

## ***Spirit Lakes Improvement Association, Inc.***

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Rib Lake, WI 54470

Arguments for changing the size and bag limits of walleye on Spirit & North Spirit Lakes.

Spirit Lake (Little Spirit) and North Spirit Lake (Big Spirit) currently have a slot limit for Walleyes. The limit is five fish, none between 14" & 18" and only one over 18".

The slot limit is intended to protect the prime spawning fish (14" – 18").

The WDNR has determined by net sampling and shock sampling that natural reproduction is not occurring in these lakes.

So it follows that the slot limit is not the correct tool for managing our walleye population.

Therefore the Spirit Lakes Improvement Association has embarked on a rearing and stocking program in conjunction with the Rib Lake Fish And Game Association.

Our association is investing about \$2,000.00 per year in this program with a result of 1,500 to 2,000 fingerlings each year getting introduced to Spirit and North Spirit Lakes.

Because our fishery is merely 300 acres it is important to control the numbers and size of the fish being taken to preserve the quality of the fishing experience on these lakes.

A yes vote on question 96 will help us do that.

Thank you for your support.