

Citizen Resolution # 020120

(For Hearing Officer completion)



INCREASE THE MUSKY SIZE LIMIT ON BUTTERNUT LAKE (PRICE/ASHLAND COUNTY) FROM 28" TO THE STATEWIDE LIMIT OF 40".

Butternut Lake had too many Musky's in the early 2000's. This adversely impacted their growth and the population of other species (bullheads, suckers etc) in the lake. The DNR addressed this beginning in 2007 by removing and transferring 116 muskies to another WI lake (40 were also killed for testing). The plan was to transfer more but the VHS outbreak prevented that. In 2012, the Musky size limit was reduced to 28" when the state limit was increased to 40". The hope was that anglers would keep smaller Musky's to further reduce the population. Keeping Musky's was promoted by the both the DNR and the Lake Association as a way to reduce the population. My understanding is the new preliminary report for Butternut Lake shows that the population has now reached the 2005 Lake Plan goal of .2/.3 adults per acre. The Musky population has been successfully reduced by both the transfer of fish and the reduced size limit. Since the population goal has been achieved, there is no reason to continue the 28" size limit. In fact, continuing the 28' size limit would logically reduce the population even further, to a point of adversely impacting the Musky population and fishing in the lake.

Would you support increasing the Musky size limit in Butternut Lake (Price/Ashland County) from 28" to the statewide size limit, 40"?

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