Buffalo Lake Fish Committee Notice

Date: 08-18-2023 Time 1PM-3PM

Location: The County Board room in the Services Center

480 Underwood Ave Montello WI 53949

Agenda

A. WDNR Fish Biologist Adam Nickle, 2023 fish survey and comparison to 2022. Input on future fish stocking. Other information.

Spring 2023 survey: Bluegill catch rate (#/mile) decreased from 343.0/mile in 2022 to 249.5/mile in 2023. Although bluegill catch rate decreased in 2023 it still ranked in the 84th percentile when compared to statewide catch rates. Average bluegill size also increased from 5.1 inches in the 2022 survey to 5.3 inches in 2023. Yellow perch catch rate increased from 0.7/mile in 2022 to 5.5/mile in 2023. Largemouth bass catch rate increased from 7.8/mile in 2022 to 9.0/mile in 2023. Smallmouth bass catch rate also increased from 0.3/mile in 2022 to 4.4/mile in 2023. Overall, the surveys indicated a robust bluegill population despite the spring fish kill event, an increase in yellow perch catch rate, and an overall increase in bass catch rates.

- B. WDNR Warden Nadolski update on rules and regulations.
- C. Adjust/correct and approve minutes from 2022
- D. Water level update
- E. Fund raising, sponsors, Facebook, service directory.
- F. Budget
- G. Fish stocking 2024, season? Fall or spring? Fish species? District match.
- H. Committee members comments/concerns.
- I. Adjourn

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