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CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

On March 28th, Clear Lake was once again treated with Rotenone to eliminate rough fish. It would seem that we get a pretty good kill. There were many different sizes of bullheads washed up on the southwest shore the day after. We did see a couple of Northerns, but no other game fish. There were quite a few carp, some of them large. Along with the bullheads, carp and a few suckers, there seemed to be millions of minnows. Some that were no more than a half inch in length. By the time you read this the lake should be stocked with walleye, sunfish, crappies, and bass. Some of the walleye could be removed this fall for stocking in other lakes. At the March meeting there was a lively discussion on whether fishing should be closed, and for how long. The recommendations ranged from one year to two



years, or catch and release for the first year. When the dust settled we opted for closed to fishing until the 2001 opener. There is some work we will need to be doing this spring at the lake, which will be decided at our next meeting.

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Club Calendar

April 27th-----	Meeting at Club House, 7:30
May 13th-----	Fishing Opener - Good Luck
May 25th-----	Meeting to be announced



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FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

Two important dates to remember before the next meeting were sent out to you in a card reminder. Please help if you can.

We had a presentation from NUASF member, Norm Haukus. His presentation was a review of spearing in Minnesota and data with regards to northern pike take. After the presentation, it was recommended that we digest what we had seen and then bring the discussion on a spearing ban in Lake Sleepy Eye to closure at the next meeting. We also agreed to wait for a response on a similar presentation that was going to be given to the Sleepy Eye Sportsmen Club later in the month.

As of this writing there is no sign of the smelt run in Pokegama Lake near Grand Rapids. Some of us had agreed to go up and procure smelt for a fry at Evan for this next meeting. It looks as if that won't happen for this meeting, so we will postpone the Evan thing until we get some. So our next meeting will be in New Ulm at the club grounds. Stay tuned for further details of that.

We will be featuring a presentation about the Lake Hanska watershed on video tape provided by NUASF member Kim "Ole" Olson. It shows how innovative methods for water quality improvement around Lake Hanska are being used. It gives some details on rock inlets. We will also examine a proposal to retro-fit all above ground intakes in the entire Minnesota River Watershed, which includes tiles draining to all lakes within that area as well

To get on my soapbox a little, I think it's time we start including our lakes in all of the discussions that have to do with drainage and water quality. We have known for years that we are at the mercy of how and where water is sent to a lake and how that relates to it being managed for fish based on that water. No finer example exists than our three Brown County lakes; Sleepy Eye (which has both storm water considerations and ag land drainage to contend with); Clear Lake (which has extremely high nutrient content in its inflow creating excessive algae bloom and weed growth, which in turn leads to oxygen depletion and fish kills.); and Lake Hanska (Which has the same basic conditions as Clear Lake, only on a larger scale.

So you see, it isn't just about our rivers, it's about our lakes also, which often times feed our rivers.

Clear Lake has a new beginning. A big thank you to all NUASF.

There is a letter to the editor of the New Ulm Journal which I wrote by the direction of the club. Now let's move on, big time. I know how sick everybody was of hearing, in one form or another, given all the rumors, that it was in some way our fault that no one could enjoy fishing in Clear Lake. Boy, don't we wish we had that much power.

See 'ya at the next meeting.

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Canadian Fishing Trip Raffle

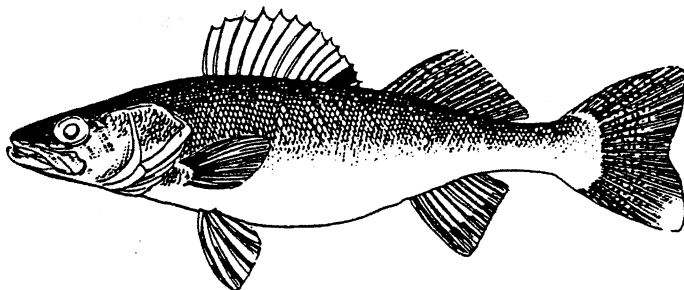
Eric Olson, of Mr. D. Outfitters, has again donated one Canadian fish trip to our club. As we did last year, we will be raffling this trip to club members. Cost of one chance will be \$5.00. This is a \$500.00 plus value. You could be the lucky person who gets to go fishing in Canada for only \$5.00 or \$10.00. you can get your chance at the next meeting or by contacting Mike Deinken.

E.E. Mecklenburg NUASF Scholarship

As most of you know, the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen, in conjunction with family members of the late E.E. (Bull) Mecklenburg, have started a scholarship fund. An account has been set up, and a board of directors selected. This scholarship will go to a graduating senior who plans to pursue an environmental career. No guidelines have as yet been set up. This is something that the board will take care of in the future. So far, the Mecklenburgs and the Club have made contributions to the fund. to get things started. You can also make a tax deductible contribution if you so desire. The "Bull" thought education was perhaps the most important aspect in life, even though was denied the opportunity to complete his. Through this scholarship we hope to keep his hunger for knowledge alive in tomorrow's youth.

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