



## South Dakota Walleye and Black Bass Regulation Toolbox



- Not all walleye and black bass fisheries require special regulations. Most fisheries function well under the normal statewide regulations (4 walleyes daily, 1 over 20 inches; 5 largemouth/smallmouth bass daily).
- Use of length limits (e.g., 14-inch minimum length limit for walleyes) has become common in the management of some South Dakota walleye and black bass (largemouth and smallmouth bass) fisheries.
- Some anglers have expressed frustrations with regulation complexity.
- Biologists and fish managers agree that the number of regulations can be reduced without sacrificing the desired results for each fishery.
- The regulation “toolbox” was developed to simplify current regulations without sacrificing quality fishing opportunities.
- Currently nine special walleye regulations and four black bass regulations have been implemented in South Dakota.
- The toolbox will reduce the number of special regulations from nine to four for walleyes and from four to two for black bass. Toolbox will allow for experimental regulations when deemed necessary.
- Growth rates are important for deciding proper regulation choice (e.g., Walleyes should grow quickly for a lake to qualify for management under a 15-inch minimum length limit.).
- Biology and public input will be utilized in the regulations selection process.

### Walleye Toolbox Regulations: (walleye, sauger and hybrids)

- 15-inch minimum length limit with a four walleye daily limit (only one over 20 inches)
- 15-inch minimum length limit with a two walleye daily limit (only one over 20 inches)
- 15-inch minimum length limit with a four walleye daily limit (only one over 20 inches) with a partial-year exemption
- 28-inch minimum length limit with a one walleye daily limit
- Experimental

### Black Bass Toolbox Regulations: (largemouth and smallmouth bass)

- 15-inch minimum length limit with a five fish daily limit
- 14- to 18-inch protected slot limit with a five fish daily limit (only one largemouth or smallmouth over 18 inches).
- Experimental



## Potential Walleye Regulation Changes for 2010



<u>Lakes</u>	<u>Current Regulations</u>	<u>Potential Regulations</u>
Angostura, Clear Lake (Marshall County), Elm, Enemy Swim, Newell, Pickerel, Poinsett, Richmond, Roy, and Shadehill	14-inch minimum length limit (4 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)	15-inch minimum length limit (4 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)
Curlew	14-inch minimum length limit (4 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)	15-inch minimum length limit (2 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)
Amsden, Cochrane, Faulkton, Mina, and White	14-inch minimum length limit (4 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)	Statewide Regulations
Waubay	14-inch minimum length limit (2 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)	Statewide Regulations <b>or</b> 15-inch minimum length limit (4 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches, with partial year exemption)
Kampeska	14-inch minimum length limit (4 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)	Statewide Regulations <b>or</b> 15-inch minimum length limit (4 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches, with partial year exemption)
Mitchell	14-inch minimum length limit (4 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)	Statewide Regulations <b>or</b> 15-inch minimum length limit (4 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)
Bitter and Cattail	16-inch minimum length limit (4 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)	15-inch minimum length limit (4 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)
Lynn, Middle Lynn, and Opitz	16-inch minimum length limit (2 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)	15-inch minimum length limit (2 fish daily; 1 over 20 inches)
Twin (Minnehaha County)	24-inch minimum length limit (1 fish daily)	28-inch minimum length limit (1 fish daily)
Belle Fourche Reservoir	15-18 inch protected slot (1 over 18 inches)	Experimental 15-18 inch protected slot (1 over 18 inches)



## Potential Black Bass Regulation Changes for 2010



<u>Lakes</u>	<u>Current Regulations</u>	<u>Potential Regulations</u>
New Wall, Newell, Waggoner	12-16 inch protected slot (5 fish daily, 1 over 16 inches)	14-18 inch protected slot (5 fish daily, 1 over 18 inches)
Campbell Slough, Clear (Marshall County), Cochrane, Enemy Swim, Horseshoe, Pickerel, Reetz, Roy, and Waubay	12-18 inch protected slot (3 fish daily, 1 over 18 inches)	14-18 inch protected slot (5 fish daily, 1 over 18 inches)
Cresbard, Farly, Faulkton, and Mina	15-inch minimum (5 fish daily)	Statewide Regulations