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**Title: Reduce Yellow Perch Daily Bag Limit on Bearskin Lake,
Oneida County**

The Problem:

The Rusty Crayfish are an invasive species to Bearskin Lake. The population has been reduced due to trapping by lake association members, as well as the one a day limit on bass 18 inches and over. However, there is more that could be done to reduce the population of this invasive species. Yellow perch are a native species of fish in Bearskin Lake that can support a reduction in the crayfish population. The problem is that yellow perch need to be approximately nine inches or longer to eat the rusty crayfish. Currently there is a 25 per day limit on harvesting yellow perch from Bearskin Lake. This limit greatly reduces the amount of yellow perch in the lake that can prey on the Rusty Crayfish. We would propose a reduction in the harvest limit of yellow perch on the lake to ten fish per day. This would allow more yellow perch to remain in the lake and grow to a size that could have an impact on the Rusty Crayfish population.

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