

Fish Stocking and Delivery FAQ's

1.) When will my fish be delivered? Fish are delivered in the spring and fall when water and air temperatures are cooler. This allows for less stress on the fish during transportation and stocking. In the spring, stocking begins shortly after ice out, typically end of April through May. In the fall, stocking occurs when water temperatures drop below 65 degrees, typically October into November.



2.) Can I schedule my delivery? No, sorry. The hatchery groups deliveries by region. Once they have a delivery route they will typically give you a one (1) to two (2) day notice of the delivery with an approximate time they will be on site. There are oxygen limitations and strict DOT regulations after delivery, as well.

3.) Are the fish healthy? Yes. All the fish must be health **CERTIFIED** before they can be stocked.

4.) Will all my fish survive? Typically there is some mortality when stocking fish. This is a very stressful time for the fish. It is not uncommon to see a few fish floating after a stocking has occurred.

5.) Fish Availability? There are many different factors that affect fish availability. Species availability can fluctuate from spring to fall stockings. The timing of your order and when your permit is approved will affect the availability. The hatchery will not reserve your order until the correct permits are in place and the order is finalized. You may not always receive the fish you ordered, but will be made aware of the lack of availability or alternate options, if applicable.

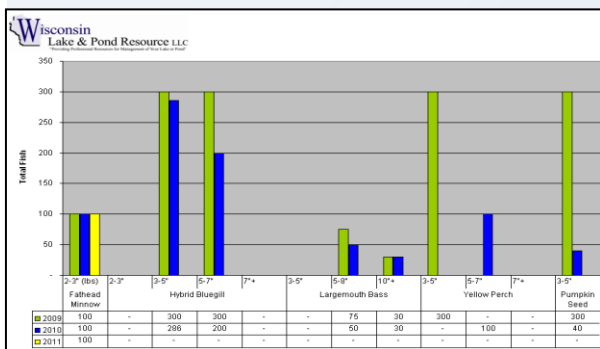
6.) Permitting? There are two permits available and you must have one of them to stock fish in your pond. A DNR Stocking Permit is easy to obtain and is good for a one time stocking of multiple species. If you anticipate having multiple stockings, a Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Type 1 Fish Farm License is recommended. This permit allows you to legally stock fish, fish without a fishing license, and set your own size limits if you desire. We can help you obtain either permit.



Fisheries Services

Fish Stocking

Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource LLC provides a diverse line of quality fish for stocking at a competitive price. All fish sold by WLPR are **HEALTH CERTIFIED**. When you order fish from us, they will be delivered directly from the hatchery to your lake or pond. Spring and fall deliveries are available.



Each year our Fisheries Biologist will go through our customer's fish stocking history. With this information, we will develop a stocking plan for that season. A graph that shows the customers stocking history with WLPR will accompany the plan. This graph will help the customer understand where the stocking recommendations come from.

Fish Surveys

WLPR utilizes fyke nets and seines for performing fish surveys. Surveys can be a very important part of developing a fish stocking program. Whether you are a new lake or pond owner or have been stocking for years, knowing what is in the lake or pond is very important. Below is a list of the surveys and services WLPR offers.

- Complete and General Fish Survey
- Age Structure Survey
- Population Estimates
- Undesirable Species Removal



Fish Structure

This is one of the most overlooked aspects of creating a healthy fishery. Fish need a place to hide and relax from predators such as king fishers, egrets, blue herons, otters and bigger fish.

There are many different types of structures available. Structure can be anything from overturned wash baskets, stacked pallets, to sunken Christmas trees. Almost anything you can think of will help. Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource, LLC sells Honey Hole plastic and natural wood fish cribs (*pictures shown to left*).