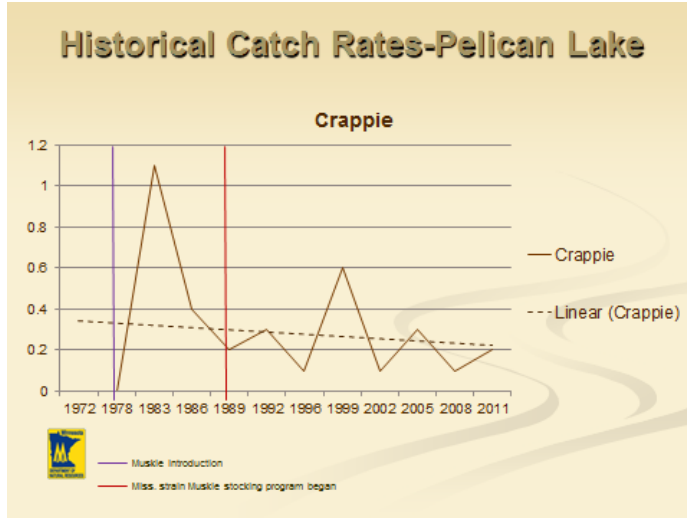
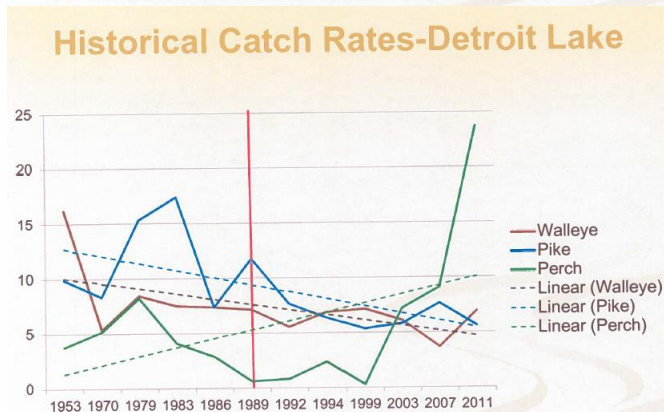
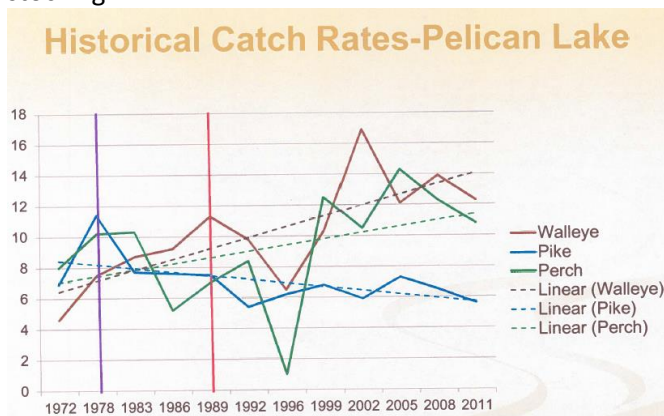


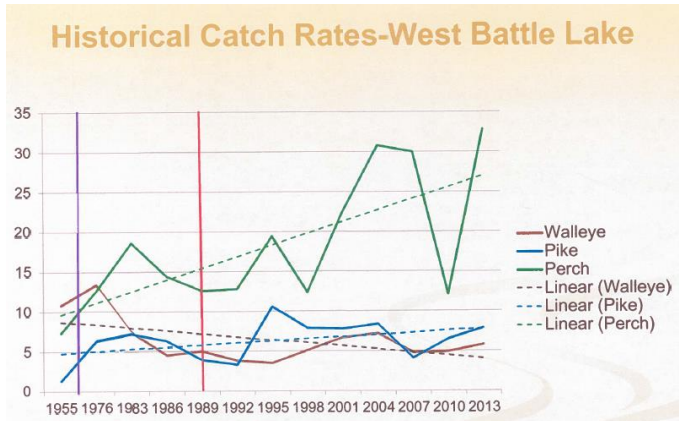
Muskie Data

Pelican Crappie catch rates, continue to fall, muskie like crappie.

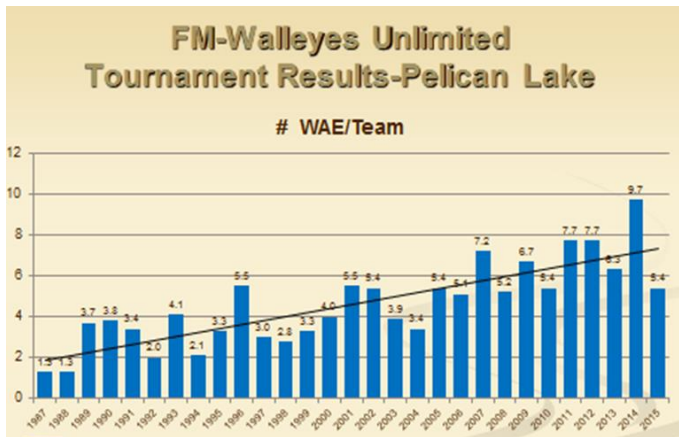


Pelican, Detroit Lakes and Battle L. ...while MNDNR wants to always bring up our walleye numbers are OK after muskie, they are falling since 2002. And if muskie is “always” good for walleye as the MNDNR wants you to believe, why is Detroit Lakes and West Battle walleye numbers falling after muskie stocking.

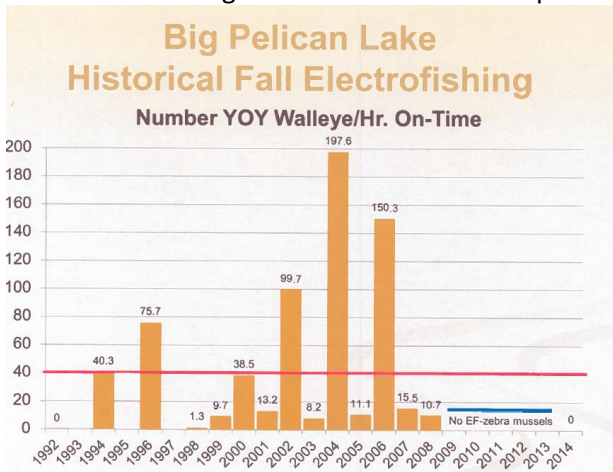




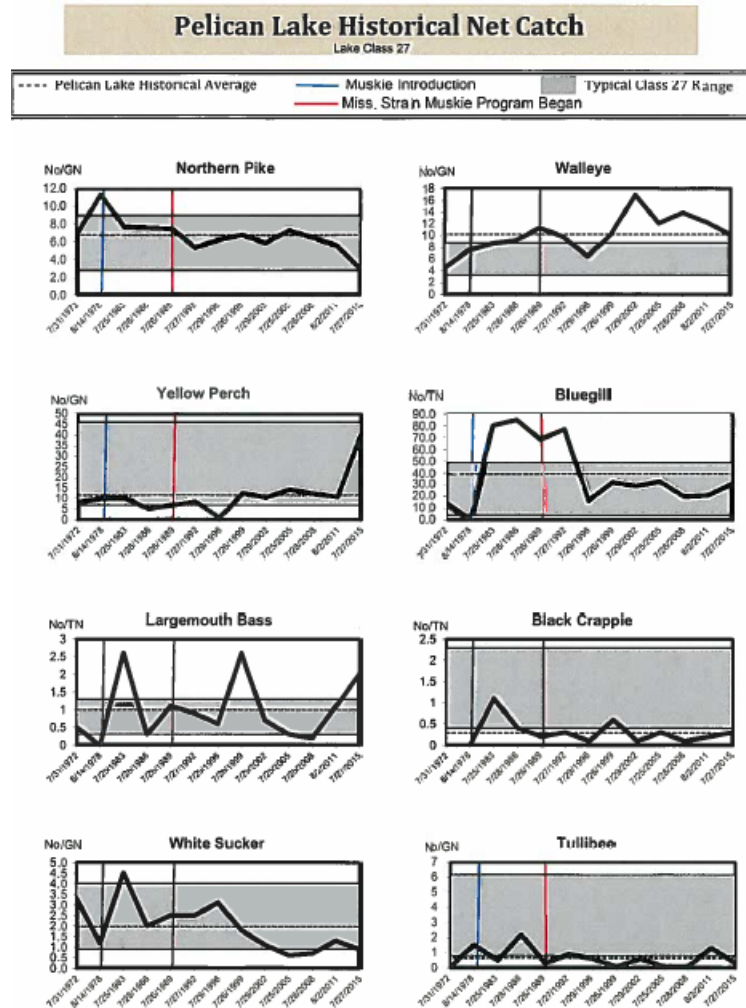
2015 Walleye tournament numbers down about 44%, lowest numbers since 2008. Even though tournament fishing is an unacceptable scientific fish survey tool, the MNDNR regularly praised these numbers for trending upward, now with a big downward turn, it's an "anomaly" according to the MNDNR.



Pelican Electrofishing for walleye fingerlings. 2014 had zero (0) fish for the first time in over 20 years. Another "anomaly according to the MNDNR. The MNDNR skipping this important survey for 5 years because they could not of manage how to clean their boat for ZM concerns, those same years hundreds of fishing boats came and went unprotected.



Historical netting data. This is the MNDNR “gold standard” for comparing fish catch data. The grey target range (about 9.3 to -3.4 for walleye) is a 50 % quartile range for lakes similar to Pelican. That means only 50 % of the data falls into this range, but more importantly 25 % of lakes have data above 9.3 (fish caught per average 24 hours in water). If the catch rate falls at or above the grey, your lake is considered OK. The catch rates in Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake are reported to be in the 20 -25 range. Devils Lake ND is 25 fish per net effort. Why should we be satisfied with a number that is trending lower, and much below “good” walleye lakes?



Why is the MNDNR spending your tax dollars for a small, vocal minority of muskie fisherman. Why are we trying to be a “World Class Trophy Muskies Lake” so we can become a “Last Place Walleye Destination”. See Mille Lacs lake and their problems. Mille Lacs is a non-native muskie stocked lake, see if you can find the word “muskie” anywhere in a MNDNR article explaining why Mille Lacs walleye fishing is the lowest in 40 years. But they do point out that the Muskies fishing is “better than ever”, “duh”....