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## Adjustments in Bass Regulations Considered at 2009 Bass Forum, December 19, 2009

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The Division of Wildlife is considering some adjustments of inland black bass regulations following a review of fish population surveys, tournament reporting results, and angler surveys. The purpose of adjustments that might be considered is to improve and diversify bass fishing opportunities where possible. Three ideas for strategies involving new regulations were discussed at the 2009 Bass Forum.

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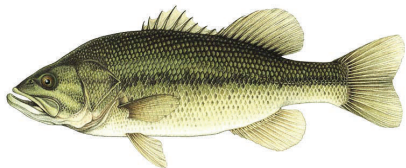
*To increase the numbers of 12-inch bass and allow the current daily limit of 5 fish to be kept:*

Consider a 12-inch statewide length limit (only lakes >500 acres currently have 12-inch length limits) in addition to the existing 5-fish daily limit as the “base” regulation for all inland waters.



*To maximize catches of 12 to 15-inch bass, promote their growth and survival to larger sizes, and allow limited harvest in a few selected lakes:*

Consider a 15-inch length limit in addition to a special “split” daily limit where 2 fish above and 2 fish below 15 inches may be kept, for a total daily limit of 4 fish per day



*To create trophy bass fisheries in a very few selected lakes with unique potential:*

Consider a 14 to 20-inch slot length limit with a special “split” daily limit where 2 fish below 14 inches and 1 fish above 20 inches may be kept, (protecting 14 to 20 inch bass from harvest) for a total daily limit of 3 fish per day.

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