

# Citizen Resolution # 510123



## Protective slot size for walleyes on Butternut Lake in Price County

Butternut Lake is a 1,006 acre lake and is a drainage lake. The lake has two resorts and multiple Airbnbs. There have been multiple surveys done on the lake over the years. Surveys have shown a downward trend in walleye size from 1984-2004. The most common size was 8"-12" with fewer 15" plus sizes. The survey showed no shortage of small walleye and low recruitment of fish past 14". We presently have a limit of one fish over 14" and two under 14". This has been enforced since 2004, and has not been successful in producing larger fish. Improved fishing technology and increased fishing pressure is another reason we should do more to protect our breeding size walleye.

**Would you support a protective slot limit for walleye on Butternut Lake in Price County of 17"-20", you can keep two fish under 17" and one over 20"?**

Additional Information provided by author:

I have discussed the protected slot limit for walleye on Butternut Lake with our DNR fisheries biologist and also a retired biologist. The biologists are in agreement, with the proposed protective slot limit.  
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