

Terry

Here is a follow-up to our conversation where you expressed an interest in having more walleyes stocked in Pine Lake.

There was a comprehensive survey that took a look at the entire fish community in 2003. This survey was consistent with the findings of previous surveys done on Pine Lake. Here were the general results:

1. High density of average to slow-growing panfish (mainly BG, Seed, BC, YP)
2. Stable population of LMB with normal growth rates supported by natural reproduction. (approx 1.6/acre)
3. Stable population of NP with normal growth rates supported by natural reproduction.
4. A low density of walleyes with normal growth rates, supported almost entirely by stocking. (approx 0.8/acre)
5. High angling use.
6. Abundant to dense aquatic plant growth.

Walleye (2003 comp survey):

774 fish were measured during the survey. The most common size was 17 inches, and the average was 19.3 inches. The population estimate was 1261 adult walleyes in Pine Lake.

Walleye Stocking:

Pine Lake's walleye fishery is dependant upon stocking, there has been no evidence of natural reproduction. The WDNR has stocked walleye into Pine lake going back to 1937. It continues to be a stocked lake, and the most previous WDNR stocking is listed below:

2010	58,450	Sm. Fgl 1"
2008	63,844	Sm. Fgl 2"
2006	8,344	Lg Fgl 7-8"
2005	83,500	Sm Fgl 2"
1998	167,000	Fgl
1995	83,319	Fgl
1992	20,367	Fgl 2.7"

As you can see the lake is currently stocked, and it will be on the quotas to receive walleyes again in 2012. We only stock lakes on an every other year basis, to reduce the competition between fish (allowing them a better chance to survive).

Private Stocking:

Below is a link that will explain how our private stocking works. In short, you apply for a permit stating the species and number of fish you wish to stock and from which private hatchery. That permit comes to me to either approve or deny, once approved you can stock the fish in your lake and you will have to have the delivery driver sign off the # of fish stocked, size and species to me for my records.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/faq/stock.htm>

-This link also shows you places where you can purchase fish to be stocked. In order for me to approve a permit the stocking facility must have a fish health certificate on file.

I hope this helps explain the process to you. Your main concern was on how to get fish to be stocked, and as you can see from the above information it is quite easy, the lake will continue to be stocked by the state every even year unless something changes. If you have any other questions feel free to email or call.

Thanks.

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