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**Walleye Stocking Update** Practice Catch & Release **Walleye Stocking Update**

**Thank you, thank you, thank you, for YOUR donations and support of the walleye program!**

There was a meeting held with the DNR in February to review our stocking program. The DNR is recommending that we stock larger walleyes this Fall, which are three fish per pound approximately, 9”+ in length. In checking with the hatchery who supplies our fish, the cost of stocking all three lakes comes to $3,600. Total donations to date come to $2,000. We’ve yet to meet our goal. We need to notify the hatchery by June 1st to get our order placed for fish. We are seeking these contributions to meet the maximum walleye stocking expenses. Help us reach our goal. Any amount you donate will go a long way!

The fish management team also spoke with the DNR to actively participate in a stocking program in the future. They were scheduled to conduct a special netting survey in 2015 for perch to verify the increase in perch population that we’re finding in our lakes. These perch are approximately 4” in length now. Their recommendation is to wait until 2016 or 2017 to conduct this netting survey, to verify that the perch population is still on the increase that way the perch will be in the 5”+ category and they will be able to net them with their equipment. 2017 is our next scheduled stocking. If their nets show 5+ perch/net, this is one of the key factors in their participation in stocking walleyes. As long as our northern population continues to decline like was shown in the 2012 DNR netting survey by 30-40%. It’s critical that all northerns caught which measure 24” or larger be released, this helps decrease the small northern population (they prey on their own kind).

Contact Jeff Stanway if you have any questions: 218-764-2700

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| *Future donations for walleye stocking can also be mailed in along with your membership dues.* | |