

March 9, 2022 Summary: Red Lake Fisheries Technical Committee

Annual report:

Walleye 2015 poor recruitment year, 2017,18,19 good numbers, 2020 average.
2021 good young of the year numbers, overall average plus?
Perch and crappie numbers stable the last few years. 2021 young of the year
crappie- good numbers...particularly in Lower Red.

2021-2022 Harvest Estimates:

2021 Band harvest 529k lbs
2021-2022 State winter harvest 134k lb (down 10k lb from previous winter).
2022 State summer harvest 150k lb available

2022 Harvest Regulations:

Band- same regulations as recent year target 1m lbs...avg take 565k lbs.
State- proposed summer 4 fish w/1 over 20"
State- proposed winter 4 fish w/1 over 17" surplus or 3 fish w/1 over 17" optimal

Enforcement CO winter reports:

Band- 497 hrs, 1127 contacts, 2 trespass, 2 citation, 1 warning
State- 302 hrs, 286 citations and warnings

Spring Northern Pike Sampling:

Band- attempt pike tagging depending on normal water levels
State- tag 1200 more pike this spring. 25-30 tagged fish reported caught

Aquatic Invasive Species:

More veligers have been found in Upper and Lower Red Lake. To date no adult
zebra mussels have shown up.

Trash/ human waste updates:

URLAA is working with BCSWCD to obtain more grant dollars and push legislation
to allow for better enforcement. Multi-use dumpsters already in place.

Next meeting, December 7, 2022 Redlake MN

Respectfully submitted,
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