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# Three Common Walleye Myths Your Lake Group Should Know About

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Walleye aren't just a premiere sportfish in Wisconsin, they are the premiere sportfish. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) estimates 1.8 million angler hours are spent pursuing walleye in the state annually, more than any other individual species. Some value walleye for catch-and-release, trophy, or tournament fishing, but most are going for that famed walleye fish fry. With strong appeal and lots of interest, everyone wants a great walleye population in their lake. But how realistic is that?

We at the DNR are in the process of updating the state's walleye management plan, which dates back to 1998. An extensive public input process was conducted as a part of that plan. Through this process, we gained valuable insight into current attitudes about walleye and preferences for walleye management. We also found a lot of interesting myths and misconceptions about this species and how we manage them. Let's look at some of those myths with the hopes of creating a more informed public that can help us manage for great walleye populations in Wisconsin.

#### Myth: Any lake can become a good walleye lake.

This myth is pervasive because it's born out of the hope that anyone can have great walleye fishing right off their own dock. In reality, it takes a fairly specific combination of habitat factors to create a Please see Walleye Myths on page 3



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# Win a Polaris Ranger 1000 UTV

The Long Lake Fishing Club's Fisheree raffle is now underway. The grand prize, a Polaris Ranger 1000 UTV, is waiting for that lucky winner. Do you feel lucky? Besides the grand prize there will be many other prizes up for grabs. A .270 Ruger American rifle with scope along with other cash, gift certificates and prizes (see page 2 for a ticket representation) will be drawn at the Sportmans Club, Saturday February 26th, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 each. A maximum of 1,500 tickets will be sold. **Due to postal regulations tickets cannot be mailed. Please visit one of Long Lake's businesses or call Lori at 920-979-6939.** We thank you in advance for purchasing or selling those tickets. Proceeds will help fund club projects for the betterment of Long Lake.



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#### LONG LAKE FISHING CLUB RAFFLE TICKET **GRAND PRIZE 2022 POLARIS RANGER 1000 PREMIUM UTV**

1.270 Ruger American Rifle with Scope, Long Lake Fishing Club 2 \$100 Cash, Dundee Sand & Gravel, Campbellsport 3 \$100 Cash, Mark Schairer Escavating, Campbellsport 4 \$100 Cash, Mark's Tree Service, Campbellsport 5 \$50 Cash, Dave's Painting Service, Campbellsport 6 \$50 Cash Shlufty's Inn, Kewaskum 7 \$50 Cash, Swede's St. Kilian Inn 8 \$25 Gas Card, Volz Concrete, Campbellsport 9 10" DQ Cake Cert., Kewaskum Dairy Queen 10 \$25 Gift Cert., Dundee's Roadhouse, Dundee 11 \$20 Gift Card, McJuggers, Dundee 12 \$25 Gift Cert., Coustie Bar & Grill, Waucousta 13 \$25 Gift Card, 3 Sweets Bakery & Café, Dundee 14 \$25 Gift Card, Fleet Farm, Plumbing Parts Plus, West Allis 15 16" Pizza & Pitcher of Beer or Soda, King Pin Lanes, Campbellsport 16 50 Free Wings, Buffalo Wild Wings, Sheboygan 17 \$50 Cash, Campbellsport Sportsman Club 18 \$50 Gift Cert., Mike's Bar & Grill at Mauthe Lake 19 \$25 Gift Card, Kettle Moraine Town & Country, Kewaskum 20 \$25 Gift Card, Menards, Benno's, West Allis 21 \$25 Gift Cert., Benson's Hide-A-Way Resort, Campbellsport 22 Quarter Barrel Party, Parnell Tap, Parnell 23 \$25 Gift Cert., Dins Garage & Mini Mart, Dundee

#### **Raffle Ticket Drawing Date:** February 26, 2022 at Fisheree Event Dundee Sportsman Club at 6 p.m.

Food, Refreshments and other raffles will be available starting at 10 am on February 26th, 2022 at the Fisheree Event at the Dundee Sportsman Clubhouse with Fish Prizes and other raffles to be drawn beginning at 4:30 p.m.

#### \$20.00 each (Maximum 1,500 Tickets Sold) License # R0008730A-72801

Many of these prizes are donated by area businesses. Please give them your consideration whenever possible as we truly appreciate their support.

> Return ticket stubs before drawing to Long Lake Fishing Club, Inc. P.O. Box 303, Campbellsport, WI 53010

- 24 \$25 Gift Cert., Coustie Bar & Grill, Waucousta
- 25 \$25 Gift Cert., Fred's Fastrac Sales & Service, Fond du lac
- 26 \$50 Cash Shlufty's Inn, Kewaskum
- 27 \$14 Gift Cert., Fire Bug Car Wash, Campbellsport
- One Fish Fry Plate, Benson's Holiday Hide-A-Way, Campbellsport
- 28 \$20 Gift Cert., Bill's Sporting Goods, Lomira
- 29 VIP Discount Card, Michalenos, Kewaskum
- 30 \$10 Gift Cert., Terry's Bait & Tackle, Plymouth
- \$10 Gift Cert., Hamburger Haus, Dundee 31 \$25 Gift Cert., Dundee's Roadhouse, Dundee
- 32 \$60 One Time Party, Trollop's Bar, Campbellsport
- 33 \$25 Gift Cert., Animal Art Taxidermy, Campbellsport
- 34 \$25 Cash, Benson's Century Campground, Dundee
- 35 Two 18 Holes Golf with Cart, Hon-E-Kor Golf Course, Kewaskum
- 36 \$25 Gift Cert., Mike's Bar & Grill at Mauthe Lake
- 37 VIP Discount Card, Michalenos, Kewaskum
- 38 \$50 Gift Cert., Waynes Floor Covering, Kewaskum
- 39 \$20 Gift Card, McJuggers, Dundee
- 40 VIP Discount Card, Michalenos, Kewaskum 41 \$30 Gift Cert., Curve In Bar, Kewaskum
- 42 \$10 Gift Cert., Terry's Bait & Tackle, Plymouth \$10 Gift Cert., Hamburger Haus, Dundee
- 43 \$25 Gift Card, Geidel's Piggly Wiggly, Kewaskum 44 \$25 Gift Card, Loehr's Meat Service, Campbellsport
- 45 \$25 Cash, Modern Woodmen, Kewaskum
- 46 \$25 Gift Cert., Coustie Bar & Grill, Waucousta
- 47 \$50 Cash, Campbellsport Sportsman Club
- 48 \$10 Gift Cert., Brothers Family Restaurant, Kewaskum \$10 Gift Cert., Terry's Bait & Tackle, Plymouth
- 49 VIP Discount Card, Michalenos, Kewaskum
- 50 \$25 Cash, Benson's Century Campground, Dundee
- 51 \$25 Gift Cert., Benson's Holiday Hide-A-Way Resort, Dundee
- 52 \$25 Gift Cert., Animal Art Taxidermy, Campbellsport
- 53 \$10 Gift Cert., Hamburger Haus, Dundee
- \$10 Gift Cert., Terry's Bait & Tackle, Plymouth
- 54 1/2 Decorated Sheet Cake Cert., Cakes by Alice, Campbellsport
- 55 \$25 Gift Cert., Dundee's Roadhouse, Dundee
- 56 \$25 Cash, Bruce Michaels Carpentry, Cascade
- 57 \$14 Gift Cert., Fire Bug Car Wash, Campbellsport \$10 Gift Cert., Terry's Bait & Tackle, Plymouth
- 58 \$25 Gift Cert., Dins Garage & Mini Mart, Dundee
- 59 \$25 Gift Cert., Coustie Bar & Grill, Waucousta
- 60 \$25 Gift Card, Woodland Creek Supper Club, New Prospect
- 61 \$14 Gift Cert., Fire Bug Car Wash, Campbellsport
- \$10 Gift Cert., Hamburger Haus, Dundee
- 62 \$25 Cash, Ken Ketter Agency, Campbellsport
- 63 \$25 Gift Cert., Dundee's Roadhouse, Dundee
- 64 18 Holes of Golf, Walking, The Lakes, West Bend
- 65 \$10 Gift Cert., Hamburger Haus, Dundee
- \$10 Gift Cert., Terry's Bait & Tackle, Plymouth
- 66 \$25 Cash, Bruce Michaels Carpentry, Cascade
- 67 \$25 in Trade, Heads & Tails Taxidermy, Campbellsport
- 68 VIP Discount Card, Michalenos, Kewaskum
- 69 \$25 Gift Cert., Coustie Bar & Grill, Waucousta
- 70 \$14 Gift Cert., Fire Bug Car Wash, Campbellsport
- \$10 Gift Cert., Terry's Bait & Tackle, Plymouth
- 71 50 Free Wings, Buffalo Wild Wings, Sheboygan
- 72 Step Ladder, Sherwin Williams, Fond du Lac
- 73 \$10 Gift Cert., Terry's Bait & Tackle, Plymouth Free Fish Dinner, Mike's Bar & Grill at Mauthe Lake

Names of raffle winners will be posted at Din's Mini Mart, Dundee, WI and the Long Lake Fishing Club Website following the drawing.

All prizes not claimed within 90 days will revert back to the property of the Long Lake Fishing Club.

#### Walleye Myths from page 1

great walleye population. The best walleye lakes (those that support natural reproduction and higher densities of adults) tend to be larger, deeper, and cooler. This is unsurprising when you consider that walleye are a coolwater species, and Wisconsin is actually on the southern edge of its range. The size of a waterbody is important not just because those lakes tend to be deeper, but large lakes also provide habitat diversity. Walleye need suitable habitat at all life stages, including windswept rock to spawn on, open water areas with abundant food for fry, and nursery areas for juveniles.

Deeper, and oftentimes dark-stained, water supports walleye in another key way. Walleye are low-light hunters. In fact, that's how they got their name! Walleye excel in lakes, or parts of lakes, with low light penetration. Fish biologists have termed this important area "optical habitat," and we're finding it to be an important determinant of where walleye succeed. When paired with the temperature needs of the species, we developed the term "thermal-optical habitat." Many small, shallow, clear lakes simply have insufficient thermaloptical habitat to support walleye.

Examples of successful efforts to manipulate lakes to become walleye lakes are relatively rare. One of the most popular ideas is to add rock spawning reefs. When we consulted with DNR biologists around the state, we found many examples of this being attempted, but few instances where it was deemed a success. That may be because many of the other key habitat characteristics for walleye, such as depth and water clarity, are relatively fixed characteristics of a lake.

# Myth: Stocking is just as good (or better) than natural reproduction.

Stocking is one of the most popular fish management activities. The appeal is simple and powerful: add more walleye and we'll have great fishing! Oftentimes there is interest in stocking even when walleye are naturally reproducing. Some casual anglers believe that all walleye they catch are stocked fish.

The reality is that stocking is just one of many tools to manage a fishery. Like all tools, it is useful in certain circumstances, but not others. The DNR stocks walleye in three kinds of research, rehabilitation, scenarios: and maintenance. Research stocking is done as part of a larger study, often where we are trying to learn more about how to stock effectively or efficiently. Rehabilitation stocking is done in lakes that used to support natural reproduction. In this case, the stocking is intended to be temporary until natural reproduction resumes. Maintenance stocking is done in lakes that don't support natural reproduction, but habitat conditions are suitable for stocked walleye to survive and provide a fishery.

It is lakes with natural reproduction of walleve that generally support the highest densities of adults. There are exceptions, of course, but on average a stocked walleye population has about one third as many adults as a naturally reproducing population. If you take a moment to think about some of the great walleve fisheries in Wisconsin (Winnebago, Wisconsin River, Green Bay/Fox River, Turtle Flambeau Flowage, etc.) and across North America, virtually all are supported by natural reproduction and stocking does not occur or is minor.

In summary, we stock when we need to, and it can work to provide good fisheries. But where it is feasible, preserving or restoring natural reproduction by protecting and restoring habitat can be much more fruitful.

# Myth: The [insert species] are eating all the walleye.

Please see Walleye Myths on page 6

# George Hudson Fall Fishing Tournament Results

By John Hrovat

First off, the Long Lake Fishing Club would like to send their condolences to long time participant in this tourney, Mark Byrum and his family in the loss of his mother Mary Byrum a few days before the event. Mary and her husband Daniel used to have a trailer at Bensons campground where, I think, Charlie taught Mark how to catch Walleyes as he always snuck one in during the fall tourney. Fish will be waiting for you next year.

This year's event was September 18th and 19th under sunny skies, light winds, and warm temperatures. There were a couple of interesting highlights that no one has confessed to as of yet. First, who asked the powerboat operator at Benson's campground to speed across Boyd and Matt's fishing lines? Second, who pushed Fred off the pier into the lake? He looked like a drowned rat.

Eighteen men and women entered the event. There were fifty fish registered with the biggest a Northern of 26 1/8 inches. The smallest a Crappie of 4 ½ inches which gets the Bobber award once again went to Charlie Benson.

One other note, the Black Lemon defective fishing boat that was in the spring tourney is no more. Its luck changed drastically as you can see below who took first place. Yeah, he has got the luck of the Irish but then again, he is of Norwegian heritage and their nickname is Herring Choker. I ought to know as that blood runs in my veins also. Congrats Charlie.

Prizes were awarded for total inches of one each Walleye, Northern, Largemouth Bass, Perch, Crappie, and Bluegill.

Just out of the money, actually quite a ways out was Kyle Benson with 23 3/4 inches.

Thanks also to Diane Bruendl, who helped at the sign in table (and did take fish home for the frying pan after getting a fishing license), Benson's Hide A Way for the use of their facilities, and all entrants who participated.

Pictures of the tournament are throughout this Legend.

		Total
Place	Name	Inches
1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlie Benson	74.625
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lori Dhein	68.625
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matt Kissinger	65.000
4 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Ebert	64.500
5 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Benson II	56.000
6 <sup>th</sup>	Boyd Stoffel	48.375



Winners of the LLFC George Hudson Fall Fishing Tournament. From left to right: Charlie Benson, Lori Dhein, Matt Kissinger, Brian Ebert, Charles Benson II, and Boyd Stoffel.

#### Ice Fishing - Catch and Release

Protect the future of fishing; practice catch and release. A fish's body slows down in the winter reducing its need for oxygen. This helps make catch and release during ice fishing highly successful.

- Remember to handle the fish quickly and gently.
- Cut the line if the fish swallows the hook.
- The hook will dissolve inside the fish in a short time.

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# George Hudson Fishing Tournament Pics









Scott caught a bottle bass during the tournament.















#### Walleye Myths from page 1

If we're not catching (and eating) walleye, then something else must be. At least, that's where our minds go as anglers when we're having a bad day of fishing. Competition between walleye and other species or predation on walleye by other species are frequent concerns. Certainly, these kinds of fish community interactions are important to the management of a lake. But people's beliefs about who's eating who often venture into the "myth" level of misunderstanding.

Let's start with the big bad muskellunge. As North America's largest predatory freshwater fish, it's easy to picture a "musky" gobbling up all the little walleye in a lake. But research has shown something very different. While walleye do show up in musky diets on occasion, great musky lakes in Wisconsin are often some of the best walleye lakes as well. This doesn't mean that the two species are best buddies or that they have a symbiotic relationship. More likely, it is evidence that both species do well in the same general habitats. In most big, deep, cool lakes you'll find both species doing pretty well. It is certainly not a "one or the other" scenario.

There is a somewhat different story with largemouth bass, but even this interaction is more complicated than it may seem on the surface. Largemouth bass abundance has been increasing in many Wisconsin lakes, while at the same time walleye have decreased. There are a number of likely factors driving this relationship. Climate change is making lakes warmer, sometimes weedier, and often clearer. If you read closely above, you know that's the opposite set of conditions for walleye to succeed. Largemouth bass, on the other hand, thrive in warm, weedy lakes. While the two species may have some direct interactions, we are really seeing entire lakes shifting towards more of a home field advantage for largemouth bass. This is especially true on lakes that were already on the smaller/clearer/shallower end of the spectrum for walleye lakes.

If you are a little disheartened after reading these myths, I wouldn't blame you. But, managing expectations and setting a baseline level of understanding about the species is an important first step before the real work can begin. We'll be working hard this year to update Wisconsin's Walleye Management Plan to provide the best strategies to meet these and other challenges walleye face today. We'll also be identifying key areas where partner groups, like lake associations, can help us in our mission of making and maintaining great walleye fishing opportunities across the state. Stay tuned for more!



The Long Lake Fishing Club, Inc. was created to protect, maintain, and improve all the environments necessary for present and future generations for the enjoyment of successful fishing on Long Lake, a multi-use lake in the Northern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin.

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LLFC Fisheree 2021 Set for Saturday, Feb. 26th

With winter fast approaching, we are gearing up for our annual Fisheree on Long Lake. This event is always a great time to come back to the lake for those who only spend the summers here and get caught up on the changing seasons.

Club members will be out on the ice early Saturday morning collecting \$2.00 for fish registration per person that will allow you to participate in the Fisheree Prizes. Also new in 2022, a 6" K-Drill and a second-place prize of \$ 50 will be randomly drawn at the Dundee Sportsman Club for those registering fish. You must be present to win.

The fish registration will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Long Lake. All Fish Prizes and randomly drawn prizes will be done at the Dundee Sportsman Club starting at 4:30 p.m.

As part of the February 2022 Fisheree we will be featuring food, drink, UTV raffle and various other raffles to be drawn after the Fish Prizes at the Dundee Sportsman Club starting at 10 a.m.

We hope to see you there!

What never asks questions but requires frequent answers?

#### Answer: A doorbell

(from The Old Farmer's Almanac)

#### **Gone Fishing**

Karl Brath Sharon Thompson

#### **Bill Benson**

As most of you know the Township of Osceola lost a stalwart. William T. Benson III, known to most as UFO Bill, passed away on December 8th.

The Long Lake Fishing Club would like to extend their condolences to the Benson family. Bill was a longtime member and supporter of the club and readily made his facilities available for club activities. For this we were greatly appreciative as we couldn't have run Snow Golf, or fishing tournaments without his help. Bill was quite the colorful character, and not just for the Hawaiian shirts he wore at Friday night fish fry.

William T. Benson III proud American, Vietnam veteran, and a good family man will be greatly missed. For all members of the Long Lake Fishing Club, I can honestly say it was an honor and privilege to have known him. Rest in peace Bill,

#### Natural Remedies For Getting Rid Of A Cold (according to The Old Farmer's Almanac)

- Rose hip tea is full of vitamin C and can help prevent colds.
- Lemons, oranges, and apple cider are all considered to be cold remedies.
- For chills, take fresh gingerroot.
- Historically, the layers of the onion were believed to draw contagious diseases from the patient; onions were often hung in sickrooms. Today, we know that onions have antibacterial qualities.
- Boil a whole onion and afterward, drink the water. You can add a little butter and salt if the taste is unbearable!
- Cut up fresh garlic cloves and add them to chicken soup or other foods, or swallow small chunks of raw garlic like pills.

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# Deer On The Ice

#### By Uncle Crobar

If memory serves me right it was early ice November-December 1970 and a fellow fisherman yells "Hey there's a Deer on the ice". More on this later.

We made the trip up from West Allis and stopped at Dyer's, supposedly for fishing info, but adult beverages were consumed. Then it was off to the lake setting up shop by the park launch. Ice cracked as we walked out. It was clear and very slippery. Just about finished getting the tip-ups in and a couple guys from Sheboygan show up. One of them was Bob Ellis a pioneer in row trolling for Muskies. They did not use tip-ups but used summer spinning rods with Minnie tip-up flags on the end of the rod (see picture), he had been making and selling to local bait shops.

As we chatted with Bob about this device, as earlier stated someone spotted a deer on the ice north of the state park. As I said, the ice was very slick. As we watched through binoculars the deer kept trying to get up but kept falling. This went on for quite a while. Just about that time a flag went up. You guessed it, one of Bob's minnie-tipped rods went off and we watched with amazement as he reeled in a Northern. After seeing this, my dad purchased a few which we used in future trips to Long Lake, and I still have.

Throughout the afternoon and evening numerous flags went up as we continued to watch the deer. Just after dark a truck with a bright spotlight drove down Highway 67 checking across the ice. They were a couple DNR employees sent out to check on the deer and ended up by us. The deer did make it off safely, and we told the guys about it.

Can't remember how good our luck was on the fishing trip, but we had enough excitement just watching the deer. I only ran into Bob a few times after that, and he always loved talking about row trolling for Muskies up north. Unfortunately, Bob was killed in a tragic boating accident in 1989 while row trolling for Muskies in Vilas County. It was a pleasure to have

#### met him.

Getting the itch to get the ice fishing gear together as I penned this article. As always, have a safe and successful ice fishing season. Keep those eyes peeled. You never know when you might encounter that 30 point buck out on the ice.



# Welcome Aboard! New Members of the LLFC



Shantal Bast Steve Grapsas Nancy Jarach Rich Liebich Bill Lieder Alex Meyn Colton O'Brien Danny Sudar Emily Wirtz

If you would like to join the fishing club, fill out and mail the form below to:

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Not sure if your membership is current? Check the year on the Legend mailing label to see what year your membership is paid through. If necessary, fill out the form below to renew.

YES, I want to support the Long Lake Fishing Club with my \$10 membership. Please check type below: New Membership Annual Renewal

Name:		 	 
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#### LONG LAKE FISHEREE

• 02/26/22

#### **GLEN HENNING FISHING TOURNAMENT**

• 06/04/22

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

• 06/11/22

#### **GEORGE HUDSON FISHING TOURNAMENT**

• 09/17/22 and 09/18/22