

SPECIFICATIONS FOR WALLEYE FINGERLINGS - 2019

The following are specifications for a 1-year contract for 2019 for the purchase of Walleye fingerlings from a commercial vendor.

Numbers. 24,400 standard Walleye fingerlings and 3,500 large Walleye fingerlings to be stocked at 4-15 per acre for 10 public lakes as follows: Batterson Park Pond, Beach Pond, Cedar Lake, Coventry Lake, Gardner Lake, Long Pond, Mashapaug Lake, Mt. Tom Pond, Squantz Pond, and Lake Zoar.

Size. Standard size fingerling Walleye must average about 5 inches in length, with the smallest individuals being at least 4 inches in length. Large fingerling Walleye must range between 6 to 8 inches in length.

Strain. The fingerlings must originate from a population of lake dwelling Walleyes.

Time of delivery. On or about November 1, but not later than December 15, or earlier than October 15.

Condition of fish. For payment by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the fish must be alive and deemed in good health by the State of Connecticut Fish Pathologist or a DEEP Fisheries Biologist. The fingerlings will be made available for inspection by the pathologist or fisheries biologist upon entering the State of Connecticut at a designated location. The pathologist or fisheries biologist will be allowed to sample the fingerlings for disease and general health. Sample counts of fish and weights will also be taken by a fisheries biologist. Dead and unhealthy fish will not be stocked, but may be retained for analysis.

Disease status. The Walleye fingerlings must be free of serious diseases, including lymphocystis, heterosporous, infectious pancreatic necrosis, furunculosis, enteric redmouth and VHS (viral hemorrhagic septicemia). A recent fish health inspection report from a certified pathology laboratory in the vendor's state should be submitted to the fish pathologist.

Zebra Mussels. Transportation water must be free of zebra mussel adults or larvae. Communication from the vendors State Department of Natural Resources should indicate that no viable populations of zebra mussels have been documented in the waters from which Walleye fingerlings are to be obtained. No water, except from a well-water source, is to be added to the transportation truck during transportation to Connecticut. After all fish have been off loaded, transportation water will be released away from inland waters under the inspection of a DEEP Fisheries Biologist.

Aquatic Nuisance Species: No other aquatic animals or plants are to be transported to Connecticut (including other fish, amphibians or aquatic plant species). Shipments will be inspected for the presence of Aquatic Nuisance Species upon arrival.

Coordination agreement. The initial meeting spot will be determined the DEEP. The vendor will notify the DEEP, Fisheries Division, (860) 424-4143, at least two weeks before loading, again on the day of loading, and about 24 hours and 2 hours before reaching the Connecticut boarder. Stops within the State of Connecticut will include an initial meeting spot (most likely a highway rest stop, commuter lot, or weigh-in area), and stops at several lakes in Connecticut. Walleyes purchased under separate contract with private organizations, such as water supply companies, may be placed in separate compartments of the truck and stocked into additional waters of the State of Connecticut under the supervision of a DEEP Fisheries Biologist.

Care of fish. Drivers should be knowledgeable of pH, dissolved oxygen, and water temperature requirements of fingerling Walleye. They should also be experienced in proper acclimation and handling procedures.