



# Hook, Line, and Sinker

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## IT'S TIME

The time has come for all sportsmen to band together. You can no longer stand by and let the so called animal rights groups attack our favorite sports. An attempt to stop fur trapping or bow hunting can ultimately lead to a ban on fishing or hunting. This may seem a bit far fetched but it can happen.

Animal rights groups control vast amounts of money and have lobbies in every state. These groups represent only a small amount of the population but are banded together with a common cause. They want nothing less than the end of all hunting, fishing, and trapping.

This fall in Arizona, voters have the responsibility of voting on Proposition 200. It is an animal rights initiative referendum that could spell the end of all hunting, fishing, and trapping in Arizona. On the surface they say that all they want to do is stop trapping on public lands. This represents roughly 85% of all the land in the state. The wording of this referendum is so complex that the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has denounced it as a means to stop all fishing and hunting. This is serious!

Animal rightists annually collect in excess of \$300 million to promote their ideas. We can no longer stand back and let someone else worry about this problem. What happens in another state can definitely affect you. All the animal rights people are looking for is a foot in the door. Once they do, sportsmen the world over are going to feel the effects. Sportsmen must stand together. If we are divided we fall.

## Clear Lake Update

The fishing at Clear Lake has slowed considerably lately. Algae has taken over quite a bit of the lake. Hopefully this will relieve some of the fishing pressure and allow some of the fish to grow to a keepable size.

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July 30th 7:00 PM  
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# Harmful Exotic Species

Minnesota waters are threatened by several exotic species that can be spread unknowingly by anglers and boaters. The following list describes some problem species that have been discovered in Minnesota waters and suggests what you can do to prevent them from spreading to additional lakes and rivers.

**Carp, River Ruffe, Grass Carp, and White Perch-** These four species can harm game fish populations, desirable plant growth, and the water quality in certain lakes. It is difficult if not impossible to control these species once they enter a watershed.

Relative newcomers to Minnesota, the river ruffe and white perch have been found in the St. Louis River. It is illegal to transport or possess either of these two species of grass carp.

**Eurasian Watermilfoil-** This aquatic plant has been found in more than 40 Minnesota lakes. It forms dense mats of vegetation that crowd out native aquatic plants and clog propellers. An incredibly fast grower, Eurasian watermilfoil can sprout from plant fragments that cling to a boat, trailer, motor, anchor, or livewell. Just a small fragment can be enough to begin a lake infestation. It is illegal to transport any watermilfoil, Eurasian or northern, over a public road.

**Zebra Mussel-** These small European mussels were transported to the Great Lakes in ballast tanks of ocean-going ships. In the Great Lakes, zebra mussel colonies have clogged municipal water intake lines, covered boat hulls, fouled beaches, and disrupted lake ecosystems.

Zebra mussels have been discovered in Duluth-Superior Harbor and the Mississippi River, and could spread to inland lakes. Because zebra mussel larvae are too small to see, they can accidentally be transported in bilge water, livewells, or other water from the Duluth-Superior Harbor, St. Louis River, Lake Superior, or Mississippi River.

**Spiny Water Flea ("BC")-** In Minnesota, these tiny zoo plankton are so far only in Lake Superior and in Island Lake, north of Duluth. Spiny water fleas collect on fishing lines and downrigger cables. Like Zebra mussels, spiny water fleas can be transported in water and it only takes one adult or egg to

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begin a lake or river infestation.

Stop The Spread- Anglers can keep these exotic species from spreading to other waters by: Cleaning all vegetation off your boat, trailer and equipment; Draining your livewell, bait containers, and engine cooling system after fishing; removing any zebra mussels from your boat hull; not dumping any live fish into any waters; and cleaning and drying your equipment before relaunching.

## From the President

Things are really progressing nicely towards September Convention and rally for the Minnesota River. I did have a chance to bend the ear of the Governor about our efforts and things went very well. Media support is building rapidly. Unlike last year the Twin Cities media is very interested and all venues will be present to report on the goings on of the whole affair. We need to be on our best and most helpful behavior for that Saturday and Sunday the 11th and 12th. Our August meeting will be devoted to final planning and discussion of logistics for the weekend. If you can volunteer only once a year and can be active very little, this is when we need you to come out of the woodwork and help. If you cannot make the August meeting but can help, please contact either myself at 359-2346 or Mike Deinken at 359-9650.

We received a donation from the New Ulm Community Fund for the amount of \$2,000.00. I filed for a grant for us to obtain a laser printer which has long term financial benefits for us in the area of reprinting and production of the newsletter. Our gratitude goes out to the board of the fund along with our thanks. We received a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the New Ulm American Legion for the Take A Kid Fishing program. We would also like to thank them for their support of a really good program and let them know we will make next year's even better.

Vandals took our Adopt-a-River sign from the entrance to Minnecon Park. That's so damn typical of the respect that area gets. Lets hope our efforts can turn it around someday. In the meantime I have ordered another sign to be made shortly.

Fishing with Ron Schara was a quick affair, but he got the feel for what we are doing and promises to come back when he can stay

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## Rummage Sale

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longer. I think I can get him to a meeting so cross your fingers, the publicity would be priceless for us.

The governor is coming to New Ulm in the first part of August as a series of "whistle stops" along the Minnesota River to promote what is transpiring and call attention to the resource. Your club secretary and myself hope to schmooze with him in a show of support of his commitment to the Minnesota River. Look for Mike D. to steal the show.

Hats off to those who helped with the passing out of flyers at the 4th of July fireworks at Riverside Park. Ron Baker and Jim Hulke and others did a good job. Thanks.

Don't forget the first annual picnic Sunday August 23rd at Lake Hanska. It's potluck and should be fun for the whole family, see you there.

## Raffle Tickets

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