WHY the PIKE Contest?
Pike Population in Bay Lake is $5X$ healthy limit.

DNR Notes 1982

“N Pike abundance is three times local avg. and is composed mainly of small, slow-growing fish.”

Bay Lake 2014

Similar Lakes in MN 2014

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Negative Effects on Other Species:

- Unhealthy levels of perch and other bait fish
- Smaller average size for all fish
- Reduces the effectiveness of walleye stocking

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An organized effort makes an impact...

1 Pike <22” eats 5lbs per year.

2018:
- 3,763 fish (18,815 lbs)

2019:
- ~1,000 fish (5,000 lbs)
- + (18,815 lbs)

42,630 lbs

Thank You!

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DNR created new law for lakes **just like ours**

**New Northern Pike Regulation:** 10 northern pike, but not more than two pike longer than 26 inches; and all from 22 to 26 inches must be released.

**BLIA asks:**
- Do not release Northern Pike less than 22”
- Release Northern Pike over 22” as larger pike help control the population of smaller pike
- Keep as many small pike as possible within the legal limit

**Positive Feedback:**

Jim Lilienthal,  
DNR 38Yrs, proposed law

Tyler D. Ahrenstorff, Ph.D.  
MN DNR Fisheries Research Biologist

Scott Bonnema,  
FLW Fishing Pro

Al Lindner,  
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Pike are delicious and can be cleaned boneless

Preferred Fishing Method:

**What:** Spinner Bait

**Where:** Anywhere there are weeds (6-15 ft)

**How:** Casting or trolling (2 mph)

*(Easiest with kids)*

Preferred Boneless Cooking Methods:

- **Pickled** (contact Jen/Mike Qualen)
- **Pike Cakes** (contact Amanda Johnson, Rose Family)
- **Pike Fingers** (contact Alex Yudell)
How to participate

• Send fish pictures and questions to BayLakePike@gmail.com

• More detailed info on contest and prizes on Facebook @Bay Lake, MN

• Pike-A-Palooza Fishing Contest hosted by Ruttger’s, May/June 2020
A NEW WAY TO PRAISE THE LAKE

Remove small northern pike to keep the Bay Lake ecosystem healthy!
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