

Citizen Resolution # 370223



New Panfish Bag Limit

The panfish study lakes and the current toolbox reduced regulation for panfish have identified a need for a different regulatory option. It has been shown that a reduction to five of each species is needed to have a meaningful impact. However, there are some lakes that could handle a 10-bluegill bag limit but not 10 crappie. This is where the need for an aggregate bag limit of 10 panfish but not more than five of them can be crappie would be appropriate.

Panfish populations are very different from lake to lake. As the panfish team has found with a 10 fish aggregate bag limit, modest gains can be made for bluegill but has shown no positive impact for crappie.

If the Natural Resources Board and legislative committee is committed to keeping panfish bag limits grouped together, this is a needed change as their bag limits shouldn't always be treated the same.

Would you support adding a regulation of 10 panfish in aggregate but only 5 of them may be crappie?

Additional Information provided by author:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/2022/SpringHearing/WCCPanfishMemo.pdf>

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