HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

May 23, 2023 Mike Kujawa and Bill Olsen, Editors

Loon Report: The Loons returned again this year within about 24 hours after the ice began to open, which was about March 25-29, 2023. They have nested along the south bay shoreline about 150 feet southeast (left) of the single dock there. To be safe, please stay away from this nesting area so they don't feel threatened or pressured.

<u>Winter Ice Party Fundraiser / Fishing Report:</u> The Winter Ice Party (February 18, 2023) event was very well attended by over 100 folks. The tent was set up at Pauley Park because of concern for poor ice conditions. In spite of the non-ice location, the event was a huge financial success with over \$5,400 netted for purchase of fish stock this year.

A Catch & Release Bass Fishing Tournament is planned for Saturday, June 10 (6am-noon) which is a DNR's - Free Fishing Weekend. Unlike the Winter event, this is only for Henderson Lake property owners and their immediate families. Please follow the Henderson Lake Facebook Group for further details like tournament registrations, rules, and participation in raffles. Again, all proceeds will be used to purchase fish stock for Henderson Lake.

- 2022 30 gallons Fat Head Minnows, 1,000 Walleye (6-8")
- 2021 1050 Black Crappie (4-6"), 200 Largemouth Bass (5-8"), 15 Walleye (6-8")
- 2020 4.5 gallons of Fat Head Minnows, conducted Northpoint Fisheries survey, fall planting of 1,155 Walleye (6-8")
- 2019 725 Perch (4-6"), 1100 Hybrid Bluegills (3-5"), 200 Walleye (4-6") and 29 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
- 2018 740 Hybrid Bluegills (5-7"), 6 gallons of Fat Head Minnows, 600 Black Crappie (4-5"), 400 Perch (4-6")
- 2017 950 Large Mouth Bass (5-8"), 100 Walleye (6-9"), 300 Black Crappie (3-4"), 3 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
- 2016 25 gallons of Perch
- 2015 300 Hybrid Bluegills, 500 Bass (very small sized at 2-3")
- 2014 300 Hybrid Bluegills, 5 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
- 2013 250 Bass (4-6"), 200 Sunfish, 8x5 gallon buckets of Perch and Minnows. The Perch should spawn Spring 2013
- **2012** 500 Perch

<u>Lake Health Management:</u> The Special Assessment District (SAD) which provides funding for aquatic management of our lake was renewed for seven years (Dec. 2019 – Dec. 2025 winter tax bills) by Cumming and Hill Townships. The overall health of Henderson Lake is A-Rated in large part because of funding from the SAD. The assessed monetary amount and technical content of the SAD did not change.

Invasive species of weeds (Eurasian Water Milfoil, Starry Stonewort, Curly Leaf Pondweed, etc.) found anywhere in the lake, and nuisance weeds only along the developed shoreline out to five feet of water depth are being treated. **Please see HendersonLake.org for downloadable copies of all the various reports and studies.**

Henderson Lake Fishing Club Volunteers:

North End Ron Chapman, Dave Attenberger, Mike Kujawa 50
Allen Sub Bryan Pepper 25
Henderson Heights Dave & Adam Skornia, Brad Bellville 30
27
South End George & Barb Losee, Bill Olsen 85 = 190

Donate using PayPal from our website http://www.hendersonlake.org/fishing-club.html



Use Venmo or PayPal to HendersonLakeFC@gmail.com (Please generously cover service charges from PayPal or Venmo.)

Mike Kujawa, 468 3rd Street, Lupton, MI 48635 Make checks payable to Henderson Lake Fishing Club Basic Family Donation \$30.00 (More is always welcome!)



- Practice CATCH AND RELEASE! Please do not keep all that you catch.
- Keep a <u>rake-by-the-lake</u> to remove / clean-up weeds washed ashore. Milfoil spreads by fragmentation, so get those weed fragments out of the water.