

**Citizen Resolution #** 03-01-14  
(For Hearing Officer completion)



**Fishing Regulations on Silver Lake, Barron County**

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE FOR THIS RESOLUTION:**

Beginning in April 2014 the Silver Lake walleye regulation will become a 28 inch minimum length limit and a one fish daily bag limit (Trophy Lake). This new regulation will be in effect for two years, until the 2016 fishing opener. At that time, it will sunset and switch back to the base regulation. The base regulation for walleye is a 15 inch minimum length limit and the daily bag limit is five. (However, the walleye daily bag limit is typically reduced to two to three each year based on tribal declarations and spearing.)

The purpose of the change to a Trophy Lake regulation is to protect and build back the breeding stock in the lake that was depleted by the unusual winter harvest of the 20" to 30" brood stock fish which started in 2008. As a Board Member of the local chapter of Walleyes For Tomorrow and manager of the in-lake hatchery on Silver Lake I can verify that this action is necessary.

However, the Trophy Lake regulation ignores the social side of fishing regulations which would allow a fisherman to take a fish from time to time for their eating pleasure.

The Silver Lake Association, of which I am President, would like the support of the Conservation Congress attendees to change the regulation to both improve the size structure of walleyes in the lake and consider the social aspect of fishing by implementing a regulation that would allow fishermen to take a fish or two for the table.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that effective April 2016 the regulation on Silver Lake will be changed

**From:**

a 28 inch minimum length limit and a one fish daily bag limit

**To:**

a 15 inch minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 20" to 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed with the daily bag limit on walleye of 5, which will be adjusted to two to three each year based on tribal declarations and spearing.

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