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Title: The daily bag limit of pan fish.
The Problem:

Small lakes cannot stand up to the pressure of excessive harvesting of any particular species of fish when the allowed bag limit is set at a high level. Little Hills Lake is a small lake (83 acres) in the Town of Marion, Waushara County. The lake district, in cooperation with the DNR, has been trying to balance the bass and pan fish fishery in the lake since 2005.

A fish survey conducted in 2004 showed an abundance of stunted largemouth bass and very few bluegills. This pattern has been repeated in yearly surveys ever since. The first step taken was to reduce the size limit of the bass to decrease their numbers. But there has always been concern of overharvest of the pan fish. The lake district is asking that the daily pan fish bag limit be changed from 25 to 10 fish on Little Hills Lake. Small lakes like this one can not withstand the fishing pressure like larger lakes. Little Hills lake use to have a reputation as a good bluegill lake. This is no longer true.

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