

April 1, 2010

Senator Satveer Chaudhary
State Capitol 205
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Chaudhary:

Earlier this week the DNR hosted a meeting to discuss fishing on Fish Lake in St. Louis County. As you know Fish Lake is one of the premier recreational lakes in north eastern Minnesota. The discussion centered on improving walleye count in the lake. The potential of slot limits was discussed with great enthusiasm. And although only 30 people attended the meeting, the overwhelming majority (28-2) agreed that slot limits may be a viable solution.

The challenge seemed to be the length of time it will take before a slot limit policy could begin. According to the DNR experts in the room, a study is to be completed this year. Once the study is done, it will take no fewer than three years before the policy could be implemented. Most likely four years will be required.

Since you have an interest in improving the fishing on this lake, perhaps you can influence these time lines or recommend stocking until the policy begins.

On behalf of our fishing buddies,

Dennis Fink
St. Louis County Commissioner