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Our present cottage was built by my parents in 1941 on Pelican Lake in Ottertail county. I remember growing up fishing with them and being able to catch a walleye or two without the use of BaitMate, blowing up worms, trolling and 3 foot leaders. IE there were walleyes in the lake. This last summer, I did not catch one walleye or other decent fish in 40 hours of fishing spread over two months. YOU did not stock Muskies when I was young as you do now. YOU didn't blatantly trumpet the ridiculous tripe that Muskies don't eat walleyes back then either. I find it just plain stupid that you persist in stocking Muskies in a lake that didn't have them. I also fail to understand how you kowtow to a 1,000 member organization when 500,000 cottage owners are against Muskie stocking. Another regulation I fail to understand is raising the "keep" length to 54". A larger fish will require more food.

Kindly give us bass, crappie, walleye, bluegill and northern fishermen a break and: 1. stop stocking, 2. lower the keep length.

Thank you for your time and I would appreciate a reasoned answer to the DNR's muskie actions.

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