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Dear Mr. Garr,

Thank you for the detailed response. After further discussing the current management and stocking plan of Long Lake with the Area Fisheries office, we have collectively determined that there is some flexibility to work with the Long Lake Area Association (LLAA) on supplemental stocking of Walleye into Long Lake.

At this time, we conditionally approve LLAA to supplementally stock 240lbs (0.5 pound per littoral acre) of age-0 walleye fingerlings in conjunction with the current DNR stocking plan on even numbered years (biennial basis) beginning in Fall of 2024 after the standard lake survey has been completed. It is important that prior to stocking, the lake association, as the applicant, verifies that the grower is providing only age-0 fingerlings in order for future evaluations to be robust and accurate. Stocking evaluations completed by Area staff rely on fish age determinations, thus tracking the success of the correct fish stocked is imperative. With this approval, the new stocking rate to begin Fall 2024 will be 1.5 lbs per littoral acre (1 lb. provided by MNDNR, 0.5 lb. provided by LLAA).

Park Rapids Area Fisheries staff will begin evaluating the new stocking rate similar to the current assessment of 1.0 lb. per littoral acre rate (final assessment to be concluded after 2024 standard survey) and previously done for the 2.0 lbs per littoral acre rate on Long Lake.

Lastly, it should be noted, if future evaluations by Area Fisheries staff show any decline in growth rates, condition, recruitment, population density, or prey density, the DNR will re-assess stocking rates and make necessary plan revisions to benefit the long term health of the fishery.

Again, thank you for your time and response. If you have questions regarding this decision, please feel free to contact me or Wade Massure, the local Area Fisheries Supervisor. Wade can be reached at (218) 552-2317 or [wade.massure@state.mn.us](mailto:wade.massure@state.mn.us).

Respectfully yours,

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