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THE SLOT IS APPROVED



From bottom left: Dave Smith, Dan Dehn.
Top left: Vic Warnement, Pam Troje, Pat Sievertson, Phil Thompson.

Phil Thompson

New Website: www.slpoa1.com



Check out our new web site. Previously we were at... www.minnesotawaters.org. As of now we have our very own dedicated site: www.slpoa.com. The new site has all the same information as before and you will navigate it exactly as before, but it is more colorful and in the future may expand to include a bulletin board for photos and a blog for comments. And... there will be a link to download the Sand Paper in color. The reason for the change is that the new site is easier to update which means more timely information and a greater level of involvement with the members.

Minnesota DNR

Chris Kavanaugh

Sand Lake Fishery Update

11/27/2013

DNR Fisheries crews completed several important projects on Sand Lake this season. In addition to the annual fall electrofishing for young of the year walleye, we also completed some fall gill netting and received nearly 800 comments on the proposed walleye regulation.

Fall electrofishing was completed on October 16, 2013. The catch per unit effort or fingerling walleye was 10.4 per hour. Sand Lake was not stocked with fry in 2013 so all these fish were from natural reproduction. It should also be noted that water levels this fall were low and past data indicates that when we have low water, electrofishing catches are typically low.

The fall gill netting done at the end of September is something that had not been done before on Sand Lake. The purpose of this sampling was to collect fish population data, particularly walleye, in advance of the oxytetracycline (OTC) marking of fry which will begin in 2014. Fall sampling allows us to collect better information of fish sex and maturity which can be used in different statistical models for estimating population size and spawner stock biomass. Catch rates need to be viewed cautiously because we do not have any other sampling conducted at this time of the year to compare it to. The plan is to continue the fall sampling so it can be used to track any changes in the fishery.

Although catch rates are not as important we did sample a total of 73 walleye for a catch rate of 4.9 per lift, compared to 7.0 per net in summer 2011. Based on the size, sex, and maturity of walleyes caught, the population of walleye larger than 9 inches was 29,120 fish. This is about 6.7 fish per acre or about 4.3 pounds per acre. However, the abundance of spawning females was quite low, 2,308 or about 0.5 fish per acre (about 0.9 pounds per acre). As with any statistical model, there is always uncertainty, in statistics we call this error, not that it is wrong, but it is a point estimate with fairly broad confidence intervals.

Northern pike catch rate in the fall sampling was about 6.4 per net, compared to 11.1 per net in summer 2011. Several pike sampled were larger than 30 inches, the largest was just under 34 inches. Average length of pike samples was about 19.3 inches, compared to 18.4 inches in summer 2011.

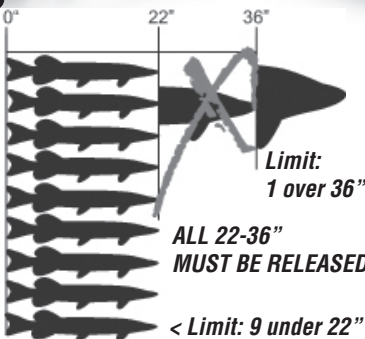
We are still reviewing the comments received on the walleye regulation proposal and a final decision should be announced soon. The number of comments received was very encouraging, it shows that many, many people are concerned about the quality of walleye fishing in Sand Lake.

Finally, looking ahead to 2014 we will stock Sand Lake with 1.9 million OTC marked fry. We will do more electrofishing and perhaps some shoreline seining to sample fingerling walleye to determine if they are marked or not. This will be in addition to our standard fall electrofishing and we are considering repeating the fall gill netting again in 2014.

Please feel free to contact the Area Fisheries Office if you have any questions. We can be reached at (218) 999-7821 or chris.kavanaugh@state.mn.us

Thanks... *Chris Kavanaugh*

KEEP 9 NORTHERN PIKE SLOT LIMIT



Remember the Northern Pike Slot Limit.
These experimental/special regulations apply to Sand Lake and connecting waters, Bowstring, Little Sand etc..

Ahh, here we are...
The Sand Lake Property Owners list.
Let's see been naughty.



Treasurer's Report July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

Cash on Hand Aug. 18, 2011	\$9,565.79
Income	
Dues Paid	3,745.00
Undesignated Donations	2,650.00
Stocking Donations*	1,135.50
Checking Account Interest	14.36
Grant - IBM	3,000.00
Grant - DNR	460.00
Sale of SLPOA Merchandise	170.00
Total Income	\$11,174.36

Expense	
Comm. Printing & Office Supplies	-1,454.97
Postage	543.72
Membership Dues	-154.50
Insurance	-295.00
Meeting Expenses	-794.69
Certificate of Deposit	-1,559.60
Deer River PO Box	-106.00
Bank Charges	0.00
Gifts Given	-50.00
Promotional Items	-317.89
Public Access & Resort Signs	528.00
Total Expense	-\$5,804.37

Cash on Hand June 30, 2013 **\$14,935.78**

Investments -	
Certificate of Deposit	\$20,000.00

Total Cash and Investments **\$34,935.78**

*SLPOA stocking donations balance \$5,503.16

Respectfully Submitted: Vic Warnement, Treasurer... Additions or corrections please e-mail them to me at: maxievic@paulbunyan.net or call (218) 659-4788. Thank you.

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Thank You Weed Cops & Ditch Cops

2013 "Weed Cops"

Pat Sievertson, Theresa McLafferty, Willy Fredrick, Mark Puhl, Marion & Linda Roberts, Brad & Lori Jones, John & Sandy Perkins, Chuck & Nadine Baker, Dan & Lori Dehn, Al Van Thomme, Mike Stettler, Donna Johns, Sue Wahlstrom, Vic & Bonnie Warnement, Charles Ames, Bernie & Pam Troje, Phil Thompson, Gary Weaver, Myron & Sandy Hahn, Jim Justesen, Lloyd Westermann, Richard Dahl, Rick & Ruth Hauck, Dennis & Kathy McGibbon, Jim Murphy, Loel & Carol Gorden, DNR Interns

2013 "Ditch Cops"

Mike Stettler, Dave Smith, Pat Sievertson, Sandy Hahn, Phil & Beth Thompson, Sandy Perkins, Lloyd Westermann, Dan Dehn, Marion & Linda Roberts, Gabriel & Julie Larson, Vic & Bonnie Warnement, Gary Weaver, Jan Severs, Ruth & Rick Hauck, John Howard, Gabriel Larson

Shoreland/Shoreline Rules and Regs

Set back and clearing, shoreland alteration information requests are covered by the Itasca County Office of Environmental Services 218 327 2857 Dan Swenson (dan-iel.swenson@co.itasca.mn.us) or Rosann Bray (rosann.bray@co.itasca.mn.us).



Zoning Ordinance... Article 5 (Shoreland) S.5.9.1 - 5.9.2 goes over shore-line work regulations and permits if needed. For a copy of Article 5 visit slpoa1.com.

Work within the water near shore is regulated by the MN DNR. The contact person would be Erika Herr 327-4106 erika.herr@state.mn.us. Additional contact is the Grand Rapids Area Fisheries office: 218-327-4430.

Fisheries administers the DNR's Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Program and should be contacted before the removal/cutting of any aquatic vegetation as permits are sometimes required. APM permits are issued by the Division of Fisheries.

If any work involves wetlands filling or draining or identification so they can be avoided... address by the Itasca County Soil and water Conservation District(SWCD... Matt Johnson at 326-0017 matt.johnson@itascaswcd.org . The SWCD also provides jtechnical advice on the installation of native buffers, shoreland stabilization, raingar-dens, native trees/shrubs/wildflowers. The SWCD often has cost share funding available for projects that can demonstrate a reduction in nutrient inputs to a watershed.

Why You Should Continue To Volunteer To Be A WEED-COP

My name is Gary Weaver and I want to make a case for continuing our AIS volunteer program to inspect boats at the public landing. OK... we have zebra mussels, but there are other devastating invasives that we don't have and NEED TO KEEP OUT!



Eurasian Milfoil...

If it gets in, many of the shallow bays would be clogged a virtually inaccessible. Think of the areas you're familiar with and how tht would effect you. I came from a lake that was infested with it... what a mess it made.

Faucet Snails = DEAD DUCKS

Man, we don't want these in our lake. They've contributed to the deaths of about 9,000 scaup and coots in 2007 and 2008 on Lake Winnibigoshish. They also compete with beloved native Sand Lake snails.



Spiny Water Fleas = Fish decline

If they get in our lake, they'll eat a lot of the zooplank-ton that minnows rely on. As bait fish go down so goes the game-fish. Result... get spiny water fleas... lose the excellent fishing we've always had.

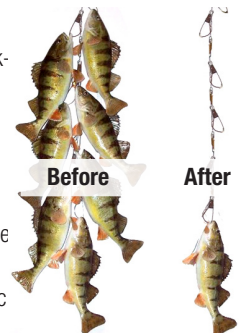
Please Volunteer

Last year we had hours from the DNR to help with the public access and we hope to get more support in 2014. Until we have a schedule from the DNR, I can't get specific as to our needs. I'm asking for you to volunteer today, and be ready to help when the time is right. I will contact you at a later date to create a volunteer schedule.

There's a place on the "Membership" for you to sign on. Or, give me a call or email me. It's fun and really really really does help keep our lake healthy.

Thanks Gary Wever... Phone: 218-659-2707

Email: gkweaver@paulbunyan.net



Fishing CAN decline due to invasion of spiny water fleas.

Zebra Mussels

We've got zebra mussels so we need to know how to deal with them. See Chris Kavanaugh's report & here's more from Rich Rezanka the DNR Invasive Species Specialist.

When removing docks/lifts, etc...the best bet is to leave zebra mussels on over the winter and let them freeze. Once they are dead and frozen it is much easier to remove them. Remove the mussels to prevent accumulation over time. Same holds true for pon-toon boats or other boats that stay in the water all year (not on lifts), clean hulls = speed and efficiency. Pressure washing will easily remove mussels any time of the year.

A bit of a side note here: It is legal to remove a mussel covered object from the lake, store it on your beach over the winter, and put it back in the SAME LAKE with mussels attached. It is also legal to move a boat or lift from the public access TO YOUR HOUSE for storage and cleaning. IT IS NOT LEGAL to move that same boat on the road next spring with zebra mussels still attached.

Be very careful about leaving outboards or I/O lower units in the water over the summer. The mussels like to attach to such surfaces. Marine mechanics from Mille Lacs say they've had to do extensive repair work to the internals of marine engines when zebra mussel larvae (veligers) get into cooling passages and pumps and then grow up

into adult zebra mussels. Boats that are not used regularly are most susceptible to such damage because the mussels have time to mature while the boat is not being used. The take-away is to get lower units and water intakes out of the water.

Also... I would be concerned about irrigation pumps that do not get used regularly.

Additional information...

- 2014 Fishing Regulation Handbook: http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/invasives/infested_waters.pdf
- Information with pictures of invasives: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/index.html>
- Additional AIS info: www.mndnr.gov/invasives/index_aquatic.html

Rich Rezanka can be contacted at 218-999-7805 or richard.rezanka@state.mn.us or Chris Kavanaugh 218-999-7821 or chris.kavanaugh@state.mn.us

All of this information is available on slpoa1.com

Get To Know Your SLPOA Officers & Directors



Dan Den... grew up with nine siblings on a farm in Dayton, MN, and graduated from Elk River High School. He worked for the Soo Line Railroad for 25 years. He and Lori raised three children living in Otsego before moving to Little Sand Lake in 2005. He says, "We like to fish and I love to hunt! Our friends and family enjoy coming to "the lake" as much as we enjoy living here."



Dave Smith... Born & raised in Rochester, Dave worked for Rochester Public Utilities and retired in 2000 after 35 years. He bought the Sand Lake place in 1992 and moved in full time in 2001. He's been married to Pam for 48 years. They have 2 children and 2 grandkids. Dave loves to fish and hunt, and says "We are blessed to be able to live on Sand Lake."



Phil Thompson... grew up in the small town of Racine... 20 miles south of Rochester where the population just recently reached 400! He received his bachelors degree from Moorhead State University. After 32 years with IBM in Fargo, Minneapolis, and Rochester he retired and luck for Sand Lake... as an IBM retiree he's eligible to apply for IBM sponsored grants each year which supporting the SLPOA. Since 1983 he's been hunting & fishing up here and has a brother and sister-in-law on Portage Lake (Bruce, Connie). When not at the lake he's farming corn, soybeans, & sweet corn for Libby's, with his two brothers in SE MN... He and Beth have been married for 38 happy years.



Pam Troje... and husband Bernie have been summer residents since 1972. Before retiring, she worked as a licensed practical nurse. She told us, "Our sons had summers filled with seining minnows, catching night crawlers & fishing. I love all the happenings at the lake, the Community Center, the WOWS, the Evergreen Friendship Club, the Chautauqua. & the Westenders. Being a board member helps me give back to a community I love."



Vic Warnament... is 65 years old & was born and raised in North MPLS. He graduated from the University of Washington in Psychology, served 4 years in the military, then worked for the VA for 30 years. After a VERY long courtship, his wife Bonnie, aka Myrtle, said "yes" when he asked her to marry him. The ceremony was right there on the shores of Sand Lake! With Bonnie and their dog Maxie they've lived here for the past 9 years.



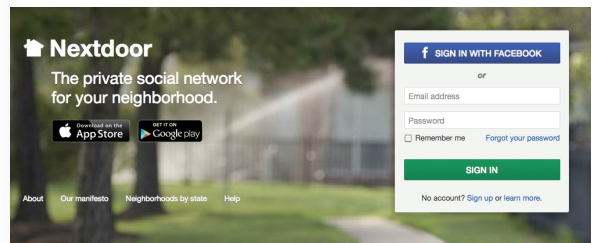
Gary Weaver... graduated from St. Cloud State University in Mathematics then lived in Mpls and worked retail for 50 years. He's been married to Kathy for 39 years and they both love their rescue dog Suki. Gary moved to Portage Lake in 2008. His hobbies and interests include curling @ Itasca Curling Club, golf, and scuba diving with the Itasca County Sheriff's Dive Team. He's well traveled with 38 states and 21 foreign countries under his belt. His goal... learn how to fish.



STAR ISLAND UPDATE

Michelle at the Forrest Service in Deer River, reported that a picnic area on the north side of the island should be ready for the summer. The intent is to remove all remaining debris this winter once the ice is safe enough to drive on. There already has been some activity by local residents to spruce up the designated picnic area.

Visit Our New Website:
www.slpoa1.com



www.nextdoor.com

If you haven't already joined us... please do. Many SLPOA members have joined our website. It really is a fantastic way to build community. It allows us to share information and even photos of your big catch of the day. Jim Hansen is our most prolific poster... Thanks Jim. The more neighbors we have involved the better it will serve us all... **I started it and am a member.**

John Perkins... jfpc2@paulbunyan.net



MEMBER EMAIL ADDRESS PLEASE

We're doing better but we haven't got everyone's email address yet. Please include it on the Membership Application or send it to me direct. **My email address is jfpc2@paulbunyan.net.** Thanks for your help... John Perkins



For Better Address

If you want your mail delivered to the lake... write that address. If you have a different address... write that one in.

Thanks...Vic Warnament

TEAR OFF ON DOTTED LINE.

APPLICATION FOR 2014 CALENDAR YEAR • RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

MEMBERSHIP

Voting members must be property owners on Sand Lake, Portage Lake, Little Sand Lake or Rush Island in Itasca County Sand Lake Property Owners Association is a tax exempt, non profit association whose purpose is to represent the members' common interest in the



Sand Lake area and its environment. Our association is managed 100% by Lake Owner volunteers. There are no salaries. We operate completely on Dues and Donations.

HELP!

When you send us this form, please volunteer for activities that maintain the health and beauty of our wonderful Sand Lake area.

Yes. Contact me... I'd like to help with:

- Weed Cops, Invasive species monitoring at the public landings
- Adopt a Highway... Trash pickup on Rt. 35 & Rt. 4 twice a year.
- SLPOA Board Membership... We always need participation in the operation of our board. It's fun and rewarding. Contact me about being nominated

MAIL TO: Sand Lake Owners Property Association PO Box 690, Deer River MN 56636
Your check is your receipt • Signed receipt sent on request.

Name(s) _____

MAILING Address _____

E-Mail: _____ Optional: Phone# _____ Phone# _____

2014 DUES... \$15.00 _____ DONATIONS \$ _____ STOCKING DONATIONS\$ _____