

Administrative Cause
Number: 09-086D

**ADVISORY COUNCIL RULE SUGGESTION REVIEW:
FISHING EXCEPT TROUT & SALMON/BROOKVILLE
TAILWATERS**

**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

SUB-TOPIC: BOATING REGULATION

Michaels, Debbie

From: Burch [HESafety@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 9:39 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMS Special Permits and Licenses

Special Permits and Licenses

Other

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County

Porter

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

We need excessive motor sound regulations on lake Michigan. The jokers from Illinois with the big bucks and the big cigar boats seem to run unchallenged with no exhaust pipe restrictions.

When on the beach at the Dunes state park you can hear the straight piped boats wind up over a mile away from you. When on the beach and they pass by you can hardly talk to the person next to you. Why is this allowed? If I went into the park with a straight piped car or truck and gassed it you would see that I was given a ticket for disturbing the peace. But you let the boats travel unchallenged through the wilderness area of lake Michigan where they disturb the wildfowl and other birds and beachgoers but this is acceptable?? Time has come for there to be noise restrictions on the lake in Indianawaters. Bring the peace and quiet back.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Sherry [mdsher@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 7:50 AM
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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Other

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County
Carroll

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

To improve fishing on Freeman & Shafer, ban other water sports until after 9am.

Wave Riders in particular are a bother early. This would improve fishing.

Michaels, Debbie

From: lare [daffydone29@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 4:11 PM
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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
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County
adams

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
more DNR patrols on the water. boaters do not follow regs.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Henderson [dphndrsn@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 9:25 PM
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

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Fishing
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County
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State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

By the time we pay \$17.00 for a license, \$35.00 for a DNR permit, \$20.00 for a boat tag, plus \$20.00 for a trailer license...the result is that many people who find themselves financially strapped due to the economy, also find that they can no longer afford to go fishing legally in Indiana. As your jobs at the DNR exist because of taxes and fees we've all paid for years, it seems very unfair, especially when one of our local DNR officers recently responded to an automobile accident in our county, calling off the sheriff's office which was enroute. He then released a driver to drive away that was already suspended, had no insurance, and blew a reported .7. They appeared to know each other. Consequently, several people in our area view the DNR negatively.

Michaels, Debbie

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County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I have noticed that the CO's on some bodies of water tend to bother fisherman more than they police jet ski's and young operators. I am glad that they keep fisherman honest, but they could crack down on some of the dangers that these machines present at times.

**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

SUB-TOPIC: CATFISH/OTHER

Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
Catfish

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County
LaPorte

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Catch and release is great. But a lot of us grew up having fish for our meals. This is still true today. Panfish and catfish is still the best eating. I believe the catfish stocking in our county LaPorte, and city of LaPorte with several lakes need this done. THEIRS probably a lot of places that need this done. Please consider this area in your next plans of stocking.

thank you BOB

Michaels, Debbie

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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
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Tim

Last Name
Bischoff

County
Hancock

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
No limit on rods fished from a boat for rough fish such as Catfish,Carp or Gar.

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**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

SUB-TOPIC: CATFISH/SIZE LIMIT

Michaels, Debbie

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County
Wabash

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Catfish (Channel, Blue, and Flathead)over 30" can take 8 to 10 yearsto get to that size; and with no size restrictions on catfish inIndiana many people take these sized fish regularly. I propose a limiton catfish over a certain length (around 30") , and a limt on catishto 10 a day within a set size limit (like no more than 2 can be over24"). This would increase the quality of fishing in Indiana forresidents and non-residents alike. -Thank you, Mike

Kane, Jennifer

From: Berry [jeberry1@usieagles.org]
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Fishing
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County
Vanderburgh

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see a one fish limit put on all Catfish, that are over30 inches in length. I would also like to see something done withcommercial fisherman that pull out large amounts of catfish, and takethem to Pay Lakes.

Michaels, Debbie

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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Fishing
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County
miller

State of Residence
AR

Suggestions

set limits on the amount and size for catfish. release all catfish over 30" for spawning stock. right now commercial fishermen have no limits on the amounts of fish that they can harvest. they are wiping out the catfish populations in the red river here in southwest arkansas. sport fishermen are willing to pay more for licenses if the trophy catfish population would increase.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Howard [trahviiz@yahoo.com]
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Fishing
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County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
There needs to be tighter regulations on catfish sizes and limits, especially for the Flatheads. Perhaps 2 Fish under 30 - 32 inches. Saving the bigger fish ensures the future of the species.

Kane, Jennifer

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Fishing
Catfish

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Last Name
Jones

County
Morgan

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

We need to do something about protecting our +trophy sized catfish from commercial fishing. I have been informed that our trophy cats are being taken by commercial fisherman to stock private lakes across state lines for money. I do not see a problem with taking smaller sized catch but there needs to be limits on large and smaller catfish so we can provide future generations that trophy catfish...

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wolf

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State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

limit this catfish tournments on how many fish they bring to wiegh in.I have seen to many times dead fish being throwned over board becausethe died . I think 2 or 3 fish is ok . boat safty would be betterbecause there would not be A need for this massive live wells in boatthat can not handle them.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Bischoff [timbischoff@yahoo.com]
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Fishing
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First Name
Tim

Last Name
Bischoff

County
Hancock

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

A limit of only one Catfish over 36 inches in possession such as otherstates like Tenn. and South Carolina have enacted to help preserve the trophy Catfish in Indiana waters.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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adam

Last Name
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County
vanderburg

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

i am trophy/tournament catfisherman that fishes the ohio river frommarkland dam to jt meyers dam and have seen first hand the hugeamounts of trophy size catfish that the comercial fisherman harvestout of these rivers!!! there needs to be a max size on catfish in theohio river for 2 reasons! 1st the consumption of these huge catfish isnot a good idea because of the amount of toxins in the meat of theseolder fish. these no or limited consumption size fish are being soldto markets were they are sold as farm raised .. these people have noclue were the fish comes from! #2 the future of the growing sport ofcatfishing !! the sport is growing by leaps and bounds every year andwhen these big fish are hard to find in the ohio river with rod andreel the fisherman will spend money to go to fish more productiverivers in other states such as tn that do protect these big fish... thanks from myself and my kids for allowing us to voice our concerns!!34" would be a fair size limit..

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First Name
tim

Last Name
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County
allen

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

i think the catfish regs are very poor in our state. we should have some stricter limits on our states catfish. i mean come on, who wants to keep a cat smaller than 10" anyhow. lol other states are making new regulations to protect the trophy flathead catfish and blue catfish, for instance.

another consideration is the commercial guys venturing away from designated waters. i have ran into commercial fishermen clear up herein leo IN. with the regs the way they are those guys pretty much have the run of the state! nothing stopping them from say, hitting the maumee and harvesting truck loads of trophy flathead catfish, then trucking them back down to the buyer! with a min. size and bag limit it wouldnt be worth the effort or risk for them to venture out of designated commercial areas. something like ohio did would be a big help. say a limit of three fish none bigger than 30". there is a consumption advisory on most big cats from our rivers anyway.

as for what the regs should be is not for me to say. you guys are the experts and you should set the regs. i just ask that you consider the topics i have mentioned.

thanks for your time, tim

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Hamilton

State of Residence
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Suggestions

Please consider improving the regulations to protect trophy catfish. I have noticed a marked reduction in the number of larger fish I catch in the last 2-3 years. Large catfish are targeted by commercial netters to supply pay lakes with the fish they need to attract the paylake fishermen. I have witnessed fish taken alive from the Wabash, White and Ohio rivers by netters in large numbers for this purpose. I know we have reciprocal agreements with OH and KY. Perhaps we can work with them to eliminate netting of fish from public waters to supply paylakes. Please would you also consider allowing more fishing rods to be used on the Ohio River with an Indiana license. Ky anglers are allowed as many as they like while IN anglers are limited to 2.
Thank you, Winston Bush

Michaels, Debbie

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County
Tippecanoe

State of Residence
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Suggestions

Measures need to be taken to give regulation to trophy catfish and limits on the numbers of catfish that can be taken. Specifically flathead catfish and blue catfish.

Michaels, Debbie

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Lowell

Last Name
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Switzerland

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State of Residence
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Suggestions

Make the catfish species a gamefish with regulations mirroring that of the State of Tennessee. This would be a length limit as well as limiting the number a person may take over that length. The commercial fisherman from surrounding states are robbing our waters of our trophy bluecats and flatheads, with a lot being sold to paylakes. Please help protect this species so our children may experience the feeling of catching a trophy catfish in the years ahead.

Thanks,
Lowell R. Colen

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Michaels, Debbie

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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
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First Name
tim

Last Name
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County
allen

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

some regulations on how many "trophy" catfish that can be taken per license per season would be nice. the white and wabash rivers have very strong trophy potential if left alone to produce.

thank you for your time, tim

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Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
David

Last Name
Smith

County
Floyd

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Sir/Madam, I don't get a chance to fish very much & neither do I catch very many fish that are called keepers. I'd like to see a minimum size limit on channel catfish, blue catfish & flatheads, maybe 14" with a maximum length of maybe 28" with a bag limit of 1 or 2 catfish over 28". I think that some of Indiana's regulations on most fish is similarly the same. Some limits on say bass should also be the same for catfish. This would help the smaller catfish grow to a more reproductive age.

Thank you very much for your time & cooperation.

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**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

SUB-TOPIC: CATFISH/BAG LIMIT

Michaels, Debbie

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County
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State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I am concerned that many commercial fishermen are taking, and selling large catfish taken from this river, and selling them to payfishing lakes.

I believe that if this practice is not stopped it is, or will hurt recreational fishing out of this beautiful river.

This practice has been going on for many, many years, and needs to be stopped or at least controlled somehow.

I do realize that there are some problems with this because of fishing laws from across the river.

I think both Indiana and Kentucky should get together and make a general rulebook, guidebook or laws about the Ohio river exclusively.

I think it's kind of sad that our state record blue catfish of 104 pounds is an Indiana state record, and also a Kentucky state record.

Just my thoughts !!

sam

Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
Trent

Last Name
Nauth

County
knox

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I believe that there should be a size and bag limit on all catfish. The ones I am mostly concerned about are mostly the flatheads and the blues. Until the age of 5 flatheads are unable to reproduce. I have talked to a lot of fisherman that fish for flats and blues and they tell me that the rivers (Wabash, White, and Ohio) don't have the quality and quantity of them like they did in the past. Some have said they use to be able to go out a catch about ten good ones a day and they would only keep the biggest one. I have only caught about 15 or 20 flats in the 8 years I have been fishing the Wabash River. My dad and I run and fish the river 2 or 3 days a week through the spring until the end of fall on our boats. I believe somewhere between 13 and 16 inches in length is fair. No matter what I use for bait whether it be bluegill, worms, skipjack, dough bait, or stink bait I can mostly only catch channel cats. channel cats should have no daily bag limit.

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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Catfish

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Coomes

County
Morgan

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like there to be a limit on larger catfish.. I have seen wayto many caught and taken to paylakes where they live a very short lifedue to the over population of fish in them.. We need to stop thelarge ones from being taken from our local waters. The abundance oflarge catfish have dwindled serverly over the last 5 years... I havefished central indiana from 56th st to spencer for the last few yearsand locating a fish over 35+lbs seems impossible these days..

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Kane, Jennifer

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Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
To: Indiana Department of Natural Resources

The big catfish are dwindling. In the rivers, commercial fishermen use nets and traps for the cats, then trawl the heck out of those spots.

There really is nothing wrong with commercial fishing except for the fact that, in Indiana at least, there are no regulations to control what they do or how they do it, not to mention NO CATCH LIMITS!

The big cats more than likely will end up in a pay lake. Pay lake owners stuff their little fishing holes full of trophy blues, flatheads, and big channels. This is wrong. These pay lake folks can get these same fish from a fish farm. However, they obviously want less overhead, so they think it is OK to wipe out our rivers and lakes of big cats.

Say what you want, but something needs to be done.

I, in no way, am saying all pay lakes do this. It is just how some of them are doing business.

I do not go to pay lakes that support commercial fishing of lakes and rivers. If they buy from a fish farm then, I have no problem going there.

Some less than ethical fishermen are just as much to blame.

Below is an outline of what is trying to be accomplished:

1) Set Slot/Bag limits on all catfish over 34 inches, limiting possession to

1 per day on all licenses.

2) Regulate Pay Lake stocking, requiring them to be stocked under IDNR supervision, and requiring owners of Pay Lakes to have valid proof fish stocked were taken by legal means.

3) Work with the all states sharing Indiana Boundry waters to establish regulations mirroring those established by the state of Tennessee:

a) Commercially licensed fishermen required to immediatly release all catfish caught over 34 inches.

b) Restricting all sports fishing licensed fishermen to a bag limit of 1 fish per day on all Catfish over 34 inches.

4) make it illegal for paylake owners to buy fish from private fishermen..a practice that is regularly happening.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned

http://www.petitiononline.com/mod_perl/signed.cgi?scoot268

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State of Residence
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Suggestions

Allow use of live shad for bait if caught on that body of water. Set minimum size limit on all species of catfish (except yellow bellies) at 10 inches. Set limit at 10 catfish with no more than 2 fish over 35 inches.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Schwipps [apig@earthlink.net]
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First Name
Greg

Last Name
Schwipps

County
Morgan

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Several years ago, I was invited, along with other anglers, to the Indiana Government building to help plan a survey that was being mailed out to licensed anglers. I was there to represent catfishermen. We added questions about catfish regulations to the survey. That was the last I heard of the survey or the results.

I have also been told a long-term study of catfish is (was) being done on the Wabash. This study was to possibly influence our "rules" regarding catfish. I don't know what's happening with that study.

But many many years have passed and our rules and regulations concerning catfish are the same. They are so lenient they are barely rules at all. In the meantime, small rivers like the White (both forks) are getting blasted with setliners, trotliners and hoopnetters. Some of this is done legally; some of it is not. Many of our state flatheads are caught and sold to pay lakes.

With my own eyes, I have seen illegal limblines, bank poles and hoopnets, and I have been offered money for my fish caught from public waters.

So what do we need? Tougher enforcement from CO's on the catfish rules we do have. And we need stricter limits (and length requirements) for catfish. We need different bag limits for channels, flatheads and blues. Let's treat them like the different species they are. I've said all along: if we let bass get treated the way this state treats catfish, we'd have seen riots long ago. And guess what? There ARE a lot of anglers fishing for catfish, too.

Michaels, Debbie

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Fishing
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First Name
Jeff

Last Name
Armstrong

County
Jasper

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Lift the 10 fish limit on catfish from lakes, and impose a 10 inchsize minimum. There is no limit on rivers and there shouldn't be onlakes.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Wiseman [scooter268@gmail.com]
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First Name
Scott

Last Name
Wiseman

County
Marion

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State of Residence
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Suggestions
To: Indiana Department of Natural Resources

I ahve started a petition online for this issue and to date we haveover 474 signatures. It can be viewed at:<http://www.petitiononline.com/scoot268/petition.html>

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I do not go to pay lakes that support commercial fishing of lakes and rivers. If they buy from a fish farm then, I have no problem going there.

Some less than ethical fishermen are just as much to blame.

Also, I would like to make an addendum to the petition asking for stiffer fines and penalties for those that pollute and deface our public waters!

Below is an outline of what is trying to be accomplished:

1) Set Slot/Bag limits on all catfish over 34 inches, limiting

possession to 1 per day on all licenses.

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IDNR supervision, and requiring owners of Pay Lakes to have valid proof fish stocked were taken by legal means.

3) Work with the all states sharing Indiana Boundary waters to establish

Regulations mirroring those established by the state of Tennessee:

a) Commercially licensed fishermen required to immediately release all catfish caught over 34 inches.

- b) Restricting all sports fishing licensed fishermen to a baglimit of 1 fish per day on all Catfish over 34 inches.
- 4) make it illegal for paylake owners to buy fish from privatefishermen..a practice that is regularly happening.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: leeper [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 4:39 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: jschroeder@www.in.gov
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
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First Name
benjamin

Last Name
leeper

County
marion

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Wish we could get a limit on catfish. At lease on ones over 32inch. To many people catching catfish on limb, jug, and knowed holes. Then they kill it and throw it away because they are scared to eat it. It takes a flathead a long time to get over 32 inch. I fished almost ever night last year on white river. Never saw a dnr???? to many people making there own laws out here. Ive watched people throw castnets and keep ever thing in it? I think if i catch a live shad in the cast net i should be able to use it live??? Not like im transporting it?? If i fish alone in my boat only 3 poles??? But if two more guys go with me a can use 9 rods? Thats not right boats should be 9 rods and bank fishing should be 3 rod limit. Ohio river needs same laws asky. White river needs help it could be a great river. I wish someone would help out the catfish.

FIELDS NOT DEFINED IN THE TEMPLATE FOLLOW

Michaels, Debbie

From: Nohr [rmnohr@bsu.edu]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 9:40 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
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Nohr

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County
United States

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

For years I've watched people keep outrageous numbers of catfish out of the White River. I know there are creel limits on channel cats in Reservoirs, but I don't remember seeing any for rivers and streams in the state. Also, there seem to be no size or bag limits placed on flathead catfish. I believe large predatory species such as flatheads are vital to the waterways of the state and some sort of bag and size limits should be in place.

Thanks you
Richard Nohr

Michaels, Debbie

From: Bonavita [mbonavita420@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 9:58 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
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First Name
Mike

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Bonavita

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County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Please put a limit on catfish. People think that there is an unlimited number of catfish in our lakes and rivers but that's not true. Also put a length limit on the fish to help preserve our catfish resources in Indiana. Thank you

**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

**SUB-TOPIC: NORTHERN PIKE/DECREASE BAG
LIMIT, INCREASE SIZE**

Michaels, Debbie

From: Martin [gtoddmartin@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 4:31 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Northern Pike

First Name
Todd

Last Name
Martin

County
vigo

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Reduce daily bag limit on Northern Pike to two a day and raise the size the limit to 24 inches. This is consistent with neighboring states.

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Michaels, Debbie

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To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Fishing
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First Name
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Last Name
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County
vigo

City

State of Residence
IN

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Kane, Jennifer

From: Retzlaff [gypsyjoe30@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 11:53 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Northern Pike

First Name
Joseph

Last Name
Retzlaff

County
Lake

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
I would like to see the size limit raised to 24".

FIELDS NOT DEFINED IN THE TEMPLATE FOLLOW

**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

SUB-TOPIC: STRIPED BASS/LIVE SHAD

Michaels, Debbie

From: cassidy [edwardcassidy@att.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2009 8:09 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

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Last Name
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County
marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I am requesting a change in the live bait fishing reg. To include shadas live bait. These bait fish are in all the lakes That I fish and I would only use them in that lake that I got them out of. As a member of indiana striped bass asocation that is all I fish for in Indiana. Only one lake you are able to do so brookville. It would be nice if racoon & potoka were to.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Peace [jpeace1122@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 8:05 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
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Last Name
Peace

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County
USA

State of Residence
GA

Suggestions

I am an avid striper fisherman and outdoor enthusiast. Shad (Gizzard)in striper fishing is critical to ensure a more quality trophy fish. I cannot imagine the reasoning for restrictions on forage fish species that already exist on lakes. Also, I throw an 8-10ft. (radius) net to catch bait. Net size is an important factor in the art of bait-catching. I love to visit different areas, searching for this elusive game fish, however regulations like these...well, I find myself dumbfounded and deterred.

Please consider revising, to benefit your faithful, taxpaying, Striper angling citizens.

Sincerely,
Jonathan E. Peace

Michaels, Debbie

From: Bullock [jetmech727@juno.com]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 4:16 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
Ryan

Last Name
Bullock

Email
jetmech727@juno.com

County
Johnson

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Please change the current laws to allow live gizzard shad to be used as bait on all lakes where the DNR stocks Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass. This would be the same Department of Natural Resources rule now in effect for Brookville Lake.

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In addition, I would like to see the cast size changed from the current 5' radius (10' diameter) to 10' radius (20' diameter). This would allow for more efficient bait gathering of shad on the open water of these lakes.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Williams [mohawgs@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 4:11 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
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First Name
Mark

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Williams

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mohawgs@gmail.com

County
Hancock

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

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Mark Williams
ISBA Member

Michaels, Debbie

From: Mack [rmack1989@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 2:58 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
blank

First Name
Ryan

Last Name
Mack

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

As an avid Striped Bass fishermen, I'd like to request that when fishing a body of water that already has gizzard shad population existing within that body of water, that the DNR has then stocked Striped Bass in that same body of water to control that formerly existing shad population, to be able to catch and use live gizzard shad, from that lake, as bait in that specific lake, in the hunt for Striped Bass.

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Kane, Jennifer

From: Guinn [guinnj@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 1:40 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
Jordan

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Guinn

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guinnjl@yahoo.com

County
Martin

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

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Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Crispin [mattandamyc@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 1:25 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORM Fishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
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Last Name
Crispin

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County
Hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

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Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Bullock [scott_bullock@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 11:36 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORM Fishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
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Last Name
Bullock

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County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

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Kane, Jennifer

From: Yazel [gyazel@starenv.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 3:14 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
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County
Decatur

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

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Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Greg Yazel
ISBA Member
gyazel@starenv.net

Kane, Jennifer

From: Cox [Rocky76@fuse.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 5:33 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
Rockie

Last Name
Cox

Email
Rocky76@fuse.net

County
Clermont

State of Residence
OH

Suggestions

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Kane, Jennifer

From: Fleming [HANKPMT5759@YAHOO.COM]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 7:20 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
Jim

Last Name
Fleming

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County
Harris

State of Residence
GA

Suggestions

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Sincerly
Jim Fleming
Pine Mountain,Ga

Kane, Jennifer

From: Hughes [tandthughes@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 9:55 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
Jeff

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Hughes

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County
Payne

State of Residence
OK

Suggestions

I am requesting a change in the live bait fishing regulations in Indiana. More specifically, I would like to see the rule changed to allow the use of live shad as bait on all lakes where they currently exist. This would be the same Department of Natural Resources rule now in effect for Brookville Lake. Additionally I would like to see net radius increased from 5' to 10' to allow efficient collection of gizzard shad for bait.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Maddalena [Mikemad@mindspring.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 9:32 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
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County
Forsyth

State of Residence
GA

Suggestions

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Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Mike Maddalena

Kane, Jennifer

From: Palestrini [jpal1124@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 8:30 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
James

Last Name
Palestrini

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County
forsyth

State of Residence
GA

Suggestions

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Kane, Jennifer

From: McNew [sq@seeinstripes.com]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 12:12 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
Shawn

Last Name
McNew

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sq@seeinstripes.com

County
Baldwin

State of Residence
GA

Suggestions

I am a more than avid striper fisherman and guide of 10 years. I also have a degree in wildlife and fisheries from the SEC. The use of shadin striper fishing is essential. I would not spend my money to fish alake which would not permit the use of this bait which already exists as available forage. As a guide, I always catch my bait, requiring a cast net. For effective bait catching, I use a minimum diameter of 14 feet, and often times a 20' net is necessary. This would pose nonegative biological impact on your lakes. Please remove these illogical regulations which are outdated and overly restrictive to your tax-paying law-abiding striper anglers. Shawn McNew; Milledgeville, GA.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Strader [tmstrader@starenv.net]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 10:34 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
Todd

Last Name
Strader

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tmstrader@starenv.net

County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

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Kane, Jennifer

From: Newlin [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 9:06 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
Keith

Last Name
Newlin

Email

County
Alamance

State of Residence
NC

Suggestions

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Kane, Jennifer

From: wendel [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 1:50 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORM Fishing

Fishing
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First Name
brett

Last Name
wendel

Email

County
gwinnett

State of Residence
GA

Suggestions

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Kane, Jennifer

From: crowley [lakeandstreamguideservice@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 9:28 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Striped Bass

First Name
eric

Last Name
crowley

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lakeandstreamguideservice@gmail.com

County
gilmer

State of Residence
GA

Suggestions
please lift the ban on useing live shad in lakes that the fish
alreadyinhabits,this doesnt nor has ever made any sense.to have a
betterstriped bass fishery and more chances for anglers to catch these
fishlive shad is a must.

thanks,
eric crowley

Michaels, Debbie

From: Hall [victoria4757@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2009 4:10 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

COMPREHENSIVE FISH & WILDLIFE RULES ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Fishing
blank

First Name
Vickie

Last Name
Hall

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victoria4757@gmail.com

County
Hendricks

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

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Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Michaels, Debbie

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Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 7:36 AM
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State of Residence
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Suggestions

I would like to see the use of live gizzard shad used as bait forstriper fishing and I would like to see the cast net size change to10ft in size 20 ft diameter to catch gizzard shad in lakes where thepopulation already exists.Thank You

Michaels, Debbie

From: Guinn [guinn4@verizon.net]
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County
Martin

State of Residence
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Michaels, Debbie

From: Long [afssadmin@ai.org]
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County
Hamilton

State of Residence
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Suggestions

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Michaels, Debbie

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State of Residence
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Suggestions

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Stephen Flamion

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County
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State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

allow gizzard shad to be used as bait on indiana waters that currently have a large population of shad as the primary forage fish for strippers. This would only make since since this is the main food source for strippers

Michaels, Debbie

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Suggestions

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Michaels, Debbie

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County
Parke

State of Residence
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Suggestions

I am requesting a change in the live bait fishing regulations in Indiana. More specifically, I would like to see the rule changed to allow the use of live shad as bait on all lakes where they currently exist as they are at Brookville Lake. In addition, I oppose the transport of live shad from any body of water.

The purpose of stocking striped bass and hybrids in these lakes are to control the gizzard shad populations that already exist, and to provide additional angling opportunities in Indiana. Using live gizzard shad in Indiana's striped/hybrid lakes, where shad already exist, does not pose a threat to those lakes.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Shay Vandivier
ISBA Member

Michaels, Debbie

From: Bullock [afssadmin@ai.org]
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First Name
Edward

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County
Martin

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Mark Williams
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Mar Williams
ISBA Member

Michaels, Debbie

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Mark Williams
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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

SUB-TOPIC: BLACK BASS/STOCKING & HABITAT

Michaels, Debbie

From: Pierce [pierce6725@aol.com]
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State of Residence
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Suggestions

Establish a "quality bass stream" on the eastern portion of the state along the lines as Sugar Creek on the western part. Minimum size limit of 18" or 20" to be instituted providing the stream has the capability to sustain such growth.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Martin [gtoddmartin@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 08, 2009 8:56 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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First Name
Todd

Last Name
Martin

County
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State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Stock Smallmouth bass in state reservoirs that have good habitat.Possibly Cecil M Harden or Cagles Mill. Both have large areas of rockthat would be suitable for Smallmouth bass.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

SUB-TOPIC: BLACK BASS/SIZE LIMIT

Kane, Jennifer

From: Dierkes [perkyd63@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2009 10:08 AM
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Hendricks

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I suggest that the minimum size requirement to "keep" Largemouth Bass be raised from 14" to 16" in all Indiana State DNR lakes.

If it is working so well in Cecil Hardin Lake Why not have the same law for the other lakes in the state. A 14" Bass is just beginning to start a good breeding cycle and could enhance the fish population in all lakes.

Too many 14" and smaller fish are harvested each year thus reducing the number of good fish in a lake.

I personally practice "catch and release" but there are many that don't.

Since there are many more fisherman who are retired and fish daily this is a law that needs to be enacted to enhance the fisheries in Indiana.

Michaels, Debbie

From: McClain [Sportsmanscove@mchsi.com]
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First Name
Jason

Last Name
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County
DeKalb

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State of Residence
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Suggestions

I suggest we either put a no size limit on bass in Stueben county, or go to a slot limit, we are catching so many illegle size fish becauseof over population of small bass

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Overstreet [afssadmin@ai.org]
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First Name
Walter

Last Name
Overstreet

Email

County
Hancock

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Westwood lake in Henry Co. needs slot limit on bass, to help get larger size of bass. This lake has lots of 10in to 12in bass , but very few over 14in

Kane, Jennifer

From: Raider [g_sraider@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2009 9:42 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Fishing
Black Bass

First Name
Gregory

Last Name
Raider

County
Rush

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Put a slot limit on Largemouth Bass at brookville Lake.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: mask [donnymask@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 1:24 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMFishing

Fishing
Black Bass

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mask

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County
morgan

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

i would like to see the size limit for bass alternate from 14 inches to 12 inches every other year because lakes get over run with 12 & 13 inch bass and this way every other year some of the 12 & 13 inch bass can be removed to make way for bigger bass to feed, thank you, donnymask

Kane, Jennifer

From: Ostermeyer [ken.ostermeyer@fwcs.k12.in.us]
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 1:28 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Fishing
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First Name
Ken

Last Name
Ostermeyer

County
Allen

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to suggest a slot (keeper) limit for large mouth bass.
Let fisherman keep 12"-13" to eat. Throw back the bigger ones to
keep providing those. It seems to me that letting fisherman keep one big fish
is more detrimental to the lake than a whole multitude of the small/medium
sized. Hate to see the bigger ones harvested.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Martin [gtoddmartin@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 4:41 PM
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Fishing
Black Bass

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Martin

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County
vigo

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Change size limits on lakes that have special Largemouth Bass sizelimits to include all Black Bass species. This would aid lawenforcement and make it clearer for anglers. Example would be HardenLake, instead of 16" size limit for largemouth, it would be 16" forlargemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

SUB-TOPIC: BLACK BASS/SEASON

Michaels, Debbie

From: Wilson [jcw1957@att.net]
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First Name
Jim

Last Name
Wilson

County
Hendricks

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Reinstate a Largemouth Bass season which prohibits intentional fishing for largemouth during the spawn and which specifically prohibit staking bass off the beds intentionally and forces anglers to immediately release bass when caught. Tournament fishing has caused more harm than good during this time of year. When the male bass is removed from the nest and put in the live well, other species can rush in and devour the nest. It's tough enough to have successful spawns year after year just due to unstable weather conditions. We need to back off and let spawning bass alone for a few years. Also, I have talked to many fishermen in the south that report large numbers of largemouth bass washed up on the boat ramps after many tournament weight-ins due to overstress of the fish while in the livewell caused by the dramatic temperature changes the fish are subjected to during the course of the morning. I know this has been proposed in the past, but it's long been overdue. Most lakes I've fished over the last 20 years produce schools of much smaller fish than in 1980. I think if the department would seriously take into consideration Buck Perry's research and proven facts about the bass, and institute policies that reflect the facts instead of appeasing tournament fishermen and their selfish pursuits, we will all be better off in the future. Tournament fishing revenues would surely suffer, but if it keeps up, our largemouth population will ultimately suffer more.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Beaver [bigbluebud@localnet.com]
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County
Whitley

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I think it would be nice to have a Bass season. Michigan has a season, it would be good to protect are BASS to.
Thank You.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

SUB-TOPIC: BLACK BASS/BAG LIMIT

Michaels, Debbie

From: fisher [aaron@wirco.com]
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Fishing
Black Bass

First Name
aaron

Last Name
fisher

County
noble

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
I think there should be a 3 year no bag limit on largemouth bass under14" from Big Long Lake in Lagrange Co.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Jones [crappieman18@yahoo.com]
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First Name
Michael

Last Name
Jones

County
Grant

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I believe it is necessary to incorporate a lower bag limit on blackbass in rivers, especially smaller ones such as the mississinewariver. Any angler can do a number on bass in a smaller river likethis. I am proposing a bag limit of 3 fish. A slot limit would beeven better. I believe our fisheries biologist need to study ourrivers a little better. Please email me back and let me know whatyou think of my proposal.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: FISHING

**SUB-TOPIC: WALLEYE, SAUGER &
SAUGEYE/STOCKING**

Michaels, Debbie

From: Martin [gtoddmartin@aol.com]
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Suggestions
Stock sauger in lakes where walleye stocking have been marginal or unsuccessful. Maybe lakes that have large winter draw downs like Cecil M Harden or Huntington. Perhaps sauger would be less likely to escape during draw downs.

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Fishing
Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye

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State of Residence
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Suggestions

Start stocking walleye, or simular fish again below Norway Dam inMonticello and at Oakdale Dam. At one time these two dams had some ofthe best walleye fishing in state, now its gone! Speaking of GONE sois most of the revenue for bait shops in the area.

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Fishing
Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye

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State of Residence
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Suggestions

Create a walleye stamp to enhance an already good stocking program into a great program. This will help put back walleye that are becaught by bass fisherman and other fishermen and women by accident. If they want to keep them thats fine but this way they are also helping put back what they take home for the table instead of only the avid walleye fisherman footing the bill while they reap the benfits for free. They are big at throwing back the bass that they catch wheather its in a tourney or not but they keep every walleye they catch by accident. Therefor they help there own fishery and rape ours, so I feel that this would help even it out and give the DNR better ability to invest in better and bigger facilities to raise fry and fingerlings. I also think a little better walleye fishery could start attracting more tourist that dont have the money to travel as far as they used to. But the money should be earmarked for walleye ONLY, and access to those waters stocked.

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**COMPREHENSIVE
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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

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Suggestions

Closing walleye season 3 weeks prior to 3 weeks after spring spawn to help ensure our walleye populations as Michigan does. Or at least reduce the numbers allowed during that period like Ohio. Also it would sure go miles to invoke a slot limit on walleye statewide to give lakes a chance to really grow some bigger more reproductive females and males for better natural stocking. The big ones sure are fun to catch but some take too many and at the wrong time which is just a shame. Thank you for your time.