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Comments: I would like to see the BWCAW management plan (#65777) include BWCA specific fishing/wildlife conservation provisions such as barbless fishing hooks, lead-free fishing lure requirements, and reduced bag limits. These limits would acknowledge, respect, and help to protect the unique nature of the Wilderness Area, while still permitting visitors to partake in and experience the great fishing opportunities of the BWCAW. These limitations would also have the benefit of being easily enforceable upon inspection by a Ranger. We also have real world examples of other Wilderness Areas (e.g., Quetico) that have successfully implemented such conservation plans without adversely impacting visitor enjoyment.