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PLOVER – For the past 20 or more years Springville Pond in Portage County has been closed to fishing during the closed trout fishing season, which runs from Sept. 30 until the first Saturday in May. Recent discussions between local Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources fisheries and law enforcement staff have led to the removal of Springville Pond from the list of designated trout waters. This change now allows for fishing during the regular inland waters fishing season, and will create additional angling opportunities for all species of fish, including trout.

A review of the historical records for the Little Plover River revealed that Springville Pond should not have been included in the fishing closure during the regular game fishing season that exists for all trout waters. Anglers had noted that Springville Pond was open to fishing year-round prior to about 1990.

The designation of the Little Plover River as trout water has not changed. From the headwaters of the Little Plover River east of Kennedy Avenue to where it enters Springville Pond is still considered trout water and is therefore closed to fishing during the closed season for trout.

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All size and bag limits listed in the trout regulations book still will apply to both the Little Plover River and Springville Pond (five fish daily bag, 7-inch size limit), along with all other fishing regulations.

Submitted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources-Northeast Wisconsin Region.