

Roberts Lake Association  
Update from Association President, Bob Nack  
May 19, 2020

The Roberts Lake Association Memorial Weekend Meeting (Saturday, May 23, 2020) has been canceled due to the COVID-19 Social Distancing requirements. Possibly in the future, if some of the group number restrictions are lifted, we will try to schedule a RLA Meeting.

Here are some updates on what the RLA Board of Directors have been working on:

Fish Rehabilitation Project

- **First Ice Fishing Tournament** held February 1, 2020. It was a beautiful day, although there was a lot of snow and poor ice conditions so travel was limited to ATV's/UTV's.
  - 185 people participated in the Ice Fishing Tournament.
  - 188 northern pike and 1 large mouth bass registered (which was above expectations).
  - There were 16 tagged northern pike in the lake. The first one registered would have won \$1,000.00. Unfortunately no registered tagged fish were caught.
    - Incidentally the Mole Lake Tribe was putting up the \$1,000.00 prize money for first registered tagged fish. They also donated the first prize which was a Fish Locator.
    - Mole Lake Tribe was very helpful with the Ice Fishing Tournament. They set up a heated tent on the shore near the Wild Rose. The tent was used for registering fish and for fish cleaning demonstrations. We had food and beverages and bucket raffles available in the tent.
  - We did profit approximately \$4,700.00. We are sharing the profits with the Mole Lake Tribe by replacing two fyke nets that were vandalized (nets were cut from the stakes) on Roberts Lake last year.
  - Thank you to all the people that volunteered in the planning, setting up and day of the Ice Fishing Tournament.
  - Special Thanks to Mark Pendergast who Chaired the event. It was a Great success.
- **The Mole Lake Tribe put fyke nets** into the lake as soon as the ice was off the lake.
  - So far this year they have removed 271 northern pike and 318 large mouth bass.
  - They are done netting for this Spring but will probably be electro fishing for about two weeks yet.
  - They saw lots of perch all sizes and some bigger blue gills that they didn't see last Spring.
  - They also saw lots of small walleyes both planted and natural reproduction.

### Eurasian Water milfoil

- RLA Board of Directors met via a virtual meeting on April 11, 2020.
- The Board of Directors discussed the Eurasian Water Milfoil project at great length.
- It was decided to have Aquatic Plant Management hand harvest EWM for two days this year at the cost of approximately \$4,200.00.
- This will be paid from our exiting DNR Grant which is coming to the end.
- Alternatives for future funding of harvesting EWM is to either fund it ourselves or apply for a Lake Management Plan.
- There had been discussions in the past about Lake Management Plan but it had been voted down at past Membership Meetings.

### August Fisheree

- At this point with COVID-19 regulation it is still-to-be-determined about holding our Annual August Fisheree.

Everyone please Stay Safe and looking forward to seeing you in the future.

Bob Nack

Roberts Lake Association President