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Roberts Lake Association

Walleye Rehab Program Survey Results and Stocking History

Survey results: 435 acres

2017 Walleye estimated at 1.5 adult fish per acre, or 653 fish.

2022 Walleye estimated at 1.82 adult fish per acre, or 792 fish

2026 - Walleye estimated at 0.8 adult fish per acre, or 348 fish

Walleye stocking program is to stock 15, 7" fingerling fish per acre every year (6525 fish). DNR stocks in odd numbered years and RLA stocks in even numbered years.

2013, 2015, 2017, DNR (6525?)

2019 – 6525 DNR (Bass and Northern removed from lake)

2020 – 6525 RLA

2021 – 6526 DNR

2022 – 7354 (829 donated by Mole Lake Fisheries)

2023 – 18,377 (6526 DNR, 3820 ML, 8031 ML (fed dry food))

2024 – 10,775 (6500 RLA, 2966 ML, 1309, 13" fish ML)

2025 – 6525 DNR

Total – 56,082 (2020 to 2025)

348 fish is .62%

Cost of fish stocking:

2020 - \$13,072

2022 - \$14,355

2024 - \$17,225

Total - \$44,652 (Donations from Mole Lake \$30,000 this time period)

(Total donations \$40,000)

Question on stocking Larger fish:

- 1) Of the 1309, 13” fish with clipped fins stocked in 2024, 0 showed up in the 2026 survey.
- 2) Greg Matzke, WDNR: “Those larger fish didn’t survive well out there”.
- 3) Mike Pruel, Mole Lake Fisheries: “It doesn’t appear they survived the greatest in Roberts, but we are seeing them in other lakes, but at this point not at levels as expected. We have no plans to raise these yearling walleyes again unless our study results turn for the better”.