



Greetings!

REPORT ON MEETINGS WITH DNR AND MN LEGISLATORS ON MUSKIE STOCKING OF OTTERTAIL LAKES

October 29, 2015 at Otter Tail Power Community Room, Fergus Falls, MN

A town hall meeting was held in the Community Rooms of OtterTail Power Company in Fergus Falls, MN on October 29, 2015. In attendance were James Wolters-Areas Fisheries Supervisor, Bud Nornes- MN State Representative, Bill Ingebrigtsen- MN State Senator, Tom Landwehr-MN DNR Commissioner, MN State Representative, Mary Franson, East Otter Tail county , representatives from Lizzie, Loon, Franklin, Pelican lake associations, representatives of Muskie Inc. and other concerned and interested persons.

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MUSKIE UPDATE

The MNDNR promised a first time ever, muskie population estimate for Pelican Lake this past summer, which they did not complete. In late June they informed us that it did not matter what the muskie population estimate was, or the outcome of the summer of 2015 walleye assessment, they would stock muskie regardless. The PLPOA Executive Board was then left with pursuing legal options as a last resort to stopping muskie stocking in the Fall of 2015.

Several other Otter Tail County lakes also worked with us to investigate and pursue the legal choices available. While these legal efforts to stop the stocking of muskie into Pelican Lake this year were not successful, we believe the cooperation and efforts by the concerned property owners, fishermen and lake associations have raised the muskie issue to a statewide level.

We continue to pursue the public relations, legislative and legal options to change the unwanted stocking of muskie into our non-native lakes and water ecosystems. We ask for your support on this issue. We have received financial donations from individuals, fishermen and lake associations for the ongoing public relations and legal expenses. We ask that you consider giving donations to the "stop the muskie stocking" effort as a way to help support the extra time and effort needed, and to help pay legal expenses. We also thank the Vogel Law Firm, and their legal counsel of Ms. Tami Norgard and Mr. Andrew Smith for their work and contribution to this effort. Please send donations to PLPOA, Stop Muskie Stocking, PO Box 1782, Detroit Lakes MN, 56501

[David Majkrzak](#)

SUPPORT SUSPENSION OF MUSKIE STOCKING MEETING

Please attend the muskie stocking public input meeting below, make your voice heard....

Public input meeting for all Otter Tail County lakes

7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, 1401 S. Broadway, in Pelican Rapids.

[David Majkrzak](#)

REGISTER YOUR INPUT

These DNR-sponsored links are compiling input regarding muskie stocking for selected lakes. Please register your opinions.

Franklin: One of three lakes being considered, this 1,336 acre lake is located in northwestern Otter Tail County. Franklin has a diverse fish community with primary management directed at walleye and panfish.

[Provide Public Comment on Franklin Lake Muskie Stocking](#)

Lizzie: One of three lakes being considered, this 4,035 acre lake is located in northwestern Otter Tail County. Lizzie has a diverse fish community with primary management directed at walleye, bass and panfish.

[Provide Public Comment on Lake Lizzie Muskie Stocking](#)

Loon: One of three lakes being considered, this 1,048 acre lake is located in northwestern Otter Tail County. Loon has a diverse fish community with primary management directed at panfish and walleye.

[Provide Public Comments on Loon Lake Muskie Stocking](#)

PELICAN LAKES NATURAL GAS UPDATE

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) has wrapped up the construction for all properties who have signed up for natural gas service for this winter heating season. We are happy to meet with customers along the newly installed main and take orders for next spring's first round of construction. Our restoration crews are continuing to restore the public right-of-way where the main and services have been installed and will return again in the spring to assure that restoration is satisfactory. We are happy to help you with any questions or concerns. Please contact our Customer Service Team at (888) 931-3411 or click on contact us at

www.greatermngas.com Happy Holidays!!

Nikki Kupser, GMG

FISH LAKE DAM

PGOLID applied for a DNR grant this fall for funding to retro-fit the existing Fish Lake Dam and turn it into rock rapids, like what is at Dunton Locks County Park on Lake Sallie. The DNR received 37 applications requesting a total of \$8.1 million. Only \$3 million was available for award. Unfortunately, the Pelican Lake Dam Improvement grant application wasn't funded this award cycle. The DNR recognizes the value of this project and encourages us to apply again next year, which PGOLID intends to do. A dam like this would still hold water levels to their current levels, and would not need future repairs or maintenance. Natural rock rapids also enhances fish and wildlife habitat and fish passage downstream. If you have any questions, please contact the PGOLID Lake Coordinator, Moriya Rufer, moriyar@rmbel.info, 218-846-1465.

Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman