

Citizen Resolution # 640721

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Extend Walleye/Northern ice fishing season until 3rd weekend in March

Currently closing the inland waters gamefish (Walleye and Northern) season on the first weekend in March leaves many lakes in the north with plenty of adequate, safe ice to get at least one (maybe two) more weekends of recreational opportunities to get a little more ice fishing in before winter ends.

On many of the mid/larger lakes in the north, people living on those lakes or people visiting them unfortunately have to wait sometimes 2-3 weeks longer than the smaller lakes before they can safely begin accessing their lakes. Unfortunately they can't get those couple of weeks back at the end of the winter because the season closes.....even though there is a lot of safe ice to continue fishing. Panfisherman continue to fish those lakes for many weeks, proving safe ice has traditionally been available over the years.

I propose extending the gamefish season (specifically interested in Walleye and Northern) until the 3rd weekend in March. I also propose a Northern and Southern Zone season closure format similar to already being used for some other fish season structures. This would allow the North and South closures to be better suited to their own traditional ice conditions in March.

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