HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB

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Fund Raising Donations were down for 2007 and at \$985 it was a reduction of over 40% from the year before. In fact not only were the donations down they were very late in the season which made a fall planting unwise. We are once again asking a minimum of a \$25.00 donation from each family. Please remember that many individuals give much more than the basic donation and some families that don't even fish contribute because they believe it is the right thing to do.

Fish Plantings The plans for this year are for a spring planting of ten gallons of minnows. A Fall planting is uncertain and will depend on the funds raised this Summer. The Fall '06 planting consisted of 500 Bass (5 to 7"), 160 Crappie (4 to 6"), and 160 Hybrid Bluegills (4 to 6"). We did plant 10 gallons of Fathead minnows in the spring of '07. Although the sizes of the planted fish were good the quantities are down and when you consider the amount we use to plant was closer to 2000 fish at a time. The reduction in the plantings is due to the increased cost of the fish and the decrease in donations. We may have to adopt a schedule of planting only every 2 or 3 years.

Loon Report The Loons returned at first ice out and have been hanging around the South end of the lake. I am not sure if they are nesting yet but I bet they will be at their historical site at the south west corner of the lake. The protective buoys will be in before the holiday. Everybody is requested to respect the nesting area and this includes the wake from your watercraft.

<u>The 4th of July</u> The annual boat parade will be at 1:00 pm on the 4th. If you want to participate just decorate your boat and join the precession. Rafting and partying may occur at various locations after the parade. So whether or not you decorate and parade or just watch from the shore and have a good time.

<u>New Web Site</u> Henderson Lake has moved to the 21^{st} century and we now have a web site. You can access the site at http://hendersonlake.org/ and you can send in photos, coming events or announcements to wo8f@arrl.net.

HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Ron Chapman
Floyd Norscia & Kevin Dillon
Bruce Baumann & Dave Skornia
Alan and Mary Ann Johnston

Donations: Donations will be collected in each of the subdivisions between Memorial Day and Labor Day If you want to donate by mail you can mail a check to...

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Make all checks payable to <u>HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB</u>.

Basic Family Donation \$ 25.00

Fishing Results

Mike Francis 10 Bass 24" to 12" drifting & casting rubber worms late Aug. all released

If you have good luck let us know by using the attached form. *Remember please don't keep all that you catch, practice CATCH AND RELEASE* <u>Detach & return form to a club volunteer</u>

Name:	Type of fish caught	<u> </u>
Method of fishing	Lure/bait or other	
Size of fish length and weight	Date caught	Was it Kept or Released

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