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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

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A bill for an act
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relating to game and fish; requiring negotiation of safe harvest levels for walleye;
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requiring a report.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. MILLE LACS HOOKING MORTALITY.
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The commissioner of natural resources must negotiate with the eight Ojibwe bands
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represented on the 1837 Ceded Territory Fisheries Technical Committee to no longer count
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hooking mortality when determining whether the state has reached its safe harvest level for
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walleye.
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Sec. 2. MILLE LACS WALLEYE SIZE LIMITS; REPORT.
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By January 15, 2022, the commissioner of natural resources must submit a report to the
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chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees
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and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources with a plan for
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meeting the state's safe harvest level for walleye agreed to by the 1837 Ceded Territory
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Fisheries Technical Committee. The plan must allow state anglers to keep walleye rather
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than rely on slot limits and other methods that require catch and release.