

## Comes, Rachel

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**From:** Kody Campbell <kodycampbell25@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 10:35 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] 15" removal

Hi my name is Kody Campbell from Brookings SD I fish Poinsett when ever I can go fishing and all I catch pretty much is either 14-14 1/2" walleyes and am disappointed that I have to throw so many back since I take my kids and they get upset when I throw them back. It would be a nice change at least for a little while sincerely Kody

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Robert Nelson <sonelab@sio.midco.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 10:14 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Cc:** Robert N; Doug Idema  
**Subject:** [EXT] Poinsett 15inch limit

REF: 15inch limit on Walleyes.



The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) will host a public meeting regarding the GFP Commission proposal to remove the 15 inch minimum length limit on walleyes in Lake Poinsett. The meeting will be Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Camp Retreat Center on Lake Poinsett. The purpose of the meeting is to provide specific information regarding the Lake Poinsett fishery and to gather public input regarding the potential regulation removal. For more information on this meeting, contact Mark Ermer at 605.345.3381. If approved and finalized by the GFP Commission in November, the regulation would not be officially removed until Jan. 1, 2018. If you would like to comment on this proposal, click [here](#). For written comments to be a part of the public record, please include your full name, city and state of residence. Comments need to be received before 12 p.m. Nov. 2. The GFP Commission will be finalizing this proposal at their Nov. 2-3 meeting in Brookings.

REMOVAL VERY MUCH NEEDED!! We have been saying this for a couple years. The "eyes" are hungry because of the demand for food ..we catch the small ones and return them only to be caught again. When we catch & release about 40 fish .....only to keep a couple over 15 in. there is message there somewhere! We need to harvest under 15 in. to restore some balance!

REMOVE 15INCH MINIMUM!

Thanks,  
Robert

Robert Nelson  
5105 S Ash Grove Av.  
Sioux Falls, SD. 57108

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**From:** Clint Davis <coyotechaser@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 4:47 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Poinsett Walleye

Gentlemen,

I would rather have the size limit go from 15" to 14" like it used to be rather than no size limit. There are a ton of fish in that range in that lake. I also believe that most of the fish that are over the 15" mark are your spawners and go up and out the inlet and go up to Albert or out the outlet down the Sioux River and never return or can't. This would knock the population down but yet keep a good population in the lake for the future.

Thank you for your time and what you do for us.

Clint Davis  
Castlewood, SD

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**From:** Kenny Kranz <kenny.kranz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 2:22 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Poinsett walleye length removal

Kenny kranz  
Watertown, Sd USA

I'm for the change as 90% of eyes you catch there are the 8-13 inches  
Rarely do you pull up a big one. Is nice to thin those smaller ones out so the larger class can continue to grow.

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**From:** Schaal, Daniel  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Poinsett walleye regulations

I am strongly in favor of removing the 15 inch minimum size on walleyes in Lake Poinsett.

It is clear that this regulation is not working, there are too many small fish and they are not growing. The sub 15 inch walleyes are often very skinny and the fish over 15 almost always have nothing in their stomach when cleaned, indicating it is hard for them to find enough food. The biggest reason the current regulation is not working is that a large number of small fish die from hooking mortality. When fishermen catch and release 50 to 100 small walleyes in an attempt to catch some legal fish, which very often happens on Lake Poinsett, considerable hooking mortality is inevitable. I have a property on lake Poinsett and often see undersized fish floating into shore.

Daniel Schaal  
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Brookings, SD 57006

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**From:** Cory Gagnon <Cory\_Gagnon@deanfoods.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 10:57 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Poinsett

I would like to comment on removing the 15" minimum length limit on walleyes on Poinsett.

1. If you look at the health of all the fish coming of that lake, Perch, white bass, crappie they all look very health and well feed but when you get to the walleyes they look like they are starving.
2. I was fishing this lake 3 weeks ago with my boy and we were way up by E lake drive fishing the rock point and we stopped counting at 85 walleyes that we caught that were 14 to 14.75 inches long out of the 85 we did get one that was 15.75" to keep. Don't get me wrong it was fun to catch that many fish but they were biting like they were starving and no matter how careful we were to remove the hooks I'm going to guess from deep hooks that 7+ of them was going to die.
3. If you don't remove the 15" minimum length limit maybe you could put a regulation on fish that are going to die?

Just my thoughts thanks for taking the time to read this and thanks for all you guys do to make great opportunities on so many good lakes!!

Thanks

**Cory Gagnon**  
**Maintenance and Engineering Manager**  
**Dean Foods Le Mars, IA**  
**712-548-2200 EXT 41170**  
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It takes years to design it,  
Weeks to build it  
And seconds to break it.

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**From:** jerry <kasteinj59@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 8:07 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Size Regulations

I would like to see the size limit moved to 14 inches. I like that there are a lot of smaller fish because it makes great opportunity to take kids fishing and have a high chance of catching something making it more enjoyable for them. At the same time I would like to have better opportunity for larger walleye. From my experience fishing the lake I have found a decent number of walleye that are just under the 15 inch limit. I think by decreasing the limit to 14 inches we could help balance things out a bit more by having a few less fish maybe we could have more large fish to catch.

Thanks,  
Jerry Kastein  
Hayti, South Dakota

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**From:** Curt Coover <curtc@bannerassociates.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 10:21 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] walleye size limit

I am okay with taking size limit down to 14" but don't think it should be taken off completely. And then only for a short period of time.

Feel nature will take care of the problem of fish not growing much, if food shortage is the problem fish will start eating each other, tell there is enough food supply to support the hatchery.

Curt Coover | Cadd Technician



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**From:** Bret Brown <bbrown68@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 4:48 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Lake Poinsett length limit proposal

I fear with all the fishing pressure that Lake Poinsett receives, it may not survive without some kind of limit. I'm sure u have studied up on this proposal and can guess what will probably happen. A lot of Minnesota lakes have gone to a slot limit to protect the breeders, and this program seems to work very well as there seems to be a never ending supply of 14 in tasty eaters. Maybe we have tried this before, I can't remember. Anyway, I hope we are doing this to protect the fishery and not because of pressure from the public, because it looks like a large city out there every year as soon as the ice will support pickups. And isn't Albert connected and already without a limit? We did very well on Albert this year as well as many many other fishermen and women. Anywho, I'm sure you have had all of these discussions already and will make the right choice.

Sincerely,  
Bret Brown  
Sioux Falls, SD

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**From:** sio.midco.net, pmalcomb  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 5:36 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] lake poinsett

I thought this size limit should have been gone 2 years ago. I haven't fished there since I saw a bunch of sub legal fish floating belly up, they were nice fish just under the 15 inch limit that almost everybody would have kept. I vote yes get rid of it.

Pat Malcomb  
3016 East 21st  
sioux falls sd

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017 7:58 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Change of size limit on Lake Poinsett

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**From:** David Rusten [<mailto:dsrusten@brookings.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 9:48 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Change of size limit on Lake Poinsett

I will not be able to be at the meeting. I have fished on Lake Poinsett and agree that something needs to be done. Size limits have been removed on lakes before with too many fish being removed. I have talked to a number of people and the consensus is that if the size limit is removed it should be for a short time like it is on part of the Missouri River and then reevaluated. If there is no size limit people will keep fish down as small as twelve inches or less and that is too small to keep.

David E Rusten  
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Brookings, SD 57006

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 8:58 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Comment on Lake Poinsett walleye length limit

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**From:** Dick Koisti [<mailto:Rkoisti@larsondoors.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on Lake Poinsett walleye length limit

As someone who fishes in Lake Poinsett and Lake Albert regularly, I personally feel that removing the 15" size limit on walleyes would be a mistake. I am 44 years old and have lived in this area all of my life. The walleye fishing on Lake Poinsett currently is as good or better than I can ever remember. The walleye fishing on that lake has been poor to ok at best for many years and has greatly improved since the 15" limit was imposed. If anything, maybe it could be dropped to 14", but I personally am not in favor of removing the limit entirely.

Thanks,  
Richard Koisti  
Brookings, SD.

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 11:54 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] comment on Lake Poinsett walleye reg

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**From:** Steve Will [<mailto:steve.will@mchsi.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] comment on Lake Poinsett walleye reg

I am in favor of removing the 15 inch minimum on walleyes caught on Lake Poinsett. I have fished there regularly over the years and sometimes it is very difficult to catch even one fish that is legal to keep. I have to believe that catching and releasing many smaller fish on those days results in a some mortality, so removing the regulation should help in that respect.

Steve Will  
Brookings, SD

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 8:59 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Lake Poinsett change

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**From:** Lyndale Borgers [<mailto:sdmagman@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 8:43 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Lake Poinsett change

Hello,

I recently fished Lake Poinsett. I guess if you are asking my opinion I would have to say to take off the restriction. I spent the whole day fishing and never caught a fish over the 15" limit. I did catch and release probably 30 smaller ones that day. I friend of mine has been there several times this summer and had the same luck. I think that there might be too much competition for food and that they are not growing larger because of that. I have not returned and have been fishing elsewhere.

Thank you,

Lynn Borgers

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PO Box 681  
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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 2:15 PM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Lake Poinsett Limits

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**From:** Dennis Olson [<mailto:dckolson@alliancecom.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 12:00 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Lake Poinsett Limits

I think the length should stay. Perhaps set aside a month or two each year to take some from 14" to 15" long to delete the population some to allow those left enough to grow.

*Dennis E. Olson  
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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 3:07 PM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Lake Poinsett Minimum Size Regulation

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**From:** Anderson, Jared Austin - SDSU Student [<mailto:jared.anderson270@jacks.sdstate.edu>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 2:41 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Lake Poinsett Minimum Size Regulation

Jared Anderson  
SDSU Student  
Brookings, South Dakota

I would like to take a few minutes to voice my opinion concerning the regulatory changes on minimum size limit concerning walleye on Lake Poinsett. Being a Wildlife and Fisheries student at the university, I have been able to first hand witness several giant year classes of walleye dominate a fishery. Having fished both from shore in waders as well as out of a boat, I can honestly say that on any given night we as a collective group are able to catch over 100+ walleye on a nightly basis. These fish, with a few rare exceptions, range in size from 10" to 14.5", over a half inch shorter than the current minimum size limit. It is quite obvious that the condition of the walleye population is deteriorating, as the fish appear "skinny" and are willing to bite on almost anything thrown on the lake, even a bare jighead.

I support the removal of the minimum size limit on Lake Poinsett in the hopes that this change will promote the removal of individuals from the dominate year classes, and hopefully long term allow anglers to help work towards a more healthy walleye population in the fishery.



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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 9:57 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Lake Poinsett walleye size limit

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**From:** Dean [<mailto:dean.lipetzky@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 9:33 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Lake Poinsett walleye size limit

Being a fisherman myself I am opposed to re moving the 15" minimum size limit for walleye. To be practical the amount of meat you get from a fish smaller then 15" is not worth the time it takes to fillet them. I would sooner throw them back and let them grow.

Dean Lipetzky  
Sioux Falls, SD

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 7:46 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Lake Poinsett walleye

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Kerkhove [[mailto:kerk\\_43@yahoo.com](mailto:kerk_43@yahoo.com)]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 5:08 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Lake Poinsett walleye

I just want to voice my support for the removal of the 15 inch requirement for walleye on lake Poinsett. I have fished this lake a great deal over the last 2 years and found the walleye to be very hungry and don't appear to be growing. My only concern is the number of anglers this may bring but that is a whole other topic in particular the number of non residents that fish South Dakota while their state is closed due to the spawn. South Dakota should make some changes to address the negative impact this is bringing to the over fishing of walleye state wide during the spawn. Possibly closing fishing to non residents until May 1st or increased and or limited fishing license to say 5 day.

Thanks  
Andrew Kerkhove  
Salem South Dakota  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT]

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**From:** Dennis McGuire [<mailto:dmcguire@decotool.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 9:51 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT]

I've haven't fished Poinsett in years, but still fish many of the glacial lakes. I would say to keep the limit of 15" as it is. Not many worthwhile fish to eat below this 15" anyway.

Not sure the reason for taking it off in the first place.

Poinsett will be overrun with "fishermen" if limit is lifted and then how long to get the population back up to reasonable size fish.

Nothing wrong with throwing back fish below 15", because I feel fish in that size range it is more about catching and not eating.

Dennis McGuire  
Sioux Falls SD

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] 15 inch limit

**From:** Brayton Mack [<mailto:bdmack03@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 07, 2017 7:43 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] 15 inch limit

Hello this is Brayton Mack I live in Brookings South Dakota and I am 13 years old. When I go fishing I like to be a little close to home and come home at a reasonable time. It take longer than it should to catch a 2 man limit because I always catch 14 1/2 inch walleye. I think that lowering the length to 14 is a great idea.  
Thanks, Brayton Mack

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 8:43 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Poinsett fishing size

**From:** Rollie Kludt [<mailto:rpkludt@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 08, 2017 2:05 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Poinsett fishing size

I ask that if a change needs to be made at Lake Poinsett, at least leave a 14" minimum on. By taking the minimum off completely, and let people clean and eat fish on the ice, and still keep limits is about the worst law ever. We have seen how doing away with at least a 4" minimum has ruined Lake Kampeska, and now is having the same effect on Bitter Lake. Our lakes cannot sustain hundreds of fishermen seven days a week.

Sincerely, Rollie Kludt

1303 14th Ave. NW

Watertown, SD

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 9:42 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Poinsett

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**From:** Todd Lauseng [<mailto:tlauseng@legendseeds.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 09, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Poinsett

Drop size limit to 14 inch.

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 9:57 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Possible Lake Poinsett Walleye Size Limit Change

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**From:** Holly Heiberger [<mailto:HollyEHeiberger@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 9:16 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Possible Lake Poinsett Walleye Size Limit Change

Keep the regulation size as is or lower to 14 inches max.

There must be a regulation size in place, without this the increase in anglers could cause concern for over-harvest.

Possibly the concern should be to reevaluate the predation or lack of forage?

Holly Heiberger  
612 E 26th Street  
Sioux Falls SD 57105

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 8:42 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Revised:. Proposed size limit removal on Lake Poinsett

**From:** Lori Schriever [<mailto:taxiderm@santel.net>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 08, 2017 8:49 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Revised:. Proposed size limit removal on Lake Poinsett

If you remove the size limit, with the amount of fishing pressure, you will end up with another Lake Oahe. I'm not sure if you've done creel surveys on Oahe but the fishing is bad. If you want to do something productive, seign those little fish out of lake Poinsett and put them into other lakes that don't have those sizes.

Please don't ruin the Poinsett fishery too.

Concerned fisherman,

Jay Schriever  
Woonsocket, SD

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID*



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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 11:17 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Size limit change

-----Original Message-----

From: miron helvik [<mailto:mironandjenni@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 10:00 AM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Size limit change

I think changing the size limit is a good idea due to the amount of smaller fish in Poinsette. However with the size change I think the daily limit needs to be adjusted also. Lowering the size will flood Poinsette with both resident and non resident fisherman and will destroy the fish population for the future. Maybe limit to 2 14" and 2 15s Miron Helvik  
21089 455th Ave  
Arlington SD  
[mironandjenni@yahoo.com](mailto:mironandjenni@yahoo.com)  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 9:08 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Size Limit on Poinsett

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**From:** Ross Schulte DDS [<mailto:rschultedds@iw.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 8:59 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Size Limit on Poinsett

Take off the 15" size limit on Lake Poinsett.

Fishermen are capable of returning healthy fish under 15" without regulation, but they need to have the option of harvesting fish that are sizeable to eat or are not going to survive being released.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my input.

Ross Schulte  
Watertown, SD

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 3:49 PM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Walleye Length limit Reduction

-----Original Message-----

From: Ed Nelson [<mailto:dakotalabs9@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 3:43 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Walleye Length limit Reduction

I'm Strongly Oppose reducing the length limit of Walleyes on Lake Ponsett. I have fished Lake Ponsett this year more than any other Lake in South Dakota. I found fishing Ponsett the most enjoyable of all the Lakes in South Dakota. Catching and Releasing 30-40 under Length 14 1/2 - 14 3/4 inch fish) unharmed and being able to keep non-targeted fish (Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass and the exciting 2-3 lb. White Bass) made for a much more exciting and memorable fishing trip.

Reducing the size limit on Walleyes will reduce the numbers of catchable fish available for everyone.

After the Boondoggle of The Non-meandering lakes issue, last Spring, Lake Ponsett Walleyes Fishing was the highlight and the only redeeming light of my fishing this year.

Please do NOT reduce the Length Limit on Walleyes for Lake Ponsett!

Thank You,  
Earl E. Nelson  
200 4th Street W.  
Erwin, SD. 57233  
and  
26981 Elmen Place  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 8:42 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] walleye size limit on Lake Poinsett

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**From:** John Rodenborn [<mailto:jroden@alliancecom.net>]

**Sent:** Sunday, October 08, 2017 10:15 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] walleye size limit on Lake Poinsett

Gentlemen:

When considering a size reduction on walleyes at Lake Poinsett please consider what size reductions have done to other walleye fisheries. Size reductions on Waubay Lake have caused many fishermen to choose other lakes to fish. It has also caused a major reduction in the number of walleyes in Waubay Lake. The same is happening at Bitter Lake. These lakes have been overfished.

Please consider alternate approaches. Wouldn't it be best to introduce more bait fish? Is there a reason that the GF&P cannot pursue a policy of stocking more fry in the species of crappie, bluegills or perch? If walleye growth is truly stagnant, why not introduce more natural foods to the waters? At the very least, would a change in the overall limits be best? Possibly allow only one walleye under 15" in the daily limit. Or, lower the overall limit to 3 walleyes daily.

Many out-of-state fishermen come to South Dakota in the hopes of catching trophy walleyes. Lowering size limits will only cause these fishermen to look for other states in which to fish. It will also cause a large reduction in the sale of fishing licenses and result in a loss of revenue to GF&P.

All of my fishing friends love to catch walleyes. They also appreciate catching large crappies, bluegills and perch. So please be considerate of all the panfish varieties and the diversity of fishermen who come to South Dakota to relax and enjoy our great state.

Sincerely,

John Rodenborn  
100 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Brandon, SD 57005

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 8:59 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: 15 inch limit

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**From:** Casper, Tim S [<mailto:Tim.Casper@k12.sd.us>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 8:42 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** 15 inch limit

My concern is that if this minimum size is lowered in anyway at the January date the ice fisherman will boat-pig it out.

Kids First/Game On/Every Child, Every Day

Tim Casper, Supt/7-12 Prin.  
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Lake Preston,SD, 57249  
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Cell: 605-203-1754

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT]

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**From:** jeff jankord [<mailto:jefferyjankord@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 07, 2017 7:32 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT]

I support the proposal to remove the size limit on walleyes.

Jeffery Jankord  
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## Comes, Rachel

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**From:** Waba, Chris  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 10:38 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Lake Poinsett length limit.

Lake Poinsett has always been an outstanding fishery. I think that the 15 in minimum is a regulation that needs to be removed. the quality of fish in the lake has not seemed to improve over the past several years and I have certainly caught my share of 14.5 inch fish. I feel if a few of those fish can be removed, the size and quality of fish will improve.

Chris Waba  
6th Grade Math Teacher  
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Head Wrestling  
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## Comes, Rachel

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017 7:56 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Poinsett walleye15 inch length limit being removed.

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**From:** ronarlen [<mailto:ronarlen@itctel.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 5:35 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Poinsett walleye15 inch length limit being removed.

The facts support removal and it should help reduce the numbers that compete with each other for the available food supply.

My wife & I live near the lake and fish it plus other lakes and can vouch for that similiar size fish in the other lakes are wider over the top plus have more weght along with a healthier "look". Most of us like to catch bigger fish so we are not just going to fish more (abusethe regulation) just because of the change but a 14 " walleye will "taste good" in the pan while the remaining fish in the lake get healthier/bigger for their age category!

Thanks for addressing this issue!

Sincerely Arlene & Ron Freeseemann  
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6058818164  
Senm my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Tablet



## Comes, Rachel

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:29 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Aerial Hunting Rule

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**From:** Dave Jennings [<mailto:jenningsdavis@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 7:55 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Aerial Hunting Rule

I am Dave Jennings from Oelrichs SD. We are ranch close to the Nebraska border. Last winter we tried to hire a contract pilot from Nebraska to help control coyotes. We couldn't do that because of a rule allowing only South Dakota pilots to aerial hunt. In our case the Nebraska pilot is minutes away from our ranch. To hire an instate pilot would mean paying additional ferry time greatly increasing the cost and possibly compromising his effectiveness. I would think other ranchers close to state borders would be in a similar situation. I encourage you to support the proposed aerial hunting rule change.

Thank You

Dave Jennings  
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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 10:11 AM  
**To:** Comes, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Fee changes

-----Original Message-----

From: Skenzy [<mailto:bobsam1@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 8:15 AM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: Re: [EXT] Fee changes

GFP Commission:

I am sure that these changes will take place regardless of what people say or how many say it! I have done my share of camping in the Black Hills over the years and I will tell you the one thing I can not stand is the bathrooms! Who monitors this? If I have to pay more for my camping I want to see bathrooms that are pumped out more frequently, deodorizer in all bathrooms, toilet paper always stocked, and someone that cleans them daily! Seems that the way of the world is that we pay more and receive less these days. If the fees increase, I expect to see my services increase as well. Just sayin!

Sammi Kenzy  
Rapid City  
So. Dak.

Sent from my iPad