

FISHERIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

On November 18th at approximately 12:00 the Walleye Stocking was completed on Pleasant Lake. 300 Walleyes ranging in size from 6 inches to 9 ½ inches were released by Tall Lake Fish Hatchery. The vibrant fish had a 0% mortality rate in the transporting and release process. At the time of release the water temperature was 42 which bodes well for the survival rate after introduction. Through negotiations the final cost including came in significantly under the budgeted amount of \$750.00 with the actual total at \$620.00. It is hoped that this amount can be carried forward to 2011 and increase the number to be stocked next year.

We will also be looking into the possibility of stocking a forage species for the Walleyes as this is highly recommended. One option is the stocking of perch as a forage base and this will be analyzed over the next year.

The size limit for Walleyes is 15 Inches and some of the stocked fish may reach that length in 2 seasons.

Options are being looked into to find additional sources of funds to increase the numbers in the stocking program. General suggestions, or if someone would like to make a personal donation to the program, can be sent to me at Mkasprzak@graebel.com and the committee will respond.

During the upcoming year the committee will also be mapping out a plan for increasing the fish habitat through tree falls, brush piles, cribs, etc... to increase the natural reproduction and survival rate of all natural species in Pleasant Lake.

Your Fisheries Committee working to improve the quality of fishing on Pleasant Lake.

All take care and enjoy the Thanksgiving Weekend,

Mark