

BIG CHETAC AND BIRCH LAKES ASSOCIATION SURVEY SUMMER 2011

General Survey Question

Do you support the use of DNR approved chemicals to control Curly Leaf Pondweed?

Lake Association Member Responses:

Yes 54

No 7

General Public Responses:

Yes 35

No 19

Fishing Preference Survey

1. Label your favorite species to fish for in order of preference: Rank the species below (1 = most favorite, 2, 3, 4 = least favorite). Walleye, Panfish, bass, northern.

Lake Association Member Responses:

1. Most Favorite

Walleye: 37

Panfish: 31

Bass: 6

Northern: 1

2. Second Favorite

Walleye: 18

Panfish: 22

Bass: 15

Northern: 17

3. Third Favorite

Walleye: 16

Panfish: 10

Bass: 19

Northern: 22

4. Least Favorite

Walleye: 3

Panfish: 6

Bass: 26

Northern: 31

General Public Responses:

1. Most Favorite

Walleye: 15

Panfish: 35

Bass: 11

Northern: 3

2. Second Favorite

Walleye: 22

Panfish: 19

Bass: 11

Northern: 5

3. Third Favorite

Walleye: 11

Panfish: 3

Bass: 27

Northern: 21

4. Least Favorite

Walleye: 11

Panfish: 3

Bass: 8

Northern: 31

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2. For each species, what is your main incentive? (Place a letter next to the species above)
(a) Fish to catch and release; (b) Fish to harvest; (c) Combination of catch & release and harvest

Lake Association Member Responses:

1. Catch & Release

Walleye: 11
Panfish: 8
Bass: 38
Northern: 33

2. Harvest

Walleye: 15
Panfish: 37
Bass: 9
Northern: 7

3. Combination of Catch & Release and Harvest

Walleye: 39
Panfish: 18
Bass: 14
Northern: 23

General Public Responses:

1. Catch & Release

Walleye: 3
Panfish: 5
Bass: 21
Northern: 21

2. Harvest

Walleye: 24
Panfish: 28
Bass: 9
Northern: 14

3. Combination of Catch & Release and Harvest

Walleye: 23
Panfish: 25
Bass: 20
Northern: 17

3. Of these three potential (desired future) fish communities, which fits your needs the best (circle one)?

- (a) Lots of bass, dominated by small to mid-sizes; a low number of big walleyes, abundant smaller to mid-size panfish.
(b) Higher numbers of mid-size walleye; lower numbers of bigger bass; moderate numbers of quality size panfish.
(c) Lots of bass but better size structure; low number of big walleyes; abundant smaller to mid-size panfish.

Lake Association Member Responses:

(a) 2
(b) 56
(c) 9

General Public Responses:

(a) 9
(b) 32
(c) 11