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Palmer and Tenderfoot Lakes, Vilas County, Crappie Size and Bag limit

Palmer and Tenderfoot lakes have a history of growing large crappie and in good numbers; however, the combination of a 50 bag on Palmer and a no bag limit on Tenderfoot in the 90's dramatically reduced both size and numbers. Even though there is now a 25 bag per lake in place heavy angling pressure during the spring spawn and through the ice has prevented the crappie population from regaining it's former status as a premier fishery.

The only public access is on Palmer Lake, and Tenderfoot can then be reached via the Ontonagan River. Tenderfoot is a border lake with a small portion of the north end in Michigan. A 10 inch minimum size limit and a combined 10 fish per day bag limit for the two lakes combined will allow the return to a quality fishery.

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