

Citizen Resolution # 340223



REDUCE DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR PANFISH ON MARY LAKE (LANGLADE COUNTY)

The Mary Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District is making this request to participate in the Adaptive Management Panfish Project (AMPP) reducing the harvest regulations from 25 daily to the DNR-supported 15/5 panfish regulation.

Mary Lake is a 153-acre lake largely bordered by Nicolet National Forest, with a majority of its waters in

Langlade County and a small portion in Oconto County. Although a recent study (attached) has shown

that panfish populations are diverse and adequate, Mary Lake has proven to be a very popular destination because of its proximity to several towns, ease of access, water clarity, and reputation as a

great panfishing lake. This popularity has made it susceptible to overfishing as anglers have learned to

rely on the current 25 limit to regularly harvest panfish, with heavy extraction of perch as a particularly

favorite target.

The Lake District believes Mary Lake is too small and currently too popular to sustain fish populations

under limits that are better suited to larger lakes such as Winnebago. The requested reduction supports

our goal to maintain a diverse fishing population of good size structure while still protecting and providing fishing opportunities for all resident, local and visiting anglers in both the short- and long-term. The DNR, as shown in the attached email, recognizes this request as a social matter and has

recommended this approach.

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Additional Information provided by author:

Please use the link below to access supporting materials for the Mary Lake request to reduce the panfish limit to 15/5. Materials include:

- 1) USFS Mary Lake Panfish 2022 Survey
- 2) USFS Mary Lake Panfish Fyke
- 3) DNR Position on 15/5 at Mary Lake

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