

Managing Wisconsin's Walleye

A new plan will guide the future of the state's most popular fish.

A revised Walleye Management Plan (updated from the original created in 1998) will direct all future Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) activities related to walleye and their management in Wisconsin.

THE PLAN

The plan addresses the issues walleye populations in Wisconsin face today and covers all aspects of walleye management. It also identifies and presents major topics, actionable items and partnership opportunities.

MAJOR TOPICS IN THE PLAN



HABITAT

- Outlining available tools for habitat protection and restoration.
- Developing strategies for water level management and understanding predator prey dynamics that affect walleye.



FISHING OPPORTUNITIES AND REGULATIONS

- Detailing the types of walleye fishing opportunities that will be provided and overall harvest strategies.
- Describing what a new regulation toolbox might look and how it would benefit walleye populations.



SURVEYS AND DATA COLLECTION

- Identifying gaps in our data collection and how we can fill them to ensure accurate and comprehensive information for managing walleye.



OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

- Refining our strategies for sharing useful information on walleye management with stakeholders and the general public.



STOCKING STRATEGIES

- Identifying where stocking can be most effective to achieve management objectives.
- Working towards stocking efficiently and communicating the limitations of stocking.



PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

- Solidifying the many excellent partnerships that exist in Wisconsin walleye management.
- Developing clear roles and expectations for all partners.

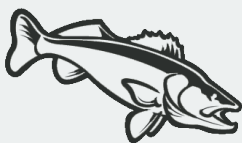


SUSTAINABILITY AND REHABILITATION

- Developing new strategies and coordinated responses to maintaining walleye populations in the future.
- Restoring populations where possible.

OTHER ISSUES INCLUDED IN THE PLAN

Some other issues covered by the plan include: **tournaments, walleye wagons and cooperative stocking efforts, tribal harvest traditions and practices, catch and re-release practices, sauger and saugeye management, angling technology, tourism, and more!**



Want more details? Read the full plan.
dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/outreach/walleyeplan.html

The **Walleye Management Plan** was developed with extensive public input and written by the Wisconsin Walleye Management Team, which is made up of DNR biologists, researchers, and hatchery staff, along with representatives from the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

