

Muskie Info

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1. Fishing brings in \$2.4 Billion dollars to MN economy.
2. 32 % of MN residences (2nd to Alaska) fish. More Minnesotans fish than vote.
3. MN has 1.5 million licensed anglers. Average angler spends \$1500.
4. Most sought after fish: 1. Crappie 2. Sunfish/pan fish 3. Walleye 4. Northern Pike 5. Bass
6. Muskie 7. Trout
5. Ice fishing preference is Crappie and sunfish/Pan fish.
6. 14% of fisherman reportedly are interested in Muskie.
7. MN legal limits for Muskie was 40 inches, went to 48 inches about 2007, and will go to 54 inches in 2015.
8. 23-29 year old Muskie, up to 55.7 inches long are in Mille Lacs lake.
9. MNDNR does not know the long term effects of Muskie up to 54 inches in our lakes.
10. The MNDNR web site says 9.7 million pounds of panfish are harvested each year, followed by 4.6 million pounds of pike, and 4.6 million pounds of walleye, to be eaten by humans. The most caught fish is panfish, walleye and northern. Many fisherman depend on catching and eating sport fish in Minnesota. We have no argument that the trophy muskie fisherman enjoy his sport, until it starts to effect the 86% of sport fisherman who enjoy their sport of catching other fish and putting food on the table.
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