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Introduction and first reading

OFFICIAL STATUS

Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; requiring negotiation of safe harvest levels for walleye;
1.3 requiring a report.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. MILLE LACS HOOKING MORTALITY.

1.6 The commissioner of natural resources must negotiate with the eight Ojibwe bands
1.7 represented on the 1837 Ceded Territory Fisheries Technical Committee to no longer count
1.8 hooking mortality when determining whether the state has reached its safe harvest level for
1.9 walleye.

1.10 Sec. 2. MILLE LACS WALLEYE SIZE LIMITS; REPORT.

1.11 By January 15, 2022, the commissioner of natural resources must submit a report to the
1.12 chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees
1.13 and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources with a plan for
1.14 meeting the state's safe harvest level for walleye agreed to by the 1837 Ceded Territory
1.15 Fisheries Technical Committee. The plan must allow state anglers to keep walleye rather
1.16 than rely on slot limits and other methods that require catch and release.