



NOTICE OF PROPOSED FISHING REGULATION CHANGE ON HARRIS LAKE IN VILAS COUNTY

The Department of Natural Resources proposes to change fishing regulations for walleye in Harris Lake in Vilas County. The current regulation of no minimum length limit and only 1 walleye allowed over 14” would be changed to a 15” minimum with a protected harvest slot from 20-24” and only 1 fish allowed over 24”.

Changes in the regulations are being proposed because the current regulation does not provide sufficient protection to the walleye population given its present state.

Under s. NR 20.35(3), Wisconsin Administrative Code, removal of special regulations is warranted under these conditions.

The proposed regulations would take effect on or about May 7, 2022.

It was found that little to no juvenile recruitment has occurred in recent years. With no new walleye being added the adult population has declined. The goal is to provide additional protection for the remaining adult population as well as protecting any juvenile fish produced naturally or by stocking.

A public meeting to hear public comments and provide information about the proposal will be held if requested in writing within 10 days of the publication of this notice. Public meeting requests and comments on this proposal should be sent to Eric Wegleitner; 8770 County Hwy J, Woodruff, WI 54568; 715-356-5211 ext. 246; eric.wegleitner@wisconsin.gov by May 1, 2022.