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Ice, Ice, Go Away!

Winter doesn't seem to want to release its grip on North East Michigan. While there may be a few places yet to get on the ice, it is getting iffy. If you are anything like me, you've seen enough cold and snow for the year. Spring fishing is picking up a lot of steam in the southern part of the state. The Walleye are in high gear down on Erie, and the Detroit River has good numbers of fish in the lower river. It's going to get nothing but better! If you can't or don't want to head south, take some time to tune some tackle, and make sure your rig is ready.

The river launch is open. Some fishing is taking place on the bay with success in the cement plant as well as the cement plant channel. Wayne Vandyke and Erich Carlson are on the Detroit river now.

Fish Plants

Earlier this week the DNR stocked 20,000 Steelhead and 20,000 Atlantics at the dock near the DNR station. Ed Retherford reported that the fish looked healthy, and that there were no cormorants present although there were some gulls trying their luck. He said the fish seemed to stay a bit deeper. This is the first time for Atlantics in Alpena, so it'll be a couple years before we see the results. The DNR is also planning on releasing 13,000 Atlantics in Lexington, and an additional 40,000-50,000 in the Soo.

Potential funding cut for the "NEW" Research Vessel

It is VERY important that as many people as possible contact state rep. Peter Pettalia. The money for the new research boat, to replace the Chinook, may have been cut. Contact Peter at: PeterPettalia@house.mi.gov.

Fish Cleaning

The DNR will be setting fry nets in the bay very soon. They plan to start netting fish sometime between the 1st and 15th of April. We will continue to clean fish as we have in the past to give primarily to the Friendship Room and possibly some other charities that have requested them. We will have a sign up at the April meeting. Those that cannot make the meeting, and would like to help with the cleaning can contact Carl Kelly at 356-4694 or ckelly2290@gmail.com.

Club Tournaments

Yes, we are ready to start with the first tourney at Hubbard Lake Saturday May 4th 6PM – 2AM. Launch is DNR East Bay by Somkeys.

We will talk about when, where and how to fish Hubbard at this meeting.

DeTour is on August 18th so if you are planning to go you should make your reservation now as August is a busy month for that area.

Walleye Fishing Presenter Anyone interested? Volunteers? This could be good PR

The Alpena Public Library is interested in having someone from the TBWC come do a presentation about Walleye and Walleye fishing for anyone interested in attending. It could be about any of your favorite techniques, or anything Walleye. Maybe one or two guys might be willing to do this together? Ideas?

Interested?

Contact Darwin Grabow 354-4788 for more information

The club could use a PR person to get things into the news, radio or where ever relating to the club tournaments and other activities. How about it R B.

Banquet INFO

The TBWC 2012 tournament season awards banquet is set for April 20th @ the Alpena Sportsman's Club There will be further updates at the meeting. Enclosed is the 2013 Flier. Mark the date on your appointment calendar. Meal is by Sherrie O'Brien, all food is homemade. She is Country Apple Catering certified by the State of Michigan. Price is the same as last year, \$15.00 per person with kids 12 and under free.

*****Please RSVP by Monday, April 15th, your name and how many adults, 12 and under 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. **From time to time there is a cancelation so if you forgot to RSVP by Monday April 15th contact Denny to see if we can accommodate you.****

Brown Trout News.

Brown trout continues to get organized for this year's tournament with some money committed for the Walleye Tourney portion the first weekend of BT. With the 700 to 1,000 Hogs coming to town the last 3 days of BT the beer sales should increase for the festival. Activities are being planned at the BT area which includes the bikers. The Alpena County Fair board and BT are coordinating efforts to make as successful as they can for both organizations.

Consider contributing to the Newsletter!

Please consider contributing to the newsletter! Do you have a fishing or hunting story that is worthy of sharing? Do you have any fantastic pictures to share? Do you have an awesome recipe that you are willing to share? It doesn't necessarily have to be about fish. It would certainly make the newsletter more interesting. If you have something you'd like to share please send it to Erich Carlson's e-mail: walleynyper@hotmail.com. I'll be sure it gets in! The author can remain anonymous if you so desire, just indicate your preference when submitting something to Erich Carlson.

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.

Here is a list of high quality hooded sweat shirts we have left.

Stone washed light blue, 1 M, 4 L, 4 XL, 1 XXL at \$30.00 ea.

Dark Grey, 4 L, 5 XL, 1 XXL, 3 XXXL at \$25.00 ea.

Light Grey, 1 M, 5 XL at \$25.00 ea.

Dark Blue, 4 XL at \$25.00 ea.

All have a small club logo on the left breast.

All items are at club cost.

Looking for upgrades, or repairs? Call the Boatkeeper!

Most of you already know that TBWC member Greg Trelfa is a great mechanic. Why order from the big stores when Greg now has access to a full line of marine parts and accessories for all the major brands like Johnson, Evenrude, Mercury, Yamaha and more? He can also supply you with the latest in electronics from Lowrance and Hummingbird, and does professional high end installations as well. His kind of personal service is hard to come by, so if you are looking to upgrade some electronics or need some repairs or maintenance done and want it done right at very competitive prices, give Greg a call @ 595-3149.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS CAN BE PAID NOW.

Single person membership is \$15.00 per year.

Family membership is \$25.00 includes all persons in your household.

If you don't know if your memberships are due contact Denny Burns at 989 354 2419.

Make checks out to TBWC.

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.

Please let Erich know the events you are involved with by email me at walleesnyper@hotmail.com we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday, April 10th, 2013**

ACC Besser Tech Center (New Room -126) it's the large room to the right as you go in the front entrance in the BTC on the north side of Johnson St.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

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

AGENDA:

Banquet

Hubbard Lake

Brown Trout report

TWF Update by Wayne VanDyke?

Detour Tourney boundary?

Detroit River Update

Annual Thunder Bay Walleye Club Awards Banquet

Saturday, April 20th, 2013

Alpena Sportsman's Club

Agenda

Doors open at 4:30

Setups will be provided

BYOB

Games/Appetizers 5:00 - 7:00

Dinner at 7:00

Awards to follow dinner

Door Prizes!

Games! (for kids too)

Raffles!

Women's Baskets!

Dinner

By

Sherrie O'Brien

Country Apple Catering is certified by the State of Michigan

Hors D'oeuvres (Veggie Tray with crab dip), Dinner, Baked Chicken, Homemade Swedish Meatballs, Kielbasa with Sauerkraut, Real Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Buttered Corn, Glazed Carrots, Green Bean Almandine, Hot Rolls, Salad, and Desserts.

Dinner is \$15.00 per person at the door. 12 and under are free.

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