



Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



2010-2011 BIENNIAL BUDGET FACT SHEET

Walleye Stamp Appropriation \$285,000 FY 2010 / \$285,000 FY 2011

It is needed because

A voluntary \$5 walleye stamp was created during the 2008 legislative session. Stamps are available March 1, 2009 with sale proceeds to be used for stocking walleye in state waters. An appropriation of stamp funds was not included in the enabling legislation.

Major program elements

According to statute, revenue from walleye stamps must be used only for stocking walleye in waters of the state and related activities. Money in the account may not be used for costs unless they are directly related to a specific body of water, or for costs associated with supplies and equipment to implement walleye stocking activities.

Priority-setting

DNR would prioritize waters of the state based on the statewide stocking plan.

Project locations

Walleye stocking is implemented statewide.

Key measures and outcomes

Outcomes would include more stocking of fry, frylings and/or fingerlings into fishable waters of the state.

Financial implications

Accurate revenue projections for the walleye stamp are complicated due to the variability of voluntary fees. Based on the sale of 1.14 million fishing licenses in 2007, if 1 percent of license holders purchase the stamp, approximately \$57,000 would be generated annually. For the purposes of this proposal, it is estimated that 5 percent of anglers will purchase a walleye stamp annually. It can be assumed the type of license purchased may affect the likelihood of a walleye stamp purchase. For example, more than 70,000 7-day non-resident

fishing licenses were sold in 2007, but these license holders may be less likely to purchase the voluntary walleye stamp.

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