

# Walleye Regulation Proposal Lower San Poil River 2013

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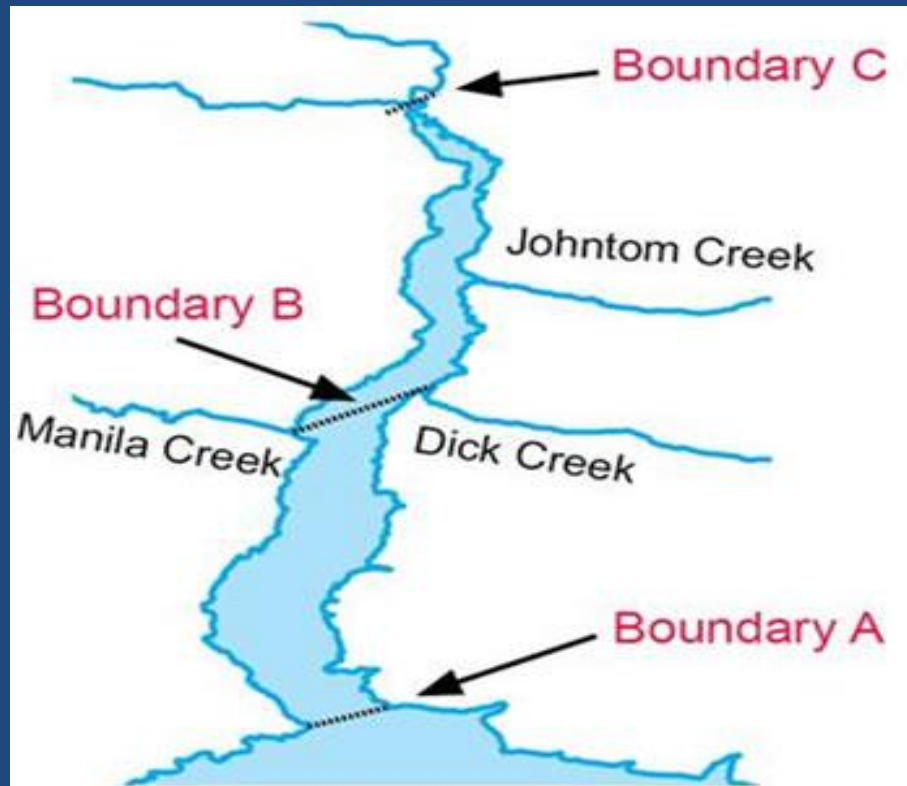
# NE Washington San Poil River

# Presentation Outline

- **San Poil River Walleye Regulation**
- **Lake Roosevelt Walleye Status**
- **Walleye Management Goals**
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- **Comments**
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# San Poil River Regulation Proposal

Liberalize the daily bag limit for walleye to 16 fish on the lower San Poil River, to align with existing regulations for Lake Roosevelt and the lower Spokane River.



# Lake Roosevelt Walleye Status

**The Lake Roosevelt walleye population remains overabundant.**

**Lake Roosevelt may not have the available nutrients / productivity to support the current amount of predator biomass.**

**At the present abundance level, walleye predation on important game and non-game fish species is a concern.**

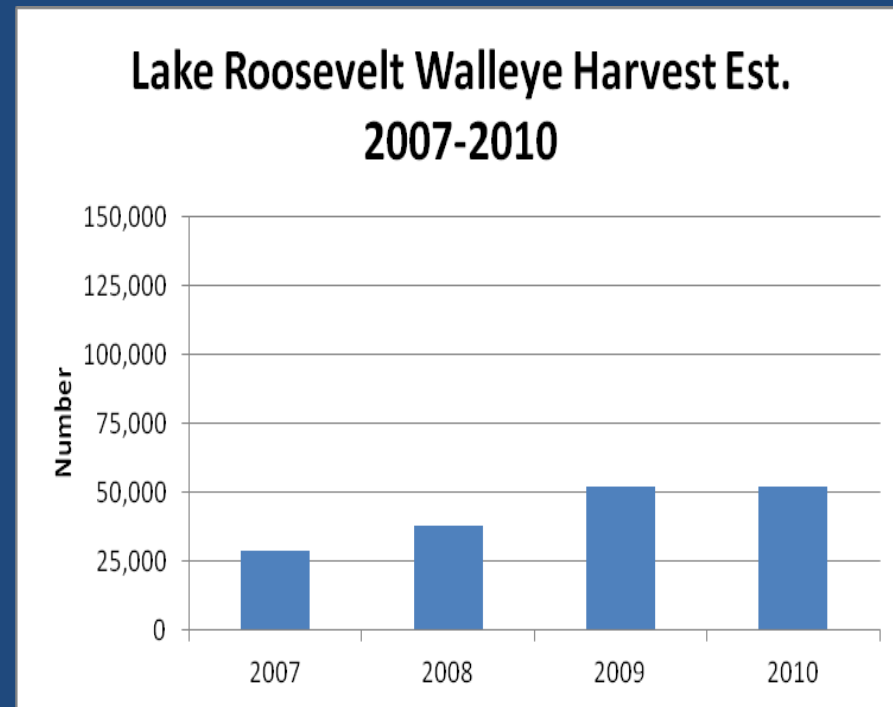
**An increase in angler harvest is necessary to meet management goals.**

# Lk. Roosevelt Walleye Mgmt. Goals

**Increase walleye harvest annually to 150,000**

**Reduce walleye population by 50%, to pre-2002 level (< 200,000)**

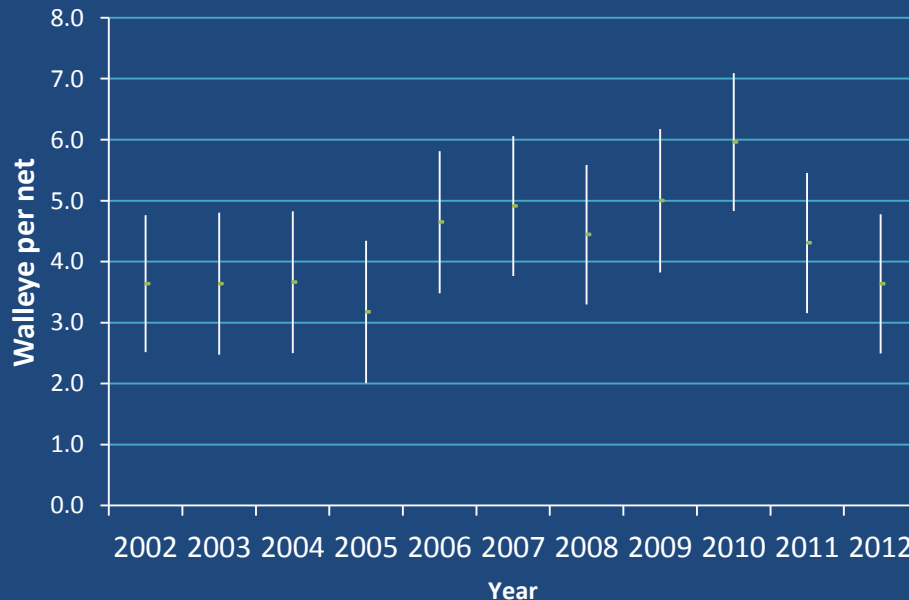
**Improve fish community balance, i.e., predator / prey ratio**



# Walleye Abundance

## FWIN: Fall Walleye Index Netting

Lake Roosevelt FWIN CPUE  
Geometric Mean w/95% CI



walleye population trend has fluctuated.  
FWIN CPUE @ 4.2 WE per net

## Lake Roosevelt Regulation History

2007 Walleye Regulation  
Change to: No Minimum Size; 8  
Fish Limit; Only 1 over 22"

2013 Commission Approved  
Lake Roosevelt / Spokane Arm  
Regulation change to:  
No Minimum Size; 16 Fish Limit

Current San Poil River Proposal  
intended to align FDR system  
Walleye regulations



# Comment

## Public Meeting Held in Spokane Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>

- One attendee, no comment

## On Line Comments Received Through Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> (5 )

- Do you agree with this rule proposal?  
Yes: 4; No: 0; No Opinion: 1

## Inland Fish Policy Advisory Group

- General support and / or understanding of the need

## Written Comments Received to Date (1)

- Colville Confederated Tribes not in agreement with rule proposal



# Time Line / Next Steps

**Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Deadline for the public to submit written comments on proposed sportfishing regulation changes**

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> WA State Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting: Staff will brief the commission on proposed sportfishing regulation changes and public testimony on proposals.**

**January WA State Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting: Staff will ask the commission to adopt this sportfishing regulation change.**