

HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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Loon Report: The Loons returned within days of ice out and are all over the lake. They seem to be staying away from their recent nesting spot at the south end possibly because a pair of Canada Geese have made a nest near there. Goose eggs were spotted on that nest, but the adult geese have not been visible recently and are not on their nest. Anyway, once the loons pick a nesting site our protective buoys will be placed to give the loons the space they require.

Fish Fund Raising: We currently have \$2,241 in the bank! We collected \$1,915 last year which is very good. From this we planted 25 gallons (5x5 gallon buckets) of Perch as that is what was available last fall. Donations can be mailed to the address below or given to the Fishing Club Volunteer listed below. We are again asking for a minimum donation of \$30 per family. Many individuals give much more than the basic donation and some families that don't fish also contribute because they believe it is the right thing to do.

Fish Plantings: The plantings for 2016 consisted of five 5 gallon buckets of Perch (a whole lot). We have found ourselves in an unusual position of having money, but not having a supply source. Our local and historic source is not coming through, so alternative sources are being researched. Please contribute anyway. We are identifying other sources for the intended Bass, Walleye and Crappie, but their pricing will be higher than our usual source.

2016	25 gallons of Perch
2015	300 Hybrid Bluegills, 500 Bass (very small sized at 2-3")
2014	300 Hybrid Bluegills, 5 gallons of Minnows
2013	250 Bass (4-6"), 200 Sunfish, 8x5 gallon buckets of Perch and Minnows. The Perch should have spawned spring 2013
2012	500 Perch
2010	300 Black Crappie (4-6"), 300 Hybrid Bluegill (4-6"), 200 Walleye (4-6") and 300 Perch
2008	500 Large Mouth Bass (5-7") 200 Black Crappie (4-6") 200 Hybrid Bluegill (4-6") and 100 Walleye (4-6").
2006	500 Bass (5-7"), 160 Black Crappie (4-6"), and 160 Hybrid Bluegills (4-6").

Lake Health Management: This will be the third of our five-year Special Assessment District which is providing funding for overall health management of our lake. In 2017, **water quality samples** will be collected in spring (already done) and fall. In early June, a **bio-base map** of the entire lake will be recorded showing weed bed locations and bottom contour and composition. During the period of June – September, **weed control treatments** will target invasive aquatic plants found anywhere in the lake, and nuisance weeds and algae will be treated along the developed shoreline. There will also be three **muck-buster enzyme treatments** (June / July / September) for the canal, northeast tip and south developed shoreline.

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. See our **Henderson Lake Group on Facebook** for more detail, also the various reports will be posted to **FB** and **HendersonLake.org** as they are completed.

HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB VOLUNTEERS

North End	Ron Chapman, Dave Attenberger and Mike Kujawa	50
Allen Sub	Schweihofer Family and Bryan Pepper	25
Henderson Heights	Dave & Adam Skornia	27
South End	Alan & Mary Ann Johnston and George Losee	90 / 200

Please mail your generous donation, or give them to your local subdivision committee member

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Make all checks payable to HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB.

Basic Family Donation \$ 30.00 (More is always welcome!)

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