access. That rule is just another "not in my back yard" political maneuver- the "high water mark" rule works. Fight the big farm lobbyists- the DNR is being torn apart by greedy politicians who have sold out to big money and not supporting the public in our best interests in this issue.
636.	Special regulations on the Little Wolf (upstream from Hwy J in Waupaca County) seem to me to have created a fishery with lots of small trout rather than trophy trout. I have only caught a few brookies over 14 inches there (and never kept one.) Maybe I'm just not good at catching the big ones. Maybe letting people keep smaller fish would increase the number of big ones.
637.	I think providing this survey opportunity electronically is a great idea! I would love to see more things regarding our resources addressed in such a manner as I think it elicits greater participation levels.
638.	Please don't let bait fishermen deplete our streams of fish by increasing limits.
639.	DNR doing a great job with the resources they have.
640.	i do most of my fishing in s.w.wis. i would like to see more catch and release streams or at least keep the ones we now have. i would like to see an extended early catch and release season similar to minnesota's. on the whole i feel the dnr has done a good job improving and opening access to the streams i fish, please continue the good work.
641.	thank you- i believe the rush river in pierce county wisconsin is one of the finest spring creeks in the country! i would like to see special regulations for this stream. it is extremely beautiful with great access. it should be catch and release only all season with artificial fly only. this would make it a

	destination stream with trophy trout!!!
642.	Keep up the good work! You've made Wisconsin trout fishing opportunities a great showcase point for our state with vacationers, and also enhanced the state's image with regards to other states as well! Thank you all for your dedicated work on behalf of all of us trout anglers!
643.	no comment
644.	<p>I believe that the DNR is doing the best job that they can with the resources that they have. I am afraid that into the future we will lose the quality of fishing that we have now, because of a lack of funds and manpower.</p> <p>I have fished out West for the past seven years, and I will put Wisconsin trout fishing right up there with Montana and Colorado.</p> <p>A job well done by you Guys and Gals...(-:</p>
645.	The LOWER Tomorrow River has hardly any Trout DNR never plants any Should shock this stretch more often to check population It has freeze outs
646.	i wish you still stock some streams
647.	Would just like to be able to fish later into the Fall- season ends to darn early.
648.	bring back some of the areas that you have been working on. (mcglee lake and pine river)
649.	Please keep the regulations that we have because they are based on science. Do not go to one set of regulations for all streams.
650.	Would really like to see year-round season on trout streams. Arkansas has a phenomenal brown trout fishery that is strictly catch and release during spawn season and there is no negative impact of year-round fishing on spawn rates etc. Makes it hard for local guides and fly shops by closing their business opportunities when there doesn't seem to be much data to support a completed 'closed' season.
651.	<p>(1) Every year I vacation in Montana and the trout fishing is 100 times better there than in WI. I know that they have many advantages: snowmelt to keep water cool all summer, more alkaline surface water = more bugs, bigger waters that stay cold enough. But also, "catch and release" is the basic ethic out there. CATCH AND RELEASE IS THE ONLY WAY THAT QUALITY TROUT FISHING CAN BE MAINTAINED. At the very least, 10 years of catch and release on a given quality water would teach us the carrying capacity of that water. One morning in MT, I caught 29 natural-spawned brook trout, averaging 10-12 inches(!), in about 4 hours, on dry flies. THAT is quality trout fishing. Our streams could never support those numbers, but I would like to see just what they can support.</p> <p>(2) I live in Kewaunee County and we used to have really good brook trout fishing. The trout were stocked for the Lake Michigan fishery, but being brook trout, they "dug themselves in" in some smaller tributary creeks and started reproducing. (That is, we had a reproducing population of "coaster" brook trout!) But the drought year of 1988 hammered the population, and overharvest finished the job; and the brook trout disappeared, except in Krok Creek and Little Scarboro Creek. And since stocking of brook trout for the Lake was ended because it "cost too much," the population never came back. (Interestingly, although it "cost too much" to stock brook trout, the Lake Michigan stamp fund had enough money in it so that the legislature could rob it to "balance the budget" a few years back. My point? I realize that these streams I have fished all my life fall under "Lake Michigan" rather than "inland" regulations. But you can't maintain a viable trout fishery on small streams 15 miles from a city the size of Green Bay and allow catch-and-keep. Period.</p>
652.	I would like to see more streams in far east central Wisconsin undergo some habitat restorations to see if we could have more inland stream opportunities around Green Bay.
653.	Yes, I would like to see much more emphasis on size restrictions and bag limits. Much more can be

	done to create better trout streams, lakes and ponds. This could be a big boost to the local economy if done correctly. Just look at SW WI and states like CO, MT, ID, WY. We need to be better if we want this resource to last.
654.	Try simplifying regs w. slot size. Say no brookies 10-12 and no brown 12-15 across the board - all streams - no exceptions. This will give reproduction a chance, simplify regs. Fisherman will find spots to fish. We don't need all the micro management - though I appreciate your efforts. Get out of the hatchery business and spend that money on habitat/access that will return an investment. Thank You for asking.  Thanks for asking.
655.	I just started trout and stream fishing this spring and so I don't know or have any knowlage or preference yet. Maybe next year I could give better informalion for the survey.
656.	I would like to see more catch and release water. I feel more could be done in terms of habitat restoration and maintenance of existing streams. I would like to see the season for catch and release artificial only either year round or at least extended through October or November. Finally, I am not seeing as many wardens checking on liscenses etc. Thanks.
657.	More catch and release. Not so many luncker structures. I fish in Iowa in the Fall where the trout fishing is very good and the trout numbers are high including wild brown trout in their better streams. I should spend Fall fishing dollars in Wis. Increase artificial lure single hook waters by 10 to 20%.
658.	I just haven't had the time to fish trout. Now that I retired I will make trout fishing a priority. I would like to learn more about new access points.
659.	longer season.
660.	Over the 40+ years I have fished trout in Wisconsin, it has improved immensely state-wide. You guys are doing a great job, and deserve to have your funding increased. Please continue to favor stream restoration and naturally-reproducing populations, with a focus on trophy trout opportunities. Thank you all.
661.	keep up the excellent work, you should all be proud of your efforts
662.	Need better differentiation in how DNR is managing northern trout waters vs. southern trout waters. Up here, there is not the same water quality for insect growth and stream food production as in some southern areas. Would like to see more stretches of fly-fishing only, even if there are only 5-10 mile stretches. This has been successfully implemented for many years in Michigan.
663.	More information for trout fishing on Fort McCoy property.
664.	Keep up the good work and dedication to protecting our cold water fisheries.
665.	Please consider the following: 1. Change the regulation on the Middle Tomorrow River to "Catch-and-release only" or "May-keep-one-brown-trout over 20 in." (remove the "may keep 3 fish 10 to 13 in." regulation). 2. Extend the Catch-and-Release season to Year-Round (except November and December)or, at least include the month of October in the Catch-and-Release season. 3. I believe it would be best to allow fishing in all Wisconsin trout streams during the Catch-and-Release season. 4. I think it would be a good idea to have a Catch-and-release season license or stamp requirement. I would be glad to pay for a catch-and-release season license.
666.	Make Catch and Release with artificial lures (i.e. flies) year round. I have been going to Iowa for the past 3 seasons when October 1 rolls around.
667.	I WOULD LIKE TO SEE BAG LIMITS INCREASED ON STREAMS

668.	Landowners on the mugonago river fenced it off. Blocking wading access to the stream
669.	<p>I mainly fish Chaffee and Wedde Creeks in Marquette County. Over the 43 years that I have fished them, the sand bottoms have become covered with greater amounts of silt, making wading difficult in some areas,</p> <p>I believe the number of trout present has gone down since the 1 through 4 classifications have been used. My average trout per trip has gone from about 3 to 2.</p> <p>In my 42 years of fishing these streams I have made over 200 fishing trips and have caught about 600 trout. I only bait fish using a 4 ft. ultra-light rod. Brush and tree branches make this the only way to readily fish.</p>
670.	Eau Claire river in Douglas county should not be rated as a trout stream as it has no trout. If it is to be kept as a trout stream it should be stocked as it was years ago. I'm not big on stocking so I think it should just be listed as a warm water stream. Overall WI DNR does an excellent job with Trout and wildlife in general.
671.	Please add a catch and keep (regular season) through the end of October.
672.	Due to the significant decrease in stocking and trout catching opportunities in Wisconsin, 90% of my trout fishing is now in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. I am encouraged by this survey, that you are aware of the decrease and value the input and hope future improvements are made to bring back the good trout fishing I experienced in the 1980's and 1990's.
673.	I'm looking forward to how the DNR will utilize the information gathered from survey to further the sport of fly fishing. As someone who is a novice to fly fishing and also involving my children in the sport my hope is that however the information is used and analyzed it will make the future of fly fishing sustainable for future generations.
674.	More wild strain brown trout being stocked. I understand the argument for brook trout but they don't seem to make it to the next year. The hold over browns seem to tolerate the warmer late summer water better.
675.	My favorite river is the south branch of the Oconto. This is because of the wheelchair accessible boardwalk system. Why can't more Wisconsin streams be developed like this? I fish every stream that has an accessible access now that I am in a wheelchair.
676.	I think the DNR is doing a good job managing our trout streams. I am concerned about what effect development is having on water quality and temperature on our streams as well as pollution/runoff. I think the regs have improved our fisheries and would like to see more restrictions on streams that can sustain natural populations of trout.
677.	What happened to the stocking program last year. There was a lot of streams and ponds in northern Wisconsin that were not stocked at all. If I remember right, when the trout stamp fees started the money was to be dedicated for stocking of streams and lakes, and ponds. So what was that money used for?
678.	Keep up the good work and protect the trout and your stream access laws!
679.	How about names of streams where the fishing has declined the most
680.	Make the regulations simpler and more consistent where possible. Follow up the special regulations with surveys and science that will/should not justify their existence. Make trout fishing year-round with catch and release from Oct. 1 to 1st Saturday in May. Keep supporting stream restorations and help organizations with the expertise if the state can't afford the employees to do the work. Volunteers are willing to raise the money and do the work but they need to develop people in the private sector that can do the work while making profit. Thanks for all the dedicated DNR Fish biologists who do such a great job. I hope we don't lose most of the experienced ones to retirement in this current budget cutting environment. But if we do, we have great state schools that continue to turn out the best Natural Resource specialists in the US.

681.	Gear Restrictions do nothing for the trout population in a stream approaching or exceeding 50% natural mortality. Trout can be managed for any experience, including trophies, by simply manipulating the size and bag limit.
682.	More uniformity please in size/bag limits Increase the size limit of Brookies to 9" most all streams along with fostering trophy fish like allowing only one a day > 14"
683.	Use good science to manage our cold water resources, be flexible (with rationale efforts to preserve our resource)to encourage good participation in the sport so that we build public support, especially among young fishers, they are our future to preserve our resources.
684.	I would like to see more catch and release streams in northern WI. I would like to fish catch and release ponds and lakes year round, or at least in the winter, won't harm the spawning habitat that way. I would like to see a slot limit to protect larger trout or more catch and release only.
685.	a TROUT SEASON SIMILAR TO IOWA WITH CATCH AND RELEASE ON MORE STREAMS
686.	I am very disappointed in the lake trout in Kewaunee! You are not using the hatrury there and we have seen a big decrease in fall fishing due to the trout and samon going to Superior, ect when they were from. This is frustrating and why do I buy my \$165. permit to do things when you are shutting down and down sizing, which results like in Kewaunee low fish take! Is my investment into my equipment and DNR worth it?! We like Lake trout and Samon but, if you do not use the haturey low catch will continue along with the sport. disapointing.
687.	Trout fishing in Wisconsin is currently the best I have seen in my lifetime due to wild stocking, catch and release, and stream improvement. Let's not ruin it by 'reaping the harvest' of all of this hard work. Instead, enjoy the increased opportunities to catch more and larger fish, and take an occasional fish or 2 for the table.
688.	The slot on the Kinni should start at 12 rather than 10. Overall, bag limits are too high. I think there may be a lack of enforcement; I have been checked once on the Kinni and never on the Rush, Kickapoo, or East Branch of the E.C. I fish over 50 days a year.
689.	make the regs and the maps simpler, extend the season ***
690.	Your artificals only regs make me less inclined to make the drive when visiting my inlaws and My father inlaw is less inclined to go because he likes to eat fish and allot of the places we used to fish you can't keep fish.
691.	Appreciate the efforts and the opportunity for input. Keep working toward higher water quality.
692.	Extend the regular season one more month or have catch and release only for the month of October. Make the minimum size for keeping trout much larger all around! For example, greater than 7 inches on the white river is much too small. Stock the Onion River.
693.	Are there any rules regarding being harassed by land owners? Last year on two occasions I stopped for permission to fish on the Trimbelle River - or walk across private property. In both cases the land owner said "no." That is fine. However, an easement still allowed me to walk the edge of the stream to get to a bend in the river. While I was wading along the edge of the river he followed me along the opposite bank and watched me the entire time. What are rules governing this kind of behavior? It was extremely unsettling. Mind you, I did nothing wrong and was very polite when my request to walk across his property was denied.
694.	WHY IS THE EARLY SEASON CATCH AND RELEASE? WHY IS IT ARTIFICIAL BAIT ONLY? My primary trout fishing was done during this early season to avoid bugs and overgrown streams. The old early season (9 counties) was working out just fine. Why was it changed? I have almost completely quit trout fishing because of this. It is very difficult to get youth interested in a sport when the bugs are so bad they can't sit still or the banks are so overgrown they can't see the water or use their rod.
695.	There are no opportunites for "gold Medal" type streams. Pike River in marinette County being one. Tremendous potential for high quality numbers and size but fishing pressure on brook trout

	<p>especially leaves it marginal. Would be nice to have a catch and release stream just for fishermen that would like to see the stream to its full potential. (used to be a fisheries LTE in the 90's where we electro shocked during the catch and release year and after it, trmendous decreae in numbers of trout) Also, nothing about inland lakes where trout are only there by stocking. Why not let these lakes open year around like Michigan does?</p>
696.	<p>I think in general in Wisconsin it is difficult to have larger populations of Brook Trout with temperatures here the way they are. I'd like to catch more Brook Trout and Rainbow for that matter, but they are much more temperature sensiitive then the hardy Brown Trout. Browns are fun to catch and reach large sizes which adds to the experience. I just don't think planting them is the answer either, concerned with hardiness and their survival rate when you do that. Access can be an issue getting to streams. Too many people don't respect the land they are on when fishing so I can see why owners don't want to provide access. Overall it is quite good though. Many streams to fish in the State. Questions on survey were adequate, however I'd like to see more roadways shown and marked in the Trout Regulations and Guide book. It is somewhat difficult to determine where you can and can't fish sometimes. Again, overall a good job is being done. Thank you! Dale P. Danielski Onalaska, WI 608-783-5827</p>
697.	<p>I live in Ozaukee Co., but have a seasonal place in Marinette Co,so I do my trouting mainly in the northeast. I no longer fish some of the streams in north-central Wisconsin, in the Merrill, Tomahawk area, because I have that cottage in the northeast. That was not an option in your list.</p>
698.	<p>Keep up the good work and please don't try to fix what isn't broken.</p>
699.	<p>I would like to see the little stream in western Calumet County improved - Stony Brook?. I would help! It needs to have some improvements done, but I think if the habitat could be managed and the ag runoff improved, maybe it would be a good spot for stocking. There was plenty of water flowing late last fall, event though it was a dry fall. The spring head was still pumping out water. It would be nice to not have to drive an hour to do some river fishing. Just saying. I'd help!</p>
700.	<p>I'd like to see more native brookies. I know they don't get as large, but I do love a brook trout lunch.</p>
701.	<p>I have fished three to four streams over the past 45 years...all are better fisheries today than they were 45 years ago. I am very pleased to be a WI trouter.</p>
702.	<p>Would like to see more brown trout stocked in the streams!</p>
703.	<p>I would like for the season to open a little earlier and for the Catch and Release season to open say January 1st like in MN.</p>
704.	<p>Would people who like to harvest fish like to pay an increased fee to pay for the fish they are removing from the resource?</p>
705.	<p>I'm impressed with some of the Wisconsin streams I've fished! However, I'd like to see a bigger focus on stream restoration than on stocking programs. I think Minnesota has demonstrated that this strategy can be very successful with its management of its portion on the Driftless region.</p>
706.	<p>I would like to see the DNR remove the large deadfall from the Waupaca River just upstream from the covered bridge - its been there for 6 years and is a hazard to those paddling the river. Landowners not going to take care of it.</p>
707.	<p>More oppportunity for fly fisher to fish early, and more fly fishing education. A notification in the the Wisconsin natural resources about volunteer opportunities for stream restoration. More articles about fishing and how the stocking and management programs work in the Wisconsin natural resources magazine.</p>
708.	<p>I oppose regulations against the use of live bait for the harvest of trout. Consider the inexperienced children who may only fish a couple of times per year, but who may grow up to fish more often and take their children fishing more than they were able.</p>

	'Fly fishing only' and 'catch and release only' streams have no place in Wisconsin.
709.	See a lot of miss handled trout during the catch & release, just go and look on Lale links to see rthe miss handled fish piture. like to catch trout and keep some to eat
710.	Not At This Time, Thank You Very Much.!
711.	<p>I'd like to see an updated book on streams. I know how to catch trout, yet can't catch any on streams listed in the book. Moccasin Creek, Lynn Creek, Fivemile Creek (which is supposedly stocked), and Sevenmile Creek have been total busts. A lot of these streams could use a good be dredged and made better if there are actually fish in there. Chester Creek is a nice small stream I like to fish once or twice a year, but I have to stand in muck up to my thighs to cast into where the fish are. With the right equipment it would take a small amount of time to clean it up and make it into a higher quality habitat. I realize there is only a limited amount of money to work with, but it seems like most of the projects happen in areas where there are already a lot of miles of good streams.</p> <p>On a good note, I love fishing West Petenwell Ditch in Juneau County. It can get weedy, and certain areas could be cleaned up, but you guys have done a great job for the most part. Trout numbers are high and the size is there, too. There are plenty of places for the fish to hide and access is easy.</p> <p>Sorry for any complaints. You guys generally do a good job at a large and difficult task. Thanks!</p>
712.	I think the DNR has done an excellent job. I do wish that fishing regulations for trout were uniform for all streams. Fishing on the Prarie river as example is confusing.
713.	<p>Overall, the state of Wisconsin's trout streams has improved dramatically in the last 20-30 years. I like the current category system because it allows for DNR biologists to "try" new regs based on their understanding of the unique qualities and health of a particular stream. Without this ability to test theories and learn from different management practices, we would not have the outstanding fishery we have today. I have never felt the current system was too cumbersome or difficult to understand. All I need to know is what county I am in, and what stream I am fishing. I would hope any angler could be expected to mange that. I am not in favor of any change in the category system that removes the ability to use "special regs" to manage a stream or watershed.</p> <p>I think the biggest threats to the future of trout fishing in Wisconsin are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Threats to ground water level posed by High-cap wells</li> <li>• Elimination of funding for new public easements</li> <li>• Possibility of a one regulation fits all approach to trout streams</li> </ul> <p>Please keep the great momentum going!</p>
714.	Thanks for caring enough to conduct the survey and protect our cold water resources.
715.	a quality brook trout fishery where a 18+ inch fish is a real possibility, that is resticted to artifiical lure/flys, and a bag limit of one per day within 50 miles of woodruff wi.
716.	Keep doing and expanding habitat work. Keep stocking the wild trout and keep the coop trout program. Our brook trout fishing has never been better. Browns have declined both in size and numbers. Eliminate the fee for the private landowner that wishes to do trout stream restoration, and simplify the permit process, these need to be general permits not individual!
717.	Trout stream management through land acquistion and in stream structures is extremely beneficial to trout resources and trout fishing. These programs should be continued and expanded.
718.	I would like to see more habitat improvement simply because it is a better solution in the lon g run than stocking but i do like the stocking i feel it is a good supplement to waters that have a high carrying capacity but poor spawning habitat. I am new to trout fishing but really enjoy the challenge and peacefullness of the pursuit so i appreciate any efforts on your part to enhance this experiance for me and every one else that shares this sport.

719.	The stream to stream regs are too confusing thus why I practice catch and release, it allows me to not worry about keeping a closely measured to legal fish. As a guide, its not worth ANY ticket.
720.	Love to fish on local, not very well known trout fisheries
721.	Don't ease the regulations. I travel to Wisconsin to fish quality catch & release streams for wild trout.
722.	I think more research should be done on mortality rates of trout caught and released using live bait. I do not use live bait because I enjoy fly fishing for trout and other species for that matter. I am not against using spinners or live bait as long as the angler sets the hook immediately so they get less gut hooked fish. I would also like to know the effectiveness of using circle hooks for trout fishing using live bait .. how well do they work and do they prevent gut hooking fish. Would it make sense to limit the number of trophy fish you can keep for your daily bag limit to maybe one fish over a certain size such as 18 inches for brown trout and limit the daily bag limit to 2 or 3 rather than making a stream catch & release only. I release about 95 percent of the fish I catch and keep a few for eating each year, but I think birds such as herons and kingfishers, along with otters, take a lot more fish that people do. I think habitat improvements to include better cover and restored spawning areas are more important to the fish numbers an size than people keeping a few fish. If we allowed more streams to have a limited catch and release rather than a no keep, we might be able to attract more trout fishermen (those using live bait) to help support stream restoration projects. I do not feel that the regulations are that complicated and walleye regulations in northern Wisconsin are more complicated than the trout rules. I think we need to do a better job of promoting the trout fishing in this state as it could be a tremendous tourism benefit. At the same time we need to expand our stream restoration work so that we have the quality streams and quality fishing to promote. We also need to work together as trout fisherman and not have fly fishermen look down on those that use live bait and also educate bait fishermen that all fly fishermen are not against using live bait... we just prefer to fly fish for trout. People that fish with live bait or keep a few fish to eat are not the problem... the problem is in protecting and enhancing the streams we have. I also feel very strongly that we need to provide some more handicapped accessible areas to trout fish for those that have mobility limitations. This could be done by grooming an access for just a short part of the stream near the access point.
723.	A 9 inch size limit on many of these streams is wasteful. I am tired of releasing dead, under sized trout. Leasing more shoreline would be better because kids and other people who can't walk in the streams suffer. I would like to see information as to whether people walking in streams in the fall damages trout eggs.
724.	Don't understand allowing barbed hooks in catch and release season. If nothing else, handling time of the fish will be increased - which is not desired. This is the most hideous mistake DNR has made regarding trout fishing. I cannot stress enough how little sense this makes and doubt that it was something early season fishermen desired. Please change the rule back to no barbs in the catch and release season. At least add the question to your survey. While I would be interested in an October 1 catch and release season, I worry about the spawning season and its effect on reproduction. Will leave that decision to your best judgment.
725.	Well done! Very targeted & concise [conservation of energy -vs- too detailed in content]in procurement of information.
726.	I feel that the overall trout-fishing experience has increased in quality and opportunity for anglers. I have fly-fished in many states around the country, and feel that Wisconsin offers the best trout fishing opportunity of any state I've fished, with more fish, and more quality fish, per capita. I also feel that the age demographic (as with all natural resources related activities) is increasing, with fewer younger anglers that are interested in trout fishing. I also feel that the claim from many anglers that "streams are too pressured" is incorrect. I've fished every weekend of early season up to this point, and have run into 4 other anglers, not including myself and my companions. Thanks for the quality fishing opportunity!
727.	I fish for trout for lunch or dinner. I never take more than six fish in a month from any stretch of stream. The size I keep is 8-9 inch size. I use barbless hooks and release anything not an eater.
728.	I would like to see tougher regulations on catch and release fishing on the upper Bois Brule. There are many large browns and brook trout that get taken home during May and June. I think the

	<p>majority of people who use the river for fishing are there to catch trophy brown trout and brook trout and by maintaining all catch and release from county road B (Winneboujou) up to Stones Bridge (County S) The trophy brown and brook trout fishery would be incredible.</p> <p>From County road B down to the lake could still be the normal regulations, enabling people to keep fish.</p> <p>I would also like to see similar regulations for the Namekagon stretch from Cable down to highway 63.</p> <p>The age of the average trout fisherman is decreasing and with that comes a different view of fishing. It is no longer something people do primarily for subsistence. It is a sport, PRIMARILY, and the sport will be improved if we follow the model of the west fork of the Kickapoo, which is now an established trophy brown trout stream.</p>
729.	<p>I mostly fish the South shore of Lake Michigan, but occasionally make it to the Driftless area. The thing that bothers me most is the way people disresect the Root River. Littering, illegal/unfair fishing tactics, and greedy taking of fish ruins it for the rest of us. I'd like to say I don't believe in regulations, but without them things would be even worse. With that being said I am grateful to have such an excellent fishery close by and plan on continuing to support it as much as possible.</p>
730.	<p>Reduce the bag limit on fish for more streams and rivers. Have a slot for those streams and rivers where you can keep fish. Make more streams catch and release.</p>
731.	<p>I would like to see better presevation of our cold water resourse and stream restoration programs to insure a self sustaining population</p>
732.	<p>Since moving I have not fished trout in Wisconsin, but believe that the SW WI trout resource is one of the best WI fisheries resources out there. There may be some needless complication in regulations, but generally good management combined with good stewardship appears to have resulted in some fantastic fishing.</p>
733.	<p>More DNR Wardens on the Milwaukee river at Estabrook, Kletch Park, too many spin casting people snagging trout.</p>
734.	<p>landowners need to leave brush and logs and rocks in streams and along stream banks. Low water levels due to drought heat the water temps up and also reduce hiding places for native fish. I wish there was a way for local neighbors to get together and leagaly enhance sections of stream on their property. Also I would like to see more effort by the DNR to help the stock streams that have been over fished by more restocking. Thank you! Christian Palmateer</p>
735.	<p>consider increasing number of trout stocked for inland lakes, I believe our trout stamp dollars are being used on other species ie bass, salmon, walleye particularly Kewaunee co and Florance co.</p>
736.	<p>Somewhat a beginner at trout fishing, but in the last 3 years trout fishing has become my number 1 hobby. This state is awesome for trout fishing. I have caught fat brookies in a local streams and battled wits with Browns in the mecan. I did wish the regular season started earlier, but if it had any negative affect on the fish, I would gladly keep it the way it is.</p>
737.	<p>I think people should just do catch and release on inland trout. No one really needs to eat these fish. Go to the store if you want food.</p>
738.	<p>Have a 10 trout limit. 7 inch and up.</p>
739.	<p>I'm a strong supporter of year round trout fishing with a catch and keep season that stays the same as the length of the season now. However, allowing a catch and release season for the remainder of the year. Other states allow year round fishing for trout and manage to maintain great fisheries and in my opinion Wisconsin has some of the healthiest waters in the nation, which would certainly support a year round fishery.</p>
740.	<p>I think public parking areas could be improved or better indentified on many streams</p>

741.	A year-round catch and release season would be awesome. Fishing in snowshoes is a blast.
742.	We need a goal for establishment of a better age/size structure for N Wis streams.S Wis has a good system. We need better protection for larger brook trout and more no kill in N Wis. N Wis fish staff spend way too much time on lakes and not enough time on streams.
743.	More emphasis on returning to a stocking program for andronomous strains in smaller lake MI tribs.
744.	Take away size limit for trout where live bait fishing is allowed. Quit wasting those fish. Anglers will throw 5 dead fish for every legal fish in some cases. It dramatically increases the actual harvest. Many people stay until they have their limit of "legal" fish. At the very least, for brook trout this rule should apply. Otherwise, educate on circle hooks like in the salt water fishery.
745.	Preventing damaging agricultural runoff into streams should be a top priority.
746.	no
747.	Can we please see some efforts to improve eastern trout streams that barely hang around? I am speaking specifically to small streams like Rosenow Creek.
748.	I am very pleased with the DNR's management of Wisconsin's trout resource. I sometimes wish our trout streams were less crowded with anglers, but I'm afraid this will only get worse as populations rise.
749.	I believe that the current trout management structure is a good one and I do not feel it needs to be changed. Sure there can always be improvements made, but I do not think any wholesale changes are needed. In wisconsin, the "good ole'days of quality trout fishing" is now!
750.	Regarding beaver ponds - with active beaver, the ponds offer great depth, cool waters, etc., but when inactive and drained, they are often silt-laden, black which seems to heat waters intolerably, and typically have little depth and cover. I would like to see the Ounce, or is it ???, along STH 27 north of Hayward, restored (open beaver meadows), with better access paths made... I have never fished it, but was told that it once held trout...
751.	special regs work!
752.	Better land access to trout streams would help.
753.	Woulod like to see better information about the stream, accessibility, size and trout population versus a yellow, green, blue or 1,2 or 3 classification. Prefer medium size rivers and stream, knowing a stream or river is medium size and its a class 23 would be very usefull.
754.	Thanks for doing this survey. You are doing a great job despite all the negative the DNR gets. Perservere through these tough times. Have a Great Day!
755.	Change opening day to first Friday instead of first Saturday. Our group likes to start fishing as soon as we set up camp on Friday so we always wait 1 week to go as it adds an extra half day of fishing.
756.	beater map ands tream markers
757.	Wisconsin holds some nice water, and I have enjoyed fly fishing in the Driftless area, as much as all the streams I have lived next to in Colorado, Wyoming, etc.
758.	Maybe you have detected,by my ealier answers,I am not a trout fisherman. I do however, have some comments. First of all, I feel a disproportionate amount of the overall fishing dollars are wasted on trout.This elitist sport is given far to much priority by the DNR management.Some,not all of those dollars,should be returned to the general fund to enhance other fishing oppurtunities. I am digusted by way the DNR operates most of the outdoor programs!Most of your regulations,regarding fish, are so complicated that a person can't help but break the law.Example-Possession limits on fish around the state. What a cluster!

	In conclusion I would have to say that overall your management is doing a *** job!How can it be any different,given who you answer to! ***
759.	Some of the restoration you do may be beneficial. However if people choose not to fish a stream because of brush and its too hard. Then stay home. I have fished trout in many westren states and I think Wisconsin does the poorest job of managing Trout. Why? Because all the DNR is interested in is how they look ot the public. Its not about that, its about conservation and making it better/stronger. Just because land owners complain about their grandchildren not being able to keep fish is no reason to throw away 5 years of Trophy management on a river. The changing of the Trophy section on the Prairie River in Lincoln county was a poor choice at best. Even worse you have the power to save it and you have not yet. Change the minimum size and the qunity one can keep. 15 in for Brook trout and 20 in for Browns 1 fish of each/day. Also do something to combat the amount of game fish you have allowed to infest the stream by blowing out the Dam by the wisconsin river. I have holes that I used to fish that were good for Trout. Now all you catch is a bunch of dwarf Walleys. This in my opinion was a poor choice of the DNR as well. Of course my patrons dollars go to support these poor choices. One of my favorite streams up until 2 years ago was Chaffe creek. Of course now I quit fishing it because the DNR has ruined it as well clearing all the brush so the People that dont want to adapt to the natural growth dont have to. This has also retarded the quality of this stream. Very Very disappointed in the dollars wasted at this project. This stream was great now you have made it terrible. I have fished it for years anyone who says its better is lying. The numbers are down inthis stream. And it is your management that made this happen.
760.	Fishing pressure has increased over the past several years! Its becoming more difficult to find open streams. Also, I am seeing more and more damaged luncker structures, mostly old structures.
761.	let people keep trout on all steams
762.	I have fished in may states and provinces. Wisconsin trout regs are very good. Don't change a good thing. Emphasize access, virtues of trout fishing to increase numbers. Emphasize planting spring and fall run trout on Green Bay west shore rivers (Oconto, Peshtigo as opposed to putting all/nearly all efforts into lakeshore streams. Finally, focus efforts on water quality and groundwater depletion problems. Without groundwater (Wolf River) we won't have trout.
763.	Year round stream trout fishing would be nice.
764.	I would like to see recomondations how/where to obtain access to different trout streams throughout the state. I would like to see a list of quality trout streams, where they are located, and what kinds of fish can I expect to catch on those streams
765.	I do not think that the category system is too complex, and it makes sense that different streams need different regulations to support healthy populations. It is really not hard to look at a color code, and the regulations have a great map of the locations of all the streams! Having moved here from out east, I can say that the management of the resource is what has made Wisconsin a trout fishing destination, and I do not think that we should make significant changes in a system that is working. Thanks for such a great trout fishing resource!
766.	All of my fly fishing that I do is in Wisconsin. I spend on average 40-50 days fishing all over the state for Brook, Brown, Rainbow trout, and steelhead. Wisconsin has done a wonderful job over the past 15 years of how each individual stream is managed based on their ecosystems condition and believe that your state should be THE model for any state looking to improve thier trout fishing opportunities.
767.	Drop all artificial only regulations and all no-kill regulations in streams with natural reproduction of any kind!
768.	Eliminate artificial only regulations, let's not make it more difficult to get kids back into this wonderful sport! No-kill should be used on a very limited basis and never were natural reproduction is occuring. Extend the season to first Saturday in April and open C&R season from Jan. 1st.
769.	Please help the Willow stream very difficult to even catch a fish these days.

770.	Please continue to open more streams to fishing access in south central WI
771.	I think the TU Chapters and the DNR have done a great job with the cold water fishery. I would hope that the fisherman wanting to eat all they catch would be motivated to the streams that do not have a thriving wild fish population
772.	I'm suprised to see so few kids trout fishing.
773.	<p>The West Branch of the White River just outside Wautoma [particularly that portion that roughly parallels Cty C] is one of the very few self-sustaining inland wild rainbow streams in the state and, I believe, deserving of special attention. This stream has wonderful water quality, good gradient and a comparatively rocky bottom which and no doubt serves as a great brood stream for the Main Branch of the White. While both the Main and West Branches of the White need attention, the West Branch is particularly suffering the effects of over forestation with loss of light and related suppression of aquatic vegetation. I fish this stream extensively and its degradation has been a sad thing to behold. There are several trees that have fallen in the stream with negative effects. In general, the stream would benefit greatly by removing these and by repair of failing bank structure (the stream channel has broken down in several places causing widening, shallow water and/or multiples channels all of which have implications for breeding) and cleaning up the superabundant tag alders along the bankside. It is my sense that central Wisconsin has received significantly less attention from both TU and the DNR than our neighboring streams to the southwest. The upper Chaffee in Marquette County has also become near unfishable in places (even with great casting!).</p> <p>The work started on the upper Mecan (while incomplete) looks promising. I know that additional land purchases on the West Branch have been made downstream and south of SR 21. Again, given the unique nature of the West Branch, many sincere fly fisherman would appreciate increased attention to this great natural resource. Please feel free to contact me:</p> <p>Greg Whitcomb Cell 414.379.4779</p>
774.	Many of the streams in your trout fishing guide are no longer trout streams. trout are no longer present.
775.	Question #20 is to broad. One would have to fish every stream in Wis. to answer this question. Additional questions on the current regulations and what changes would one recommend.
776.	Why do you have some parts of some streams artificial only? Many of us can not fly fish and this stops us from fishing in them but you can fly fish anywhere.
777.	Standardize trout regulations on each stream/river, or statewide. After opening weekend there are few fishermen so I don't think overharvesting is a potential problem.
778.	<p>Please keep the catch and release season open until the regular May opening. Dont close the season for a week before the regular season.</p> <p>Make bag limits more restrictive. Make more streams catch and release.</p> <p>Bait fishing should require the use of circle hooks to lower fish mortality.</p> <p>Fishing in Wisconsin is far better than Minnesota or Iowa, because of our current management practices. Don't loosen the regulations.</p> <p>Thank you for your efforts !</p>
779.	I think the dnr is doing a great job with stream management in cooperation with trout unlimited. Numbers of trout seem to be increasing, fishing pressure has increased in the 15 or so years I have trout fished. Most of my trout fishing was in the driftless area and the center of the state, Dane Co. to Waupaca Co. I now live in northern WI and have not had an easy time finding accessible water due to dropping water levels, physical limitations and the old map system. I look forward to using the new maps, it will be much easier to find new water with the new mapping system implemented in regulations. I think a foldable laminated map by county would sell well state wide. Matching the trout map with the gazeteer was always a challenge and left alot to interpretation. Not to mention the gazeteer started at 15.99 and is now around 25.99-29.99.

780.	I really like the leasing program that allows fishing access to some of our best trout water. It brings in business to communities and provides hours of enjoyment for the general public. Keep up the good work!
781.	I've recently restarted fly fishing after an 8 year hiatus due to living in Chicago and I've been impressed with the improved fly fishing opportunities afforded to anglers in Wisconsin. I primarily fish in Madison-area and LaCrosse-area streams and I believe that these watersheds have been improved over the past ten years.
782.	I support good slot regulations. I grew up on Rainy Lake on the US-Canada border and have seen first hand how slot limits brought the walleye fishing back. I do not care how one catches fish as long as there is slots and bag limits that the fishery can support. Blanket regulations do not work as fisheries differ from lake to lake and stream to stream. You would really hurt the quality of fishing on certain streams if the door was thrown wide open.
783.	I would prefer size restrictions over bait and lure restrictions. Keep up and expand habitat restoration. As stocking efforts decrease the opportunity to take a child somewhere they might easily catch a fish, please consider more regular stocking of Urban Lakes. These lakes offer a great way to get a youngster involved in the sport.
784.	Dissatisfied with changing fly fishing section of Peshtigo Ri. to any artificial lure, treble hooks etc. This appears to have attracted many anglers who using bait as well and has definitely resulted in fewer trout and a diminished fishing experience.  Unless Wisconsin develops more quality catch and release regulations as other states have, I may forgo trout fishing in Wisconsin
785.	Survey is not stream specific. Some streams are much better than others. Answers would vary depending on which stream I was talking about. With this reason i think it is good to continue managing streams individually, if not more than already being done. Streams like the Kinni and Rush seem to be getting better, but the Willow seems to be getting worse (less trout /harder to find / more chubs).  Please continue to protect these streams so my grand children will have a chance to catch some decent fish. Also, fly fish only is a poor idea, my kids cant fly fish. No live bait is one thing I would support, but fly fish only is not.  Thank you.
786.	I would like to see continued advocacy and education towards catch and release fishing to raise greater awareness of the fragility of our fisheries. Harvest has it's purpose but it's important for all anglers to understand that the limits serve to protect the future of lakes and streams.
787.	Incorporate natural channel design in stream habitat improvement projects, use Rosgen's Toewood structures rather than Lunker structures (cheaper and longer lasting). Long-term habitat maintenance is a major issue. Set aside some streams as trophy fisheries (i.e. increase size limits, decrease bag limits)
788.	I think Wis.D.N.R. has done a great job of manageing the trout fishing in the state. In the 30 plus years that I've been trout fishing Wis. the quality of the trout fishing experiance either improved or at least stay constant. Clearly the trout stamp has provided the resources to do much of the work but through the regulations DNR has been able to allow the trout fisherman a variety of fishing experiances and preserve some of the finest pieces of water to insure quality fishing into the future. The only problem is with all the choices is where to fish tomorrow.
789.	the embarrass river area is where i used to trout fish,but the fish don't really seem to be ther anymore
790.	The DNR has stream classifications 1 -3 and categories 1-5, but these are not helpful to the beginning angler when it comes to finding good fishing with good access. Nor are the trout stream maps included with the annul regulations. Many of these streams have low numbers and are virtually inaccessible.

	<p>It is fishing tradition that the angler is left to ferret this out themselves. As one who has paid his dues bushwhacking small streams I can understand why the next generation of trout angler becomes discouraged and quits.</p> <p>The annual fishing report is somewhat helpful, but lacks the kind of specifics a beginner could use. Consider making Stream write ups available. With detailed information custom to the trout angler. Take a look at Iowa's stream write ups. Try to keep these current and things change year to year.</p> <p>***</p>
791.	<p>I would like to see the Lake Trout season on Big Green Lake (Green Lake County) extended into mid or late October, during a time when weather is still tolerable and boat traffic is greatly reduced.</p> <p>I would like to see a study on contaminants in trout, and have the results used to adjust size and bag limits on some streams to ensure that an angler can keep at least one fish to eat that is most likely to be safe to eat. In some waters (Lake Michigan in particular) large size limits can result in being able to keep only fish that likely pose a health risk to varying degrees, and the bag should be adjusted to allow keeping one or two smaller, safer fish. A similar adjustment should be made on inland waters, if contaminant analysis shows unsafe exposures can result from eating larger fish.</p>
792.	<p>Access and habitat improvements are priorities for me. I enjoy trout fishing in Wis very much, and say thank you to the Dnr for what we have here.</p>
793.	<p>You might want to add the answer of "Does not apply." I have only fished inland lakes so far, and so it was hard for me to answer questions about stream fishing. But I will be trying out the stream for the first time this weekend!</p> <p>You may also want to ask questions related to trout fishing education. I would like to see fly fishing instructional opportunities if there aren't any already.</p>
794.	<p>Not at this time.</p>
795.	<p>Don't have Black Earth Creek so cut up on what is catch and release...DNR maps even color coded are hard to read and understand as to what areas are catch and release and witch are not.</p>
796.	<p>I am concerned with the low number of trout we are catching in the White River, the northern part especially, the trout just don't seem to be there any more. I think planting might help.</p>
797.	<p>Keep up the good work. The trout group at the DNR seem like a very progressive group and your efforts are greatly appreciated. I mainly fish the Coon Valley area and have noticed significant improvement in the streams, including the quantity of fish, due to your work.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
798.	<p>I have fished in south western wi and I see a lot of private land with public access posted as fishing grounds. I do not see that in Northern WI. I would suggest such a program on the Marengo river close to four corners (Bayfield co about 1 mile from Ashland co border)</p>
799.	<p>I like the regualtions that are stream specific. Keep up the good work!</p>
800.	<p>I was very disappointed in the elimination of Catch and Release/Artificial Bait Only regulations, particularly on the Prairie River. That fishery has suffered greatly in terms of quantity and quality of trout in stretches where the regulations were relaxed. We need to preserve the few excellent fisheries that we have in our state.</p>
801.	<p>Limit bait fishing and further education for Catch and Release.</p>
802.	<p>I would like to see stricter regulations throughout Wisconsin, especially central Wisconsin streams like the Mecan, White, Pine, and Tomorrow. I think the DNR should continue to do stream restoration and try to improve our rainbow trout fishery in central Wisconsin. Special regulations - no kill - on certain stretches of stream would be nice to promote a trophy trout fishery. Thanks.</p>

803.	You have done good things. The fishery has become much better in many areas. i learned to trout fish in michigan but your fishing certainly doesnt dissappoint. keep up the good work
804.	Small supplemental plantings help some streams.
805.	The quality of the water in the Yellow River has deteriorated substantially. In past years there were numerous trout over 15". Now there are none or very few. In Hickey Creek there were numerous brook trout on public land. Now the creek is silted and it is difficult to find a trout. Much of this problem is the failure to remove beaver dams. The attitude of the fish manager toward trout fishing is a part of the problem.
806.	<p>Keep studying, rehabbing, and regulating these streams as "individuals" ...blanket regulations are ineffective! i.e., I hate it when people say trout regs are too hard to figure out. If you care, and if you can read at a 6th grade level, you can figure it out. No 2 trout streams are exactly alike.</p> <p>Keep holding meetings like the one in Viroqua Monday night (April 4 @ Western Tech)... the local fishermen are the ones who really know what's going on in our streams.</p> <p>Keep putting the emphasis on restoring BROOK trout (rather than Brown). Yes, streams have to be cleaner and colder for BROOKIES to survive...it's harder work than just stocking a bunch of 'bows or browns... They're our NATIVE fish. We should be striving to restore them in WI!</p>
807.	I would like to see more trib stocking around chequamegon bay and on the south shore tribes for seaforellen brown trout. The fishcreek would be a great river to do this type of stocking program in. Also the white river from the dam down stream would also be a great river for stocking of the seaforellen strain trout. And it would also bring more anglers to our area for fishing with that would also bring more dollers to the local area which we need in this area. This would bring in many anglers from down state and other states. Stocking of this strain in our streams would be a great thing for everybody. The lake MI tribes have great stocking programs and we send them most of their stock from our local hatcherys and we get *** on in return! nothing we get nothing from our local hatcherys very sad in deed. We have to local hatcherys the iron river and the less voight hatcherys and we see nothing as far as stocking programs in the streams and on the bay itself. Many many people are very pissed off about this and we have all been to the meeting and have voiced our selfs and still nothing is done about.
808.	Save and/or improve our trout streams as much as funding allows
809.	Improve marginal streams that would support trout and have good habitat but have gone unnoticed. Streams, especially in the dead zones (Vilas County) could be improved as well... not everyone in the north targets muskies. Streams that have low populations of trout should be in a different category. Some streams labeled Category 2 that I have fished are absolutely terrible, I can't see how any trout would survive in those streams but they are still labeled. Make more of an effort to plant Rainbows in some of the other streams besides the Sand County creeks and rivers.
810.	Would anglers like to see some fly fishing only streams?
811.	I'd like to see more trout in the Wolf river and the Little wolf. I love those freestoner rivers, but don't catch many fish there.
812.	property owners need to be better educated about fishermans rights, on more than one occasion i have been threatened to be shot if i dont leve the stream that goes through private land. Some owners are wonderfull.I understand the ned to protect the trout but it is disheartening not to be able to fish these waters, because some of the best water is off limits or artificial lures only.
813.	Things have mostly gotten better since my early days. More and bigger fish - but access is still soemthing to work on.
814.	Thanks for the opportunity to participate. See you on the river!
815.	I enjoy the peaceful time persueing trout on streams and rivers. Everything I catch gets returned. Access is important to me, but don't make it to easy. We need the put and take fisheries for some

	and the trophy areas for others. I think the trout fisheries part of the DNR if doing well.
816.	make it more simple
817.	Thank you for this survey. It is important. Keep up your good work!
818.	Please stop adding lunker structures to streams. improve streams in more natural ways, i.e. shore up banks, install wing dams and other mechanisms to scour, widen and deepen.
819.	I strongly support year-round catch and release season. Thanks for the opportunity to present my opinions.
820.	Kiss program needed. Keep it simple stupid. Exceptions should limited--not the norm--unique situation only. Most anglers don't care--some don't know the difference between a brown, brook or rainbow trout. Simple regulations--five trout over 7 inches. No more 3 below this bridge--5 above this bridge--1 brown over 12', etc. In way to many cases an angular needs topographical maps when fishing. Regulation maps are not specific enough. Addition stocking needed in lakes, ponds and streams . We're rearing a lot of trout for stocking but it seems that only Lake Michigan and Green Bay are important. With the price of gas being so high a lot of anglers are going to need trout fishing opportunities closer to home.
821.	I think you should look at more regulation of irrigation wells near streams and rivers.
822.	I feel that it is vital to keep and expand the stream access program. In conjunction with that statement the Public Trust Doctrine as it is defined in the state of Wisconsin is vital to the inland Trout program it must be maintained as it is, coming from Illinois I have seen the other side of the coin and it is not pretty.  I am opposed to a year around trout season this would cause a very serious deterrent to the inland wild trout program.
823.	I'd love to see the regular season extended through end of Oct.  Reliable public access (long term easements, etc.) to inland trout waters is very important to me.  I'd like to see continued support of wild steelhead on the Bois Brule.
824.	Access I believe is a problem in some areas of the state yet. The stream I don't fish as much is the wolf River in Langlade County. The water in the Wolf seems to warm to much for trout. It needs to be narrowed in places. It seems that 30 years ago the trout fishing was better for some reason. Is it water temps, I don't know, maybe.
825.	I appreciate the work and efforts of all who help me continue to enjoy my trout fishing passion!!
826.	I am not a #'s guy but do appreciate all the quality trout (14-17") available on most of our driftless area streams. Seems like I spend more time on lower portion of the streams to improve my chance for a trophy size fish. I would support an increased, uniform harvest if proven to increase fish size.
827.	Please, no more wooden lunker structures. They rot after 8-10 years and just cave in. Would like to see better use of natural rock in these areas.  Also would like to see the encouragement to take more small trout out of over-populated streams with a higher slot on trophy streams.  A list of streams managed for trophy fish would also be useful.
828.	The different size limits on the same creek/river is a little silly.
829.	Age/price of fuel has made me keep my fishing close to home. I wish the trout fishing in Waupaca/Portage counties was better. Stream trout fishing was one main reason I retired to WI.

	Please add me to your e-mail list ***
830.	Please keep Wisconsin welcoming to all sportmen. Although a to fish the trout streams and the fall and spring runs on Lake Michigan, the cost for a license for both is excessive. Have young children only allows me to fish a few times a year and the cost of out of state license has an impact on my fishing trips. Has the DNR considered daily permits?
831.	I think the major change to stream classification and limits has had a positive affect on trout populations. Not counting the low water years,I have caught more trout and bigger trout in the last ten years than I did my previous 35+ years of trout fishing.
832.	Approximately 60% of my trout fishing takes place in Wisconsin. You guys and gals are doing a good job!
833.	None
834.	Add more catch and release areas. Require barbless hooks. During hot summer restrict certain areas that the trout pool in to benefit from cooler water.
835.	First started fishing in the very muddy Coon Creek. Amazing transformations in a lot of small streams in SW Wisconsin, but still a lot of herd breakdowns of banks. Still concerned about manure runoff problems. In general, a greatly improved experience from 1984.
836.	I would like to see more fly fishing only water and no-kill regulations. I am not interested in eating the fish I catch. I like to go out and catch fish. I feel that trout are a natural resource that everyone should be able to enjoy.
837.	Please address snagging problems in Steelhead streams in SE Wisconsin.  Please continue to work towards more DNR easements. Thank you for your work on this!  I would like to meet a DNR Ranger/Warden on the stream sometime. Enforcement of existing laws.  On that note, please address the problem of poaching in Willow River State Park. Visitors regularly take fish outside of the appropriate regulation size. Please post regulation signs in additional languages: Hmong, Spanish, etc. Again, enforcement is key.  Also, fishing for trout with nightcrawlers should be outlawed. They swallow the bait so far that it is almost impossible to release anything unharmed.  ***COASTER BROOK TROUT*** I am passionate about Coaster Brook Trout habitat restoration. I would travel far and wide (and stimulate local economies through lodging, food, beverage, gas, etc.) to catch Coaster Brookies in Wisconsin.  Thanks for reviewing trout management in Wisconsin!
838.	I believe the DNR Fisheries staff have done an acceptable job to date in dealing with Wisconsin's trout. I think they have done a fine job with what resources are available to them.  I support a modest increase in my stamp fee if it ment more access and habitat restoration.  I think stocking is a great way to allow more people to access trout, especially small children, as I began fishing on stocked streams with my Dad when I was 6 or 7 years old, and was really hooked, because I could catch a few fish.  I am member of several conservation organizations, including Ducks Unlimited and Trout Unlimited and believe the State could further their wildlife missions by partnering with these vested organizations as way to leverage the State's restoration efforts and dollars, by better utilizing core groups of volunteers. I would be strongly opposed to the State joining with these groups as means to take public dollars out of the conservation/enhancement programs, or as a means to cut program budgets.

839.	<p>Fished the North Branch of the Oconto in 2010. Very low water...the fishing was poor. Also the Rat River was slow. Fished south western Wisconsin streams and had good fishing.</p> <p>Thank You!</p>
840.	<p>Please DO NOT CLOSE the season for a week after catch/release! This is the BEST TIME OF THE YEAR, before the wild parsnip, nettle, bugs and heat/humidity take over. Neither the fish nor fishermen need a rest. I have virtually given up summer fishing for these reasons. Also, THE SEASON ENDS TOO SOON. By the time the bugs and humidity and weeds are gone, the season is over.</p> <p>Thanks for your efforts, these are indeed the good old days (but we can make them even better)!</p>
841.	<p>Keep doing what you're doing. Trout fishing is great in WI, and especially here in Vernon Co. One big suggestion:</p> <p>concentrate on restoring the Brook Trout whenever possible, as opposed to the Brown or Rainbow. I caught 4 fish in 2010 that were 20" or over. 1 Rainbow, 3 Brown....my biggest Brookie was a lousy 11"</p>
842.	<p>Keep the regulations as they are, stop caving to the whims of meat fishermen and women that can't be bothered to take 5 minutes to read and understand simple regulations. There are already plenty of streams that they can keep fish from.</p> <p>It is understood that from time to time, a stream may have to bear regulation changes in order to manage the population effectively, but this should be done solely without pressure from the public and at the discretion of DNR biologists who have the necessary data and scientific background to make educated decisions about when and where to do so.</p> <p>Additionally, when regulation changes do happen, it would be great if there was more information made available to the public as to the nature of why said changes occurred, instead of just a small blurb inside the front cover of the Trout Regs.</p>
843.	<p>Implement more catch and release programs.</p>
844.	<p>No, thanks.</p>
845.	<p>When are you going to redo limits and size regulations on the Little Wolf River?</p>
846.	<p>Expand artificials only, catch and release only, and single hook only regulations to more streams. Enforce catch and release and artificials only regulations more aggressively.</p>
847.	<p>Dissappointed to see the degradation of the lower Willow River. I realize it isn't a fabulous trout fishery because of the water temps, but can't we protect what we have through some stream restoration projects? The river just keeps getting wider and straighter from erosion. From what I understand, this section may all be State Park property some day. This will result in even more fishing pressure on the trout population. There needs to be some work to help protect what we have left. This is actually a terrific trophy brown trout fishery!</p>
848.	<p>sea lamprey control in the bad river watershed is lacking in my opinion something should be done to end the fight about them. like put in fish dams downstream from highway 13 on the marengo and brunswieler rivers too keep them out of there then the poisoning could stop in those rivers.</p>
849.	<p>Keep stocking</p>
850.	<p>Greatly appreciate the management of Wisconsin trout resources!</p>
851.	<p>My father and i would like to know how to get the DNR to notice some of the great streams that are out there that we fish but are getting filled in and over grown we catch some great trout their but no one takes care of it and i would love to work on the streams but i would not know were to start in getting in contact with anyone need more information out there to get these back to superior trout streams their is a lot of volunteers out there we just need to know were to start.</p>

852.	<p>I'm concerned of the 'nature' of recent restorations- clearing banks and engineering of bank slopes. Trout streams are beginning to look like managed golf courses. I'd also prefer to see native plant species introduced in the restorations, rather than a DOT stabilization grass mix.</p> <p>Other than that- I enjoy the transformation of the fisheries, and the intimate nature of the streams.</p>
853.	<p>I heard you were looking at the Rush River to be fly fishing only. This is unacceptable.</p>
854.	<p>My main thing I would like to see is more work to helping Brook Trout as they are native to our state. Most work I have seen has been aimed toward Brown Trout. I understand that they are bigger and may have a larger impact on tourism but I would rather see my trout stamp money go toward brook trout.</p> <p>There is also a river that I fish in Vilas county that all the tag alders around the stream are being removed. My brother was told this was being done to allow better flow. This river has been ruined, the water runs much warmer and the large Brook Trout that reside in it are gone. This seems to be more of a fly fishing improvement than an improvement to the river. It makes me very sad and angry that a stream that had some of the best brook trout fishing in Wisconsin is now ruined.</p> <p>I would love to see more Northeast Wisconsin rivers open for the early season of trout fishing. I think the whole Waupaca River could be open and any other stream or river that does not have good numbers of natural reproduction.</p>
855.	<p>I would like to see the Brule River become protected more. The Brule, in my opinion, is the best river in all of Wisconsin and maybe even the midwest. I would like to see it preserved as a place where you can expect to catch huge lake run fish in larger numbers. I think all steelhead should be released, and all browns over 20" should be released. I know there is already lots of special regulations on the Brule, but I'm just asking for one river in all of Wisconsin with these regulations. I have fished rivers in Ontario with these regulations just for that reason.</p> <p>As for the rest of the state. I think the category system could be simplified with special regulations category no 5 and category no 4. The rest you can get rid of. I also feel that all browns and rainbows in nonandromitus streams and rivers should have a protected slot between 18"-22". People can eat smaller ones and keep the big ones in the river. I understand people want to mount fish. A fishing in the protected slot wouldn't be a trophy in my book anyway. Brook trout should have a slot as well.</p>
856.	<p>I would like the banks along Chaffee and Wedde creek cleared of the brush.</p>
857.	<p>I have been extremely impressed and inspired by the work of the WDNR. Increase trout stamp fee.</p>
858.	<p>I like the idea of a all year trout season however it will never happen anglers cannot be trusted to catch and release. I see this during the current early season lack of law enforcement might happen on certain streams. thank you and good luck with your survey.</p>
859.	<p>I fish Pikes creek and the Souix river in Bayfield. In the regulations for both of the streams the reference landmarks that are not labeled on the stream or in the regulations! Example the Red Dam on pikes creek and Big rock falls on the Souix. I mentioned it to the DNR officer and she said that was not her job her job is enforcement. The regulations have become to difficult to understand in parts. Split seasons on streams is also a way of making it more difficult for anglers. The joy of fishing has become a job of trying to understand the regulations before fishing and should not be that difficult. I'm a nonresident and it is frustrating. I would be willing to discuss this further so feel free to contact me at ***</p>
860.	<p>keep up the good work at making Wisconsin a prime trout fly fishing destination.</p>
861.	<p>I think once you get a good stream going you extend the trout water in the regulation, you end up degrading the stream , people read regulations trout do not.I have seen you do this on the rush river,the west fork kickapoo,coon creek to name a few. ALL these streams have had lower quality fishing in size and numbers after you extend the stream. If people don't read it the majority will not go there! Meanin more trout and bigger trout!! p.s. I have keep a log on trout fishing for fifteen</p>

	years know. A good day on those steams 6yrs ago was 5 to 10 fish over 17 inches. Today I'm lucky to see 2 or 3 fish that size in a day.
862.	Question: Would anglers support removal of the closure between early season end and start of regular trout season?
863.	<p>First - When the 1st Sat in May lands on May 4-7, please consider opening the season the last Saturday in April. Or make the opening the last Saturday in April.</p> <p>Second - Outlaw live bait fishing for trout. Trout mortality, in my opinion, is way too high when people try and release live bait hooked trout! Also, I would like to see treble hooks on spinners outlawed. It is just as easy to catch a trout on spinners with single hooks as I have experienced no drop off in hooking success since I quit using treble hooks on spinners many years ago. I don't think we have to go too extreme by limiting barbed hooks but if research by the DNR or college of natural resources at UWSP show differing results from barbed vs non-barbed hooks on trout mortality is significant, then I would support a ban on barbed hooks. DNR use of trout stamp revenue for habitat improvement I support 100%. Stewardship fund money for stream access I also support 100%</p>
864.	More detail and information on classifications of streams, what type of trout are in the streams, and overall average size of fish surveyed. The DNR could also work with land owners to create "trails" through properties to allow for more access to streams. Biggest problem fishing the best streams is dealing with land owner issues.
865.	<p>The trout stream that I used to fish in my youth - Little Plover River - I no longer fish due to decreased stream flow/dewatering during the summer months.</p> <p>While Trout stream miles have increased overall, there are some streams that no longer receive stocking and in my opinion should no longer be considered trout water. i.e. the irrigation ditches in the Bancroft/Buena Vista area. I'm sure there are more examples, but I live 10 minutes from these and few to none of the locals fish them anymore.</p> <p>On the Early C&amp;R Season - I would like to see a more streams or areas of streams opened to this in Central Wis. I don't think we need an earlier start to the C&amp;R season, or the regular season for that matter. Except for the SW part of the state, I don't think any streams are really fishable before that time of the year. I also don't think bait fishing should be allowed at all in the C&amp;R season, the trout simply take natural bait in too deeply on a regular basis to safely remove the hook without hurting the fish.</p> <p>On stream restoration - I approve wholeheartedly!! Stream restoration is one of the main reasons the quality of trout water has increased recently. While I don't necessarily like Lunger structures, the trout need them for protection because the banks have eroded over time. They are difficult to fish sometimes, but I am sure they help the quality/size of fish in the streams they are used.</p> <p>Regulations - I have no problem with the category system that is now in place. The folks that complain that it's too hard to understand need to learn how to read a map. Walleye anglers have adapted, why not trout anglers as well. Having different regs along the same stream would go under the same category. Should be no problem if you can read a map.</p> <p>I fished nearly everyday when I was a kid. As I grew out of my teens I got busy with other things and for about a 10-15 year period I didn't fish at all. about ten years ago I changed jobs and started wading while fishing, and fell in love with fishing all over again. It was a bit of a shock to discover it was no longer a blanket set of regulations anymore, but I can read a map so it wasn't a huge deal to adapt to the new type of regulations. I am primarily a fly fisherman now, but I do use bait when I take my 7 year old fishing.</p> <p>In my opinion the regs are pretty good as they stand, they probably could use a bit of tweaking here and there, but I don't think drastic changes are called for. I know there's a faction out there that want's the old blanket regulations back in place, but in this changing landscape with more people fishing a finite number of streams, it just doesn't add up. Many streams would be decimated by fishing pressure.</p> <p>Thanks for allowing us to have some input even if we couldn't make one of the meetings in our area.</p>
866.	Good survey thought I'd do my part to give you feedback. I absolutely love what Wisconsin has done to protect trout waters and wished you stocked more rainbows!
867.	Consider adding more water for fly fishing catch and release only. No harvest, no bait or artificial lures. Not entire streams, just some sections of select streams.

868.	I recently moved to Wisconsin (3 years now), to date I have only fished two streams. I am a little disappointed that I cannot fish year round as I was able to in Michigan. I would very much like to see a year round catch and release season for those of us who wish to venture out outside of the standard season.
869.	<p>Many streams have miles of fishing easements per DNR online maps.</p> <p>Many of these easements include stream restorations done with trout stamp money.</p> <p>Many of these fishing easements have little or no identified walk in access points even though DNR online maps show them.</p> <p>Legal access if available must be identified with DNR signage.</p> <p>I have asked for, and received, help in this matter from LaCrosse area cold water fishery people on my home waters in Crawford county and recent signage has been very helpful.</p> <p>Easements without clearly defined legal access makes for bad fisher/landowner relationships and serves no one.....especially when a \$2 sign can solve the issue.</p>
870.	good, well done survey
871.	stocking helped local business hotels ,restaurants,gas stations are all gone now
872.	Protect the fish and waters, not the right to eat fish. Wild fisheries should be the goal, not stocking programs to fill the freezer.
873.	I would like to see more stream access. Biodegradable worm containers, seeing how some bait fisherman can't pick up after themselves. Higher fines for poachers in fishing and hunting. And for anybody who litters , mandatory to pick up trash with huge fines which are to go to stream improvements.
874.	Just a comment, Years ago I used to work for the W.C.C in Juneau County and it would be an interesting project to restart in Monroe County. ***
875.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More enforcement</li> <li>2. More special regulations with higher size limits</li> </ol>
876.	I think we should extend the catch and release season(close it only for spawning periods)
877.	I didn't answer the question on the best streams because I don't fish the north enough so my answer would be based on location. I didn't fully answer the question on why I no longer fish a stream because sometimes it's a decrease in quality but often it's because the stream gets too much pressure. One or many cars at every put in can be discouraging.
878.	Keep up the good work !!
879.	A number of my trout fishing pals go to Iowa. Perhaps you should look at their program.
880.	WI has a great trout fishery with lake run fish and stream or lake/pond fishing. Friends from PA, OH and IL enjoy coming here to fish in our numerous rivers and streams. I don't think that we promote the tourist applications of our good fortune and expense. I also worry that ground water protection and trout waters protection are going to get hurt by granting wetlands access to industry and development. This would diminish the quality of life in WI, for me and for my friends both living here and from out of state.
881.	<p>Please stock more Brook trout!</p> <p>Glad to see Trout Fest in Coon Valley highlighting the sport - need to encourage more children and women to participate in such a rewarding activity.</p>
882.	In general, I'd love to see more catch & release stretches, or stretches with slot limits that would allow for trophy fish. All in all, though, I have been pleased with the quality of the fishing program in

	WI.
883.	I have lived in Wisconsin for the last 3 years and am from Minnesota and North Dakota area and can not believe how bad the trout fishing is. This year I am not going to waste my money on a trout stamp.
884.	What are the things I can do to help create a better habitat on the part of Fish Creek I own? Will there be any restorative efforts for fish creek? Are there any web-links to a streaming video of the LaCrosse meeting? Are there any web-links to educational opportunities regarding fishing and or hunting (in general and/or habitat improvement measures) geared for adult and/or children? ***
885.	Extending C&R into October would increase tourism to see fall colors. Fishing in the Coulee area tops Michigan and Montana.
886.	as a beginner trouterman(last year was my first season), I need more help on where to fish, what to fish for, etc, without being criticized for 1) being a woman and 2) keeping and eating the trout I catch(main reason I fish for ANY fish is to eat the fish I keep budget and health wise)
887.	Quality Brown trout fishing opportunities have pretty much dried up in most of Dunn County. Some streams are getting filled with sand.
888.	I would like to suggest a simpler set of rules. Very hard for someone new to trout fishing to know where they can go and what they can use. Let's make it easier to understand the 2 rule books you must read to fish trout.
889.	plant more trout/we need catch and release and or slot limits /
890.	I can't name any brook trout streams as a favorite because the quality has fallen off. Rivers like the Prairie in Lincoln county used to be great and now there's not much worth catching. the same goes for Woods Creek. I have no problem with eating fish now and then but trout fishing demands work and restrictions to grow quality trout. I would rather catch 5 14" fish than 20 8" or 9" fish.
891.	I would really like to see areas managed to have three different types of streams: Trophy streams (for a mounter), numbers streams with easy access(for children, elderly, and the first timers), and then robust streams with good numbers and good size to go pick up a meal to eat. I say area because I like to go to a camp site or cabin for a week end or even a week in summer and have those three types of streams available to me. To me the future of trout fishing and all outdoor sports is about involving the next generation. I always get yelled at when I tell younger adults and kids my secret spots or when it pays to use a fly rod or to just break down and use worms or rapalas, but if we don't create the next generation of outdoors man no one will care for our natural resources when we leave.
892.	Better map you can access on web site. This is the same bland map used 25 years ago. It is hard to find cut off points on the map. DNR needs an e-mail for questions.
893.	i like the catch and release through the winter idea that would be great
894.	N/A
895.	Have been fishing Vernon/Richland county trout streams for years. I love the restoration projects, they've been wonderful. We often explore new streams that are listed on the regs. Sometimes we travel there and find waters unfishable due to overgrowth of trees or really bad runoff. I always wondered if there could be more information on the condition of streams in the yearly regs.
896.	I'm worried with governor walker's cutting programs and money to the dnr. Lots of quality people have retired and i'm worried that fish/wildlife programs will also fall under the budget knife. It seems like the politicians are making wildlife/dnr policy and that is scary! Thanks for your time.
897.	Overall, my experience in WI fishing and scouting for trout has been excellent. The stewardship of the resource along with the landowner cooperation and access is what makes coming up to WI so great. I consider my times on the streams to be the times during my year when I'm closest to my maker--- I love fishing for trout.

898.	Catch and release to keep the breeding stock rich...It is the way of the new world..
899.	Cutback in stocking of brown trout removed incentive to fish several of my favorite streams. Enjoyed the prospect of hooking into a nice sized fish. That's no longer the case. I feel the lower sections of these streams - like the Prairie and Plover - should continue to be stocked. Rewards are no longer worth the effort. Really appreciated going after those carryover fish. Many of my fishing friends feel the same and have reduced their trout fishing efforts considerably. I understand the emphasis on natural reproduction ... but there should be room for compromise.
900.	Start the catch / keep season the same as Minnesota's opener. This will generate more interest and allow more opportunity.
901.	More catch & release and trophy management. Single barbless hooks and artificials only reduce mortality because of less damage during handling. Ref: N.American Fisheries Society. The best trout fishing in Wisconsin in my 55 years of fishing occurred the year catch and release only was in effect due to low water in prior years.
902.	I think we have a wonderful fishery here in southwest Wisconsin, and hope to see it maintained well in the future. My friends and I all do our best to keep the fish numbers up, while still keeping, and enjoying a few fish.
903.	Maintain strong regulations, including Catch & Release, creel limits. Strengthen easement programs and keep the number of canoes on the Bois Brule/Lower Kinnick regulated so they don't degrade into a river for drunken boaters, like the Apple River
904.	I'm pleased to hear about the coaster brook trout restoration efforts at Whittlesey Creek; I hope it's successful there, and in other tributaries. I'd love a chance to catch (& release) a large coaster some day. Also, I'm very pleased to hear that stocking wild strain trout has become a priority. Well done! I hope you continue to favor the native brookie, although browns are fun to catch in streams that aren't prime brook trout water.
905.	I hate when I have to throw back a badly hooked trout that I know isn't going to survive just because it is an inch short of the size limit. I always count that one as part of my bag limit even though I can't keep it. Also we don't need anymore caught and release seasons.
906.	Dedicate some streams to purely trophy brown trout .
907.	I have seen good quality brook trout streams run over by browns. I also would like to see a question about your trout maps showing leased lands and dnr lands.
908.	Lots of good access on some streams and next to none on others; I'd like to see more spots to put in where streams come close to the road (but where there's not a bridge). Also, I'd like to see better education of some landowners, especially in Grant and Crawford counties, which often feel like very hostile places to fish.
909.	Establish Central Sands Region for specific habitat restoration and preservation.
910.	I fly fish almost exclusively. I try to fish year around, in so doing I fish trout, Steelhead/salmon and bass. Sometimes I travel "out west" to trout fish. I don't like to have to fish Iowa in October. There is wonderful trout fishing in WI. Last years (2010) steelhead season was a disaster. I see improvements and there is room for more improvements. Let's work together for greater trout fishing opportunities in WI. Thank you.
911.	the sw spring creeks are very good igrew up in marrinette co. istarted trout @9yrs.
912.	decrease the number of steelhead and Browns that can be kept in the Brule River in Wisconsin, too many fish are being killed.
913.	I've been fishing for trout in Wisconsin, starting as a boy in Richland County, for more than 50 years. The DNR has done a wonderful job. Trout fishing has never been better.  If I were to offer one suggestion it would be this. Consider a "paradigm shift" in the way we view the

	<p>seasons. In other words, the old (and current) way of looking at things is that the traditional May-September catch-and-kill season is the "standard," and the early catch-and-release season is shoehorned around it as an "exception." Change the paradigm by reversing the thinking. Make the trout season year-round, like Iowa, but the de facto "standard" season becomes catch and release, with a window of catch and kill built into the year-round catch-and-release season. So, for example, the 2012 trout season becomes Jan. 1-Dec. 31 (year--round) with the understanding that you can fish whenever you want so long as you release. If you want to kill, then your window is May 15-Sept. 1 -- or something similar. So you increase the pressure on the resource in that you increase the number of legal stream days, but you decrease the pressure on the resource by reducing the number of kill days.</p> <p>Don't get me started about the deer season restrictions. Why does everything in the state have to revolve around the (generally speaking) least qualified, least devoted and least knowledgeable of all the state's blood-sport enthusiasts -- the deer hunters? Because they're the loudest mouthed? Grouse hunting in Wisconsin? Getting hard to do, guys. Because there are so VERY MANY deer seasons and the woods just aren't safe to walk up grouse.</p> <p>Anyway -- thanks for the good job on the trout waters. In general, the DNR gets too much flack for what it's doing "wrong" (which may not always be wrong) and not enough credit for the good.</p>
914.	<p>I've enjoyed fishing many wisconsin trout streams I think the Dnr is doing a great job in keeping the fishery great.... My personal opinion would be to make the harvest limits of trout less. To help take the burden off the dnr to stock fish as well as keep the fishery great.</p>
915.	<p>THERE SHOULD BE REGULATIONS GOVERNING CATCH &amp; RELEASE, NOTHING PREVENTS PEOPLE THROWING BACK COUNTLESS FISH THAT WILL DIE. PEOPLE HAVE TOLD ME THEY CATCH 40 OR 50 FISH ON TRABLE HOOKS AND THROW THEM BACK. FLIES KILL SMALL TROUT TOO. IF TROUT BLEEDS AT ALL IT DIES! CATCH AND RELEASE IS POOR PRACTICE FOR TROUT THEY ARE TOO DELICATE.</p>
916.	<p>spring meadow use to be a great trout fishing stream now the damn beavers took it over and ruined it built dams stopped stream flow overgrown with weeds and lily pads cant get a jon boat in there anymore went there with my dad since i was 8 years old not anymore</p>
917.	<p>Encouraging barbless hooks and artificial lures would be great. Crimping barbs is so easy, has not affected the number of fish I land, and reduces damage to the fish. Also, I get way fewer snags! I would be interested to know how many other anglers do this. It used to be mandatory for the early season (that's how I got onto it being such a great idea), and I see no reason why it shouldn't still be.</p> <p>Kudos to the idea of tacking an artificial-only / catch and release season onto the end of the season!</p>
918.	<p>I am VERY MUCH OPPOSED to lengthing the season after Sept 30th! Your department (WDNR) boasts and touts about the "wild trout" stocking program and the reproduction of wild trout. In addition, how you have cut precipitously back on the stocking domestic strains of trout! But now you're thinking of LENGTHING the season when the "wild" trout are spawning. Do you want people harassing and stomping on fish redds in the fall? Lengthing the season makes absolutely no sense what-so-ever and is an asinine idea to say the least! If the department insist on pursuing this ridiculous idea you will have lost all my and others faith that your trout fisheries managers can make sound resource decisions.</p>
919.	<p>I would like to see better signs or more signs indicating public fishing areas on private land. I would also like to see better ladder-type styles at access points as they have in Iowa.</p>
920.	<p>Some landowners can be very hard to approach, and no good access to the trout streams that I would like to fish. To make better access points and parking spots would be great help to a beginning trout angler like myself. Also, a map of public access spots where to park, i.e. on the side of a road, parking lot, or county park by the stream. I have already not fished quite a few streams because I couldn't find access to them, please make it easier on beginners. Thank you</p>
921.	<p>I strongly oppose a "one size fits all" system of trout-stream regulations in Wisconsin. This is due primarily to the fact that there is such a wide diversity not only of types of trout stream [the Bois Brule, Namekagon, Wolf &amp; Peshtigo are worlds apart from the coulee spring creeks or the sand-</p>

	country rivers like the Mekan] but variations in the type and quality of the water within a given stream. The only things they have in common are Wisconsin locale and presence of trout. The regulations should reflect and protect this diversity, not pretend they don't exist.
922.	I have fished the Wolf in lower langlade county for 34 years. The fishing has gone from great to terrible. The size limit should be increased and it should be artificial only. More wardens should patrol. I've been checked twice in those 34 years.
923.	yes there are so many violaters in the waupaca river area it makes me mad no wardens watch this all year long. i see many under size trout taken and i have said its to small and they say your not a warden 12 in size limit and the fish are as long as a beer can makes me mad but i realize its not my problem to deal with these people secondly dead fish early in the year floating down the river is often when lots of fishermen show up they just dont care and tickets should be written for those people carlessly about !!!!!
924.	I think the DNR has done an excellent job of restoring and improving trout fisheries in Wisconsin. I would like to know how to help establish trout fisheries in my county. Currently, Jefferson County does not have any established trout waters.  ***
925.	Make trout fishing an all year season.
926.	would like the season etended into October
927.	There is plenty of ample oppourtuny to grow trophy fish in Wisconsin, I'd like to see the regulations support this better
928.	I would prefer more artificial lures and flies, catch and release only streams. The decline of quality fishing on the Prairie River since the removal of those regulations has been heart-breaking.
929.	Overall, the WI DNR does a fabulous job with what they have. Thank you. We are very fortunate to be able to fish in WI. My only wish is that there was more season so we could catch-and-release. My only concern is the wild trout spawning periods. Thank you for asking in the survey. Tight lines.
930.	I love what the WI DNR has done with the trout streams! Wisconsin is well ahead of Iowa in their stream bank improvement and stream access programs. Please extend the season later into the fall so I don't have to go to Iowa!
931.	Poaching is a problem.
932.	Wisconsin is my preferred destination (outside of my home state and MT) for cold water fly fishing.
933.	If the season for streams is extended for catch and kill, I would not go past October 15th. I have seen both Browns and Brooks making redds around the 15th. Both are very easy to catch at this time. (Based on experiences in other states.) I would like to see a few more Trout only (no warm water fish)lakes/ponds in the lower 1/4 of the state. Like Mount Hope pond was (draining it did not make the Little Green much colder or any better!!!!!!)and Paradise Springs. Thank you for this opportunity.
934.	I would like to see more "stocks" like Minnesota uses rather than the "ladder" type used in Wisconsin. Old hips and knees make it difficult to climb over the ladders. If you would consider putting some in, I would consider helping the funding of them. You can reach me at ***
935.	No. 22 does not include: "I do not get to that area of the state anymore." That is a very good reason for not fishing a particular stream. Right?
936.	The improvement in our trout fisheries I strongly believe is because of the DNR and other organizations efforts to manage these streams according to location, habiatat and current state of the fisheries resource. ONE SIZE DOES NOTFIT ALL! I commend the DNR for taking this approach with the outcome of continued improved fisheries in WI.

937.	Over all I think WDNR is doing a good job for trout. It would be great to see the season extended through Oct and a catch and release season from Nov to May would be nice. After all we do get a few nice days in the "cold' months that we could cast a fly.
938.	The restoration of the South Fork of the Kinni in River Falls has been a huge success. With easy access and willing brook trout, it's the perfect stream to introduce kids or adults to trout fishing.
939.	CO-ORDINATE THE STREAM CLASSIFICATION BETWEEN THE REGULATION MAP AND WEB SITE MAP. SAME STREAM HAS DIFFERENT DESIGNATIONS. OVERALL I THINK THE DNR HAS DONE A REMARKABLE JOB ON THE TROUT FISHING WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN.
940.	Wisconsin is a great place to fly fish. Fly fished some as a kid in Drummond area, got away from it while working& family. Getting back to it was a retirement goal and Trout Unlimited helped me see a light. Fish Driftless and Bayfield Cnty streams plus WI East Coast Rivers in Spring and Fall. Great times and even better people. *** 7/5/11
941.	extended trout season would be huge for WI anglers!
942.	Very strong on extending season. Also would add a "blast & Cast" opportunity for guides and fishing community!
943.	I'm very concerned about the increase of noxious weeds in the riparian habitat in most of the streams in Western Wisconsin. Specifically, the Wild Parsnip limits my access to streams because of its health hazard.
944.	You've (dnr) taken a class a trout stream and RUINED it. The Peshtigo "fly fishing only or artificial only" Good for muskies,northern,bass,suckers,and redhorse. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TROUT ??? People fishing by the dam with bait!!!! Politics.....kiss my ***....I started buying a Michigan license.
945.	You guys are doing a good job, keep it up!
946.	Wisconsin's does a great job managing the streams. More improvements would be great. I would be willing to pay more fees to help pay for the improvements. End the season in Ocy.
947.	keep the trout season opened on streams, (catch and release only, artificial lures only) through the month of october. another month of recreation in wisconsin's outdoors is a good thing. I would think that the area fish managers would have a say in what streams would need to have an early closer if an extended season may potentially harm early spawning fish in certain streams.it has been my experiance in the outdoors of wisconsin, that most spawning does not take place on streams until the middle of november, at least in the southern half of the state. the northern tier may have trout actively spawning much earlier, but that would be the reason that the state fishery managers would determine to close certain streams, in any region of the state,to an extended october season.  Respectfully submitted: ***
948.	I make special trips to fish my former Home Waters. I regularly promote WI fisheries to "Out of Staters". Most states have extensive hatchery programs but the fish are clearly inferior. Trout Stamp and DNR monies should go to land access and stream improvement projects before going to hatchery programs
949.	I don't fish the Wolf River much any more as it warms too quickly. There is so little carry over that the fish are all stocked and generally "smallest." The Wolf could probably be a "put and take" trout river, although I'd still do catch and release. It is a beautiful river, and I still like to fish it before it gets too warm each year.
950.	I fished Wisconsin trout streams often while living in Illinois and still get back on occasion to fish with colleagues. As someone active in Trout Unlimited, Wisconsin and specifically the Driftless Area has become synonymous with quality trout management and stream restoration. Congratulations and continue the good work.

951.	Let's make more catch and release fly fishing rivers
952.	No, appreciate the chance to be heard...
953.	Keep at it. Don't always have enough dollars for trips in Wisconsin but I find a way to buy all the licenses and stamps. I believe strongly in supporting fisheries programs through Licensing.
954.	I am a relatively new fly fisherman, living in Minneapolis and I'm grateful for the ready access to several well maintained trout streams within an hour's drive of home. I'd love to be able to continue fishing beyond September 30 on these rivers if it would not interfere with the reproduction of the trout. I am strictly a catch and release fisherman. Thanks to the WI DNR for the fine job you do.
955.	no
956.	With all the necessary budget cuts I think license fees for inland trout fishing should be raised to help improve trout habitat restoration and stocking programs. The payback to the state would be increased tourism and out of state licenses.
957.	Please allow year round catch and release
958.	I would like to see the Inland Trout Season be a year-round "Catch & Release" fishery.
959.	Please, please continue to restore trout habitat.
960.	I grew up in WI and have now moved to MN. The WI trout program is very good but there is an opportunity to make it great. One of the areas I think WI lags behind MN is map/publication - this helps non-locals explore new waters and keeps them interested.
961.	First off, I think that the restoration work that the DNR and TU is fantastic; keep up the good work. The only things I believe could be improved are the regulations and the season. Simplifying the regulations should be paramount, there are simply too many that are too hard to understand. As for the season, there is seemingly no reason why we shouldn't have a season like Michigan or Iowa that allows for year long fishing (with restrictions regarding artificial lures/fly and deer season of course). I honestly do not think that you would have problems from fly fishers becoming a nuisance and/or keeping a prohibitive amount of fish as most of us are firm believers in catch and release anyway. Keep up the good work and continue to make trout fishing in Wisconsin even better!
962.	I would like to see a better map that indicates where access is available, locating bridges, or a sign where access is granted.
963.	I've lived in three other states where you can fish all year long and would like to see streams that do not have natural reproduction remain open all year. It would be much better to have a stream with one regulation instead of splitting the stream into, 1 catch and release, 2 catch a certain size, 3 catch a certain quantity. The other states I've lived in are Ct.,Tn., and Co. and fished in many others.
964.	Extend regular season from Oct 1 to ? catch & release only
965.	I would love to see larger fish in many of the streams. Otherwise I think the dirtless area has amazing trout fishing year round. Thanks for all you guys do lets keep working to improve the trout fishing opportunities in WI.
966.	Would be great if season went longer into Fall. Would like to see fences strung across streams go. Would like to see more fly-only water.
967.	I am always looking for additional information to decide whether or not it is worth the trip to try a new stream. A forum of some sort may be useful, or an informational section on the DNR website giving descriptions of the types of structure you will find, avg. width of stream, avg. depth of stream and species/avg sizes of fish found in the stream, if the stream can be waded, etc.

968.	Please end the "trout season". I'm from Colorado where you can trout fish all year. A trout season has never made much sense to me.
969.	Open access to all streams, rivers, lakes within 6 feet of any bank to allow better access for those of us unable to wade.
970.	Work on enforcing and monitoring your access easements. To many are covered or hidden or the fisherman is harrassed
971.	CHANGING THE MAKE UP OF A STREAM,NOT GOOD,TAKING OUT POOLS IN STREAMS SO IT LEVEL INSTEAD OF HAVING A LARGER POOL LIKE NATURE INTENDED IT TO HAVE,JUST TO MAKE THE TROUT STREAM BE MORE DISBURST EVENLY,WHY? CHANGING THE POOL BY GOODMAN SPORTSMEN CLUB. RUINING THE REST OF THE PIKE RIVER WITH THE SUIET OF THE NEW DAM.THATS WHERE THE TROUT USE TO GO TO REPRODUCE IN THE FALL.MONEY TALKS.YOU JUST RUINED A BEAUTIFUL STREAM IN THAT LOCATION,AND NO I DIDN'T FISH THE PRIVATE POND.IT WAS NICE JUST FISHING THE PIKE UP TO IT.NOT ANY MORE,FUTURE SPAWNING OF TROUT FOR THAT LOCATION AND MILES DOWN STREAM HAVE BEEN RUINED FOR YEARS TO COME.I HAVEN'T CAUGHT 1 TROUT SINCE YOU LET GOODMAN SPORTMAN CLUB REDO THE DAM ON THE PIKE RIVER.HOW MANY PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THIS CHANGE?YOUR SUPOSE TO BE HELPING ALL TROUT STREAMS IN WISCONSIN,NOT JUST THE ONES IN UPPER NORTHWEST AREA OR MADISON AREA? WE LIVE IN THE MIDDLE NORTH AND LIKE TO FISH NORTH LIKE THE THUNDER RIVER ECT.
972.	I think the DNR & Trout Unlimited have done some great work in improving stream conditions and water quality. I would like to see a longer catch and release season as some of the most enjoyable fishing conditions are found in the fall season.
973.	Yes I would like to add that the regulations can be confusing and that groups that need to be targeted for better fishing are not. There are individuals that do not adhere to the regs and dont care. They tend to be locals of certain streams that are of good trout waters. Fines need to be passed out more liberally. Education is over and not cost effective. Fines would pay for more wardens.
974.	One added measure of management that I would like to see is rough fish removal in trout streams and lakes. At my local trout streams there are high numbers of creek chubs, suckers and in Freeman Creek, carp. On the stream that runs through my land there are several deep pools that trout tend to hold to in the spring and early summer. Once the chubs come up and become more active with the warmer weather the majority of those trout got pushed to other areas of the stream due to lack of available space and food. Removing these rough fish by hand, net and minnow trap I believe would open up areas that had not been available to trout before. I put my theory to the test during this current trout season by specifically targeting chubs for management purposes for two days. Within the next 3 days I caught multiple trout out of that hole that had not been there previously. Now what you would do with these rough fish is another thing. The chubs and suckers can be sold as bait to fishermen or given to bait shops to boost their profits. The larger rough fish, such as carp or even bullheads, could simply be dumped deep into the woods for scavengers to feed on. Or another alternative would be to donate the fish to feed mill where they would be ground into animal feed. I think that removing the trout's competition would help Wisconsin trout streams greatly.  Questions I'd like to see in the survey: 1.How many days did you fish Wisconsin trout streams and lakes last trout season? 2. How would you categorize your fishing effort? Miniscule, Light, Average, Hard, Very Hard 3. Did you recieve competition from other anglers while trout fishing?
975.	Q: Do you oppose Mine Development in high quality stream watersheds? Q: Do you support additional ground water protection measures? Q: Do you support research to determine biological control of invasive mussels? Q: Do you actively participate in stream improvement projects?
976.	Wolf River trout fishing in Langlade County has declined probably 90% over the last 10 years. The current management of this stream, one of the most important large streams in the Midwest, is not working. Something needs to be done! Black Earth Creek, on the other hand, has been managed well.
977.	less regulation on catch & release, more public river access & bridge access with out fencing

978.	there is alot of muck in the spring ponds on the plover river. see many trophy sized browns 18+ inch, lots of pink belly brookies
979.	I am a woman. I would like to see more listings of guides if available and more info on streams in the upper eastern part of Wisconsin.
980.	DNR website search reveals only a pdf on "catchable size trout" when I try to find out stocking information for particular lakes and streams. Is this the entire stocking program? Many lakes and streams are not listed. Various lakes that used to be trout fisheries are not(?) or I am unsure of their status. I am not even sure what goes into the places I frequent. This info may be somewhere on this site, but I cannot find it. I ended up here while searching.