

## Project Abstract Summary

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Midwest Walleye Challenge

\* Project Abstract

Walleye culture, stocking and management represents one of the most intensive and expensive aspects of fisheries management for many Midwestern water bodies. Monitoring of these efforts is a critical part of these management programs in order for biologists to assess the status of their management strategies. However, these methods are resource intensive, which means only a small number of priority water bodies can be surveyed each year, leaving most walleye fisheries unmonitored. In Iowa, around 100 aquatic systems are annually stocked with or provide Walleye fisheries, yet less than 10% of those systems can be regularly monitored to assess the outcomes of the investment of hatchery resources