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Minnesota Fishing Licenses Down 30 Percent From 2010

ST. PAUL (AP) - Sales of Minnesota fishing licenses before this year's opener were down nearly 30 percent compared with the same time last year.

The Department of Natural Resources says license sales are the lowest they've been in 12 years. DNR fisheries chief Dirk Peterson says he's not concerned. Peterson says it's probably just the result of a cooler than usual spring, and that people will want to fish when the

weather warms up.

People in the fishing industry blame the poor weather conditions on the May 14th opener, high gas prices, and concerns about the state of the economy. More than 257,000 licenses had been sold by the Friday before the opener, down from the nearly 367,000 sold by the same time in 2010 and from the 12-year average of 364,000 on that date.



Big waters produce big fish

Minnesota Conservation Volunteer

If you don't subscribe to this little gem of a magazine or haven't seen the May/June issue, it's well worth making a donation or checking it out at or at 1-888-646-6367. The Minnesota Conservation Volunteer is in its 70th year of publication, and here are some of the fun facts included in the current issue: Time to Try for Ol' Marble Eye—"Walleye season opened on May 14th this year. Every year, anglers catch and keep 3.2 million Minnesota walleyes, weighing a total of about 3.8 million pounds. About 85 percent of those walleyes were born in the wild, from eggs laid in clean, shallow waters with rocky bottoms. The other 15 percent

were raised at fish hatcheries and stocked. A new science-based DNR plan makes stocking more effective." There's also a feature article called "Fish Kitsch," which explores all the finned monuments that are familiar sights for travelers and anglers on Minnesota's fishing thoroughfares. And for your kids and grandkids, there's a Young Naturalist section, where we meet seven Minnesota critters that dive after, scoop, stalk, ambush, and chase fish for breakfast, lunch, and dinner—just like you did (when you thought nobody was lookin')—over opening weekend, all for the lovin' of Ol' Marble Eye. Have a great summer in our still great state!

MEETING NOTES from April 28th

- *Members present: 32+
- *Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved unanimously.
- *Membership Update: Membership stands at 202 with 63 due.
- *Area Lakes and Rivers Report: Clear Lake—Carp & Crappie winter kill.
- *Clubhouse and Grounds Update: Clubhouse cleanup on social night, May 12th, 5:00 p.m.; a tree fell on the old out-house and will need to be taken down; Orv R. will be doing the clubhouse floors sometime after social night; paint needed on clubhouse and sheds, and also the fish houses; there's a new trophy fish mounted on the clubhouse wall, caught on Lake Diefenbaker.
- *Old Business: Jason K. took the gift certificates to the Bergs and they said they didn't need any help with work on the landing, but thanked us anyway.

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Club Calendar

Thursday, May 26th . . . General Meeting at the Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 30th . . . Memorial Day, Observed (US)
Thursday, June 9th . . . Social Night at the Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 19th . . . Father's Day (US)
Tuesday, June 21st . . . Summer begins



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

I hope everyone had a great Fishing Opener, the weather was a little rough. I'm sure there will be a few stories at the next meeting about the big one that got away. So bring your stories along with your hot fishing spots and share them with your friends at the next meeting!! Your secret hot spots are safe with us!!! If you find yourself without a boat this summer the club has two that are available for our members, remember it is first come first serve.

It's defiantly summer like weather again and that means the grounds at the club will need to be mowed and trimmed. We are going to have a sign up sheet for mowing, please help us by signing up. Thanks in advance for your help!

Mark your calendar for **July 13th 4pm-7pm** this will be the day for the **Kids Fishing Contest** at **Riverside Park**. This event takes a lot of volunteers and we would appreciate as much help as possible. Setup starts at 2pm if you are able to help.

Summer is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!



The new clubhouse shed is in place.

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MEETING NOTES from April 28th continued from page 1

*Community Cleanup Report: four members helped with cleanup, with over 100 bags picked up; Scott S. said the streets were very clean and many green cards were returned; cleanup along the river planned for after the waters recede.

*Notes from the Board Meeting, held prior to general: Ice Castle—purchased by Jason, to be raffled off at the 25th Annual NUASF Ice Fishing Contest; Board suggests selling 850 tickets @ \$20.00 each, with prizes listed on the ticket; six sponsors will be using the house at their events, with help needed by members; members who take tickets to sell will be responsible to either sell them or buy them, and will be solely accountable for said tickets.

*Pro Kinship for Kids: Request for a donation; it is the sense of the board that they follow NUASF requirements and guidelines.

*Stoney Award Presentation: To Eric Olson—Mr. "O"—in absentia—award will be mailed to Eric in Montana. Thank you and congratulations, Eric!

*Kids' Fishing Contest Update: Date set for July 13th—as always, we'll need help from NUASF membership; Jim H. will contact Park & Rec to make arrangements for the use of Riverside Park; there will also be a cleanup of fallen trees and loose brush along the river banks.

*Friends of High Island Creek Report: NUASF was thanked for their donation to Friends group and it was reported that over 2 million walleye were stocked by the DNR.

*River Ranger Report by Ron Bolduan: Request was made for NUASF to fund Ron's expenses, to be paid as they occur and he turns them in to the Board. Board had previously discussed how this follows NUASF mission statement and guidelines. Measure passed unanimously.

*Other New Business: Email addresses should be given to Jason K. so he can add them to his official contact list for newsletter and other club information.

*Food for next meeting: Pot Luck.

*Mark Fischer's donated fox pelt was presented to Ron Bolduan for use at the River Center.

*Lawn mower is ready to mow-n-roll! Sign up sheet at the desk.

*Boat sign-out routine is being worked on, along with gas tank accountability and life-jacket box.

*Raffle for Ken Spoon prongs will be held after the meeting.

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"I always try to let walleyes tell me what they want".

Minnesota Pro Walleye Angler Gary Roach

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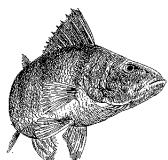
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