

Resolution: Wisconsin Conservation Congress, April 13, 2009

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Title: Patten Lake, Florence County, Walleye Fishery

The Problem:

In 1997, special walleye size and bag limits were established on Patten Lake to reduce the number of undersize walleye being lost through releasing. Hence, the rule, "There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed".

Based on results of a fish survey taken on Patten Lake by the WDNR in August, 2000, the "young-of-the-year" (YOY) walleye count was above average, and now the lake has a balanced age structure. Special regulations are no longer needed. The Patten Lake Property Owners Association members at their annual meeting on September 3rd, 2008, requested a return to Statewide walleye Regulations, and Michael Vogelsang, WDNR Fisheries Manager recommended the Resolution process be used to implement the change.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at the annual meeting held in Florence County on April 13, 2009, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action by introducing a rule change that would put Patten Lake under Statewide Regulations as pertains to walleye "Open Seasons, Length Limits, and Bag Limits" for "General Inland Waters".

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