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Dear PLPOA and Minnesota DNR:

I've been a property owner on Pelican Lake since 1973 and have always been an avid fisherman. Up to approximately 10 years ago, I could catch Walleyes consistently. Each year since the numbers have declined drastically. I used to catch approximately 150 Walleyes per season. That would add up to numbers in the thousands over the 30-35 years before Muskys got so well established.

So far this year (2015) I've caught just one. Last year (2014) just one. I don't put as much time concentrating on Walleye as I used to because it seems like a waste of time. I've tried shallow and I've tried deep (25-30 feet) with no success.

I used to fish Pelican Lake in the winter and would see hundreds of Tulibeas. I loved angling, spearing and netting them, but gave it all up about 13 years ago. The last few years I hardly ever see any Tulibeas .

Lately I have been concentrating more on Blue Gills and this year it seems that they have also been harder to find. Lately I've caught more Musky by accident than I have the Walleye that I was fishing for. I have boated at least one Musky every year over 50" in the past 4 years.

I just turned 85 and I will never live long enough, regardless of what happens to the Musky problem, to see fishing the way it used to be 15 to 35 years ago. Could it be that the Walleye are feeding on the Musky and are no longer hungry? Sarcasm aside, I believe that the continuous stocking of Musky in Pelican Lake is a big mistake.

Sincerely,

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