

Winter Lakes Alliance
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 13,2024

Hi all,

Welcome back to another year of WLA. The first meeting of the Year is getting us going for another exciting year! Enclosed are the notes of our April meeting.

Kathy gave us the treasure's report and talked about our Facebook page. Reminder: If you have any pictures of your lake, including fish, sunsets, animals, etc. send them our way We'll put them on the website and we also want to put together a calendar of our Lakes for 2025.

Lake Loretta update: The panfish are doing great on their own. DNR stocked musky in the fall. There will not be any stocking of northern Pike at this time. DNR will be doing a fish survey sometime this spring to see if any bass survived. If not, they will either stock or transfer fish to enhance populations.

Walleye stocking for WLA: There is still no official word on the stocking protocol. DNR is looking to get some more Clarification and we'll be informed of their information.

Pike Improvement Project: We are looking to work with Southern Sawyer County sports club on this project. The goal is to reduce the number of small Pike and improve quality and numbers. This can be done by keeping SMALLER pike under 24 inches. We are looking at a Northern Pike fishing contest next spring on Black Dan , Island and Fishtrap Lakes. More information on this at the next meeting in May.

Kids fishing Event: We are having Knap sacks made up with our Logo on the front as prizes. We are asking 10 sponsors to donate \$25 to have their business logo added to the back of the bag and to donate items if they choose to put in the bags.

New regulations went into effect on Island Lake! Yay! As of April 1st, 2024 a total of 15 panfish may be kept with only 5 of any one species. This is in effect for the entire year.

Max Wolter will be at our July meeting to give us updates on area lakes. A fish survey was done on Barber Lake at the end of March-early April with Fike nets. They followed this up with electro fishing and tally on April 8th. Should be an informative meeting.

Children's Christmas Store was a HUGE success last year. We are already in the process of picking up items for this year's Christmas store.

Island Lake saw its first loon on March 13th

Next meeting will be on Saturday May 11th, 2024

CORRECTION: on the annual letter**** The Kid's fishing event is on Saturday June 15th, not the 13th

SEE you all at the May meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Hasselquist, Secretary