

THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2012

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NEW MEETING ROOM 126

Our previous spot with the comfortable chairs

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.

Upcoming Tournaments

Saginaw Bay – Launch Augres Sunday June 17th 7AM – 3PM

Last year on May 22nd the club had another dandy down in Au Gres. Due to previously tough fishing, weather forecasts, and other various reasons several teams decided not to make the trip. Too bad, because tough fishing once again turned into great fishing overnight! You just never know!! The weather was absolutely beautiful with calm water and sunny 80 degree temps. Just about the entire bay had been mud during the previous week, so it was necessary to run to find cleaner water. Many of them found it. It paid off big, and in some cases with dozens of walleye! Slow trolled spinners on in-lines and bouncers, with the bouncers by far producing the best. The winners targeted a reef area east of the shipping channel between Big and Little Charity Islands going through sixteen fish by the day's end.

We are fishing 3 weeks later this year and with the entire bay full of walleye it should be another good year at Saginaw.

Thunder Bay– Launch Alpena Boat Harbor Sunday July 8th 7AM - 3PM

Last year on July 10th as we got closer to the middle of July the day time bite got noticeably more difficult. You could still get your fish, but if it was bright and calm you better get them early or you were probably in for a bit of a grind. The winning fish were pulled just north of Scarecrow Island before 10:00 slow trolling Buggy Blades 15 to 25 feet back on half ounce in-lines. A couple upgrade fish late in the day fishing deeper water outside of Sulfur Island and the waters around the Sulfur Island Reef.

Fishing in the bay has varied greatly depending on wind, water temps. Fish are being caught pretty consistently in the night time at Crooked Island and south. It has been a tough

go during the day, with a few fish here and there. The water is still really cold for this time of year, so look for warmer water.

Remember when fishing club tournaments, one person in the boat must be a current member and a non member may fish only one time. 2011 memberships are no longer valid. You can renew your membership and new memberships at a tournament.

Beware

Fishing netting will continue thru June. These will be lighted at both ends. Nets will be in 10 to 20 feet of water from Lafarge to the Bear Point area. The entire area will not be covered at one time. Nets will be placed in various areas at various times.

2012 Thunder Bay Walleye Club Best 5 Tournament Standings

Top 50 of 87 Fishing thru 3 of 9 Tournaments

Name	Points Best 5 of 9	Rank
Carlson, Erich	191.00	1
Matchett, Brian	170.50	2
Matchett, Mel	170.50	2
Douglas, Al	163.98	3
Byce, Mark	161.82	4
Ross, Vic	127.33	5
Mackenzie, Eric	114.09	6
Watts, Jim	113.58	7
Donajkowski, Larry J	107.97	8
Kruczynski, Eric	107.95	9

James Farm Pond

James Farm Pond was good this year, and more than 150,000 fish were harvested. Waterbodies that were stocked directly from that pond include: Lake Esau 10,000 and the 7 mile impoundment 50,000 and other locations not known as of this writing, as well as the indirect stocking of fish into the river as the pond drains.

Thanks to all those who fished the Night Eyes tournament for donating walleye for the fish fry at the James Farm Pond Tuesday. Thanks to all of those who helped harvest. Thanks to Richard, Pam and Steve Hubert for filling and fertilizing the pond. Carl Kelly gleaned walleye out of the Night Eyes tourney contestants at 1am Saturday night and finished filleting. Pam put together a great coleslaw and a potato salad, deep fried the fish as well as a great chocolate cake. Makes your mouth water doesn't it.

Fish Cleaning

Not much is going on with fish cleaning this year. Bad weather and other problems have made this the poorest year ever.

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.

Brown Trout

The Club is required to purchase 300 of their raffle tickets for the BT Festival. I will be mailing 3 to the membership in June. Your options are:

1. Sell for \$5 each or 3 for \$10.
- 2 Purchase yourself.
- 3 Do nothing and return tickets to the club.
- 4 Return ticket stubs and checks or the entire ticket to the club in the enclosed return envelope.

Checks should be made out to the **Thunder Bay Walleye Club** not to the Brown Trout Festival.

Along with the raffle tickets there will be a BT work schedule for the 2012 Festival. Please review and call Denny Burns at 989 354 2419 or email me on when you want to donate some of your time for the club.

This a major money maker for the club to help us with our club projects through out the year.

Huron Erie Walleye Spatial Ecology

Project Title: Spatial ecology, migration and mortality of adult walleye in Lake Huron and western Lake Erie

GLATOS Project Code: HECWL

Project Duration: June 2010 - December 2014

Project Description: Across the Great Lakes walleye represent an important ecological and economic fish species. Although the abundance of walleye varies among the different lakes, this species moves across large geographic areas within and among the Great Lakes. Walleye have recently recovered in Saginaw Bay and now are a major predator in Lake Huron. Consequently, information regarding the migration patterns of Great Lakes walleye stocks as it pertains to fish age, sex and spawning population will provide fishery researchers with the information needed to better manage these populations and ensure that these populations persist into the future. During the spring of 2011, fishery biologists with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Carleton University, and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission collected walleye from the Tittabawassee River, Lake Huron and Maumee River, Lake Erie during the annual spawning

migration. An acoustic transmitter was surgically implanted into the body cavity of two hundred walleye, 100 males and 100 females, from *each* river. Walleye were also tagged with two external anchor tags to alert anglers and aid in the recovery of the tag. Following the surgery walleyes were released. Movement patterns of these fish are being monitored using acoustic receivers located throughout the Tittabawassee and Maumee rivers, Lake Huron, and the Huron-Erie Corridor (Detroit and St. Clair rivers and Lake St. Clair) through 2014. Individuals catching or finding a walleye with an internal tag or external tag(s) are encouraged to report this information by filling out an electronic tag return form or calling 989-734-4768.

Objectives:

1. Determine the proportion of walleyes spawning in the Tittabawasse River or in the Maumee River that reside in the Lake Huron main basin population, move into and through the Huron-Erie-Corridor, and reside in Lake Erie.
2. Identify the environmental characteristics associated with the timing and extent of walleye movement from riverine spawning grounds into Lake Huron and back again.
3. Determine whether walleye demonstrate spawning site fidelity.
4. Compare unbiased estimates of mortality parameters of walleyes from Saginaw Bay and the Maumee River.

Management Benefits: This study will allow fisheries scientists to set system-specific harvest regulations designed to enhance and protect these populations, while maintaining appropriate levels of sustainable harvest. The information will also allow fishery scientists to manage the overall predator consumption demand on Lake Huron's prey resources.

Investigators:

1. Todd Hayden (GLFC) - haydento@msu.edu
2. Chris Vandergoot (Ohio DNR)
3. Dave Fielder (Michigan DNR)
4. Steven Cooke (Carleton University)
5. Todd Hayden (Carleton University)
6. Chris Holbrook (U.S. Geological Survey)

Participating Organizations:

1. Great Lakes Fishery Commission
2. Carleton University
3. Ohio DNR
4. Michigan DNR
5. U.S. Geological Survey
6. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

It is said that walleye tagged from the Maumee River have been detected north of Alpena.

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 (I've been officially Romeo'd) know the events you are involved with by email at walleynyper@hotmail.com We'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joel Otto	Atlanta	Mike Wisniewski	Ossineke
Tony Gapczynski	Herron	Rich & Lois Chojnacki	Herron
Jason Snyder	Alpena	Rick Hodgins	Hubbard Lake
Rich Wool	Alpena	Dave Nowak	Alpena
Doug Ellinger	Lincoln	Ed Prevo	Ossineke

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 13th, 2012 at 7:00 pm

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:

- New Business
- Fishing
- Brown Trout Walleye Tournament
- Formalize stuff with the BT Committee People (Eric Kruczynski)
- Membership participation in BT Festival
- MWT Championship Tournament in Alpena
- Kids Fishing Day in August

LAST CALL

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

Memberships can be mailed to PO Box 812 or paid at the monthly meeting for the 2012 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 header. 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).

If you have questions, Denny Burns email at jackieodennyb@frontier.com