HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

September 1, 2022

Loon Report: The Loons nested again this year several hundred feet east of Diehl's dock at the south end of the lake. They were on the nest many days until something got to the egg(s), likely an eagle or snapping turtle. As of this writing, both adults are still fishing / feeding all around the lake.

Fishing Report: This summer's donations to the Henderson Lake Fishing Club and our fish stocking program have been very slow and low, at about 50% of recent years. **Please contribute using the instructions in this newsletter.**

Hold the date of **Saturday, February 18 for the 2023 Winter Ice Party & Fishing Tournament**. As further plans are developed, they will be posted to our Henderson Lake Group on Facebook and to <u>HendersonLake.org</u>. This year's event netted \$2,616 for purchase of fish stock for the lake.

Our first **Catch & Release Bass Fishing Tournament & Fundraiser** on Saturday morning, June 11 was a positive event. In all there were 12 adults, and two 14-and-under entries. The first-place winner for the adult division was Matt Smith with 10.68 lbs. Second place was Tim Johnson with 8.44 lbs. Third place was Dave Skornia with 6.63 lbs. For the 14 and under division Karter Box won first place with 2.59 lbs. and second place was Reagan Cameron. Including entry fees, T-shirt, and raffle ticket sales, \$617 were the net proceeds, all of which will be used for fish stocking of the lake.

- **2022** 30 gallons Fat Head Minnows on May 18. Details for a fall planting of Walleye are being finalized.
- **2021** 1050 Black Crappie (4-6"), 200 Large Mouth 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

Lake Health Management: The overall health of Henderson Lake continues to be A-Rated! In large part because of funding from the Special Assessment District which provides funding for aquatic management of our lake. 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, Frank Kujawa, Mike Kujawa	50
Allen Sub	Bryan Pepper	25
Henderson Lake Heights	Dave & Adam Skornia, Brad Bellville	30
Henderson Beach Sub	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 <u>HendersonLakeFC@gmail.com</u> (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.