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South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

A new form was just submitted from the <http://gfp.sd.gov/> website with the following information:

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Rule Identification: Yellow Perch Limit
Decribe Change: I am seeking a change in the Perch limit for East river fishing. I am seeking West river stays at 15 daily limit of perch. East river to 10
Reason for Change: I am seeking Yellow perch limit for East river to Change from 15 daily limit to 10. The reasoning behind this change is to help preserve our natural producing perch in the waters of south dakota. Due to the increase of extreme fishing pressure, social media and other tools I think South dakota is in a great pro active stage where we can still preserve the Perch without doing some additional stocking. The reasoning behind east versus west daily possession is the size difference the two locations provide anglers. Its no secret in todays society that social media is playing a huge roll in how and where anglers fish. The electronics are not going away, anglers are finding ways to get out and I beleive our waters are struggling because of it. I think trying the new perch limit to " East River" would help buy time on preserving the way perch reproduce, naturally. I think the state should use that time to study them more. There was a time in society where 15" perch was very common. I beleive your lucky to have an age class to ever reach that in the waters of eastern south dakota today. Yes, the age on perch is not long and these lakes always seem to go in cycles. But there is not a bite that goes by that is producing good harvestable perch and no one knows about it. Lakes like Dry 1, Marsh by Hayti, stink by Eden had their time this year to shine and the anglers did too. This really did not help the land owners with anglers blocking roads etc. These 3 lakes where hit VERY HARD. I Think this is a great approach to try and help reduce the amount of yellow perch being harvested to allow lakes to cycle correctly and preserve the natural reproducing they do to keep the lakes strong and healthy throughout all bodies in eastern half. dividing the two sides of the state would help our CO officers to be efficient and contiune to do their job without confusion.