Citizen Resolution # 650223



Increasing the musky size limit to 50 inches on Lake Delavan

I have been working with Travis Motl with the WDNR to stock musky back into the lake for the past 2 years. We currently have added over 2200 fingerling and plan to add at least 2500 more over the next few years. The main purpose of the addition was to help combat the growing rough fish population on our lake. As you probably know, there is quite a bit of concern that the lake will revert back to the state it was in during the 1980s and it had to be drained.

Over the past few years many of the adult musky caught have been kept for mounting and currently there are very few left in the lake. As our stocking classes age, we want to preserve our investment when they are making the biggest impact. These fish have been purchased for the lake by the Town of Delavan, various musky clubs, local business, and individuals. None of these groups would like to see any of the fish removed from the system.

If we raised our musky size limit to 50 inches, it would help preserve our fishery. It would also add some continuity to the current limits in Walworth County along with Southern Wisconsin. Thank you and feel free to reach out if you have any questions

Would you support increasing the musky size limit to 50 inches on Lake Delavan?

Additional Information provided by author:
Diets of Muskellunge in Northern Wisconsin Lakes
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https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/species/mue/mue_diets.pdf

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