

ATTENTION ANGLERS

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) is conducting a tagging study on walleye in Rainy Lake and connected waters.

Several hundred walleye were tagged during their spawning run in the Rat Root River. Thin yellow tags that have a six digit number and MN DNR printed on them in black (e.g. 259643 MN DNR) were inserted just below the dorsal fin of each fish. A number of these fish received a second numbered tag in an effort to assess tag loss.

If you catch a walleye with a tag please **DO NOT** remove the tag. Most tagged fish will fall into the protected slot limit and must be released. Please handle the fish carefully and before releasing the fish record the tag number, the approximate location of capture, total length, and the date of capture. Anglers are encouraged to practice catch and release of tagged fish outside the protected slot. If a tagged fish is harvested, its capture location and removal from the tagged population are important pieces of information that should be reported to the MN DNR. Please contact the MN DNR with the information via telephone at (218-286-5220), e-mail at kevin_peterson@state.mn.us, or mail it to:

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
392 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649

You can also report tagged fish using the interactive reporting tool online at:
http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/tagged_fish_reporting/index.html

Thank you for your cooperation. Your help in monitoring the dispersal of walleyes from the Rat Root River spawning run will provide valuable information for managing this important resource.

