

THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Guest Speaker This Month

Unfortunately last month AIM Pro Dennis Gulau wasn't able to make the trip up do to the weather, however he will be back up at the April meeting with us talking about tips and tricks to fishing Walleye in the weeds, as well as discussing some of the many other the things he's learned and experienced fishing as a pro the last few seasons. Don't miss the opportunity. Dennis is a great guy and is more than willing to answer any questions you might have.

Inland Waterways Study

In 2011 the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department, and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State University will be conducting a comprehensive survey of the walleye populations throughout the Inland Waterway. The main objectives of the project are to estimate population size, growth rates, movement, and reproductive success of walleye in the Inland Waterway. The survey will begin in the early spring when intensive netting and electrofishing will take place. We will tag and release walleyes and will track recoveries of tagged fish with angler interviews and by voluntary tag returns. We will also collect walleye spine samples to determine fish ages. In addition to the spring survey, we will be conducting work throughout the spring and summer with a variety of collection gears in the lakes and tributaries, including a summer gill-net survey targeting lake sturgeon in Burt Lake.

Fish are marked with a metal jaw tag (see photo below) that will have an address and tag number. Approximately ½ of tags are denoted as having a monetary reward (\$10). If you catch a tagged fish, please fill out a tag return form (provided at access sites) and either send it to the address given, give it to an MDNRE or MSU representative, or you may complete a form on-line (www.michigandnr.com/FISH/TAGGEDFISH.ASP). If you catch a fish that will be released, please remove the tag before releasing the fish. Letters will be sent to anglers detailing information about the tagged fish. We also ask for angler's assistance in providing information to the sampling crews that will be working on the lakes throughout the year. The information they collect is essential for making accurate estimates of population size and movement. Your participation is appreciated and will help in future management.

For more information please contact:

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Maxwell Field, LTBB NRD Inland Fish Biologist-Harbor Springs, 231-242-1670, mfield@ltbbodawa-nasn.gov

Dan Hayes, MSU Professor, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, 517-432-3781, hayesdan@msu.edu



Get'em ready Boys and Girls

It's finally time to say goodbye to the hardwater, even though it really doesn't feel like saying goodbye to us at the present time. The launch is now open at the Post Office, and I know of at least a few people who've been out and taken a few Browns. It's the last chance before things get going to finish up putting on your new electronics, motors, fix up your wiring, getting your launch permit, etc... Don't forget to check and make sure all your safety equipment like, throw rings, flares, and life jackets are on board, current, and in working order. I know the last couple years our local C.O.s and Coast Guard haven't been too shy about pulling up and saying hello, and often going through the entire spectrum of safety gear.

Agricultural Science Teacher Fishing Outing Planned (THANK YOU)

Thanks to all club members who have volunteered their time and boats to fish the Michigan Agricultural Science Teachers Outing on Tuesday, June 21st. It's great that we are able to pull together as a club and do things like this. If you are still interested in getting involved, contact Brian Matchett @ 989-335-0345.

Tournament Change:

Please take note: As was discussed last month, the proposed Bay City tournament in May was changed to the Au Gres DNR launch.

While we are talking fishing again let me remind you about the wealth of info on walleye fishing at the Alpena County Library. There are mega Infishermen tapes, DVD's and magazines the club purchased and donated to the library on how, when and where to catch these elusive critters. Check them out, it may give you new light on different tactics to improve your catch. Time on the water, using different methods, making notes on time of the year, locations, weather conditions a few days prior to your fishing day etc. are important.

Banquet

We will be in need of people to work games and help out at the banquet, please sign up at the meeting or e-mail Denny @ jackieodennyb@frontier.com if you're are willing to help. If people pitch in, nobody has to do a whole lot of work, and besides, working the games is fun!!! The Awards banquet is always a great time, and fun for the whole family. If you've never been, and can make it, we'd love to see you there.

Annual Thunder Bay Walleye Club Awards Banquet

Saturday, April 16th, 2011

Alpena Sportsman's Club

Agenda

Doors open at 4:30

Games/Appetizers 5:00 - 7:00

Dinner at 7:00

Awards to follow dinner

Setups will be provided

Door Prizes!

Games! (for kids too)

Raffles!

Women's Baskets!

Dinner

By

Ami Lenning

Hors D'oeuvres, Dinner, Turkey Breast and Gravy, Honey Ham, Baked Potato, Buttered Corn, Asparagus, Hot Rolls, Salad, and Desserts, Coconut Cream and Apple Pies, Carrot and Chocolate Cream Cakes.

Dinner is \$15.00 per person at the door.

12 and under are free.

Please RSVP by Monday, April 11th, your name and how many adults and under 12 will attend to Dennis Burns at 989 354-2419 and leave a message or email to jackieodennyb@frontier.com. You do not have to be a member to participate. Please note that we will have to have an accurate # when you RSVP. We will not be able to accept ANY last minute attendees at the door for dinner.

Walleye Club jacket orders

If you are interested in getting a Walleye Club jacket, please give Steve Hubert a call @ 379-4614, so he can make it worthwhile to put orders together. It is really not a cost saver to order one jacket at a time. If you plan on getting one, call ahead, so he can plan for orders.

Steve will have hats, t-shirts, TBWC decals etc. at the monthly meetings for you to purchase. All items are at club cost.

Jackets for DJ and Paul are here and will be at this months meeting for you to pick up.

(New)
****Classifieds****
Props for Electric Motor(s)
FREE

Paul DeYoung has (2) of these Kipawa 80/01 props that someone can try. I tried them on my Engine Mount 160 RT Motors (even thought they weren't one of the listed applicable motors) but they caused fits with the Minn Kota maximizer dual controller. I can tell you or anyone else that they do give you way more traction and boat control than the stock prop does. If you know anyone with one of the listed motors that would like to try one let me know. Call Paul @ 464-8290

Kipawa Propeller 80/01

Fits Minn Kota 05 & Newer Motors

This propeller has a 4" Hub.

Fits These Motor Models:serial number prefix ww

MAX 101, MAX101/US, MAX 101/H/3X, VANTAGE 101, VANTAGE 80, RT101/B/3X, RT101/B, RT101/B/H,RT 80/B, RT 80/B/L&D, RT 80/B/3X, RT 80/S/3X, RT 80/AP, VECTOR 101/3X, VECTOR 80/3X, MAX 80, MAX 80/US, MAX 80/H/3X, MAX PRO 80, MAX PRO 80/US, MAX PRO 101, MAX PRO 101/US, MAX 80T, 80PD, 80PD/AP, 80PD/AP/US, Traxxis 80, Fortrex 101, Fortrex 80, Terrova 80. or visit

<http://www.kipawapropellers.com/331655.html>

- If you are in need of any boat needs, contact Greg (The Boatkeeper) Trelfa 989-595-3149.
- Polaris Sportsman 500 4-wheeler; 500 miles; \$5,000. Call Bob @ 727-4708 for details.

**** Please let Erich know when an item sells, so that I can remove it- thanks. ****

Search tbwalleye.com for the latest tournament results, newsletters, and blog. Todd has posted the up to date tournament results including weights, and points earned.
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****- Please let Erich (I've taken over the newsletter for Romeo for a while) know the events you are involved with email me at walleynesnyper@hotmail.com We'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments -****

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 13th, 2010 at 7:00 pm

- **ACC Besser Tech Room -112 in the BTC on the north side of Johnson St.**

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month

(Please note: If the college is closed due to weather conditions the meeting will be rescheduled)

AGENDA:

- Old Business
April Banquet

- New Business
James Farm Pond

- **ADDRESS, EMAIL, OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGES?
PLEASE CALL DENNY BURNS @ 989-354-2419 ANYTIME AND
LEAVE A MESSAGE OR EMAIL AT
JACKIEODENNYB@FRONTIER.COM**

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

Memberships can be mailed to PO Box 812 or paid at the monthly meeting for the 2011 year.

Those who get the newsletter by mail have their membership year on the front of the envelope and those who receive the newsletter by email can note their membership year by the date after their name in the to section of the email. Membership dues are \$15.00 for a single membership (you alone) and \$25.00 for a family membership (all those living in the same house).

<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL CLUB BANQUET RSVP no later than Monday, April 11th</p>
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