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WANTED DEAD, NOT ALIVE

Snakehead Fish

Asian Carp aren't the only invasive fish species we need to be keep under control and an eye out for.

Snakehead fish are native to China but are imported into the US as aquarium fish as well as food fish.

Why Snakehead Fish Cause Problems

Snakeheads can cause serious problems to native fish populations if they get established in US waters. A snakehead was found recently in a river in Wisconsin. Incredibly, it was not identified before it was released back into the river! It could be an aquarium pet that got too big and was dumped or it could have been imported for food and somehow been released into the river. A few months ago snakeheads caused quite a stir when one was found in a pond in Maryland.

What Happens When Snakehead Fish Are Found in US Waters



Snakeheads have been found in US waters over a dozen times in the past few years but made little news until the snakehead was found in Maryland. Snakeheads look a lot like bowfins. They feed in similar ways and have teeth.

What to Do if You Catch a Snakehead Fish

If you catch a snakehead, do kill it, do not release it back into the water. Snakeheads are just one

example of the kinds of fish that cause problems. Carp and Asian Carp are the worst of the imports. Snakeheads are not considered game fish so there are no limits or seasons on them. They should hit live bait or artificials that look like little minnows since that is their major food. If you catch a strange looking fish, contact your local Game and Fish Department and have them identify it. Help keep your fishing waters clear of snakeheads.

Club Calendar

December 20th NUASF Club Meeting

January 10th Social Night at the Club House

January 31st NUASF Club Meeting/Eric Olson Steak Night

February 7th Social Night/Prize Night for Fishing Contest

February 10th NUASF Ice Fishing Contest

February 14th NUASF Dixon Lake Ice Fishing Trip

February 28th NUASF Club Meeting/Fish Dish Night





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From the President

By Jason Kuester

At our last Fish Club meeting we held elections. The club re-elected Ken Sutherland as a board member. I would like to "THANK" Ken for all of his hard work and dedication to better the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman!

ATTENTION ALL FISHERMEN: Today I talked to Karen at Dixon Lake Resort, she says there is over 10" of ice on the lake. (That is great news!) She also said there will be no additional charge for the ice houses again this year. (That's even better news!) So to keep it simple it will only cost \$120.00 for the trip. She will also have a breakfast buffet (Starting at 6am) and dinner buffet (starting at 6pm) at the resort plus the Saturday night fish fry for only \$50.00 per person for all of the meals. (Can You Say Sign Me Up) The total for the trip and meals is \$170.00 per person if you want the meals included.

The date for the Ice Fishing Trip to Dixon Lake Resort is February 14, we have 26 people signed up already!! I need to have conformation and your \$50.00 down payment to them after the December's meeting. If you are interested in going along on this trip please contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtnet.net. The total for the trip is \$120.00 per person for three nights. They have room for 24 people in their angling houses and about 20 spearing houses available. This is first come first serve, so if you need an ice house let me know. If you are unable to attend the meeting and need to pay your \$50.00 down payment send it to Jason Kuester 56554-446th Street New Ulm, Mn 56073.

I would like to thank everyone for doing such a great job on selling their books of tickets for the ice fishing contest and the Ice Castle Fish House. If you are interested and want more tickets contact Ken Sutherland 507-276-1534 Ross Nelson at 507-766-0765 or myself at 507-381-2041. Please turn in any unused tickets and or money at the January meeting. Thanks for all your hard work!!!

Ice fishing season is here and many lakes are froze over and covered in snow. Due to these conditions it is very hard to tell if you are walking on 2 inches of ice or 8 inches of ice. Please be careful if and when you are on the ice. Remember the golden rules of ice thickness- 4 inches walking only, 6 inches snowmobiles and four-wheelers, 12 inches or more for small cars and pickups, 16 inches for full size vehicles.

Fall is here (maybe winter) 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!!

Monthly Meeting Nov. 29th, 2012 - Members Present: 60+

I. Secretary Report

A) Motion made by Scott Sparlin and seconded Glenn Rasmussen to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

II. Treasury Report

A) Balance

B) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Tom Simonson to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

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The NUASF Board

President - Jason Kuester (381-2041); Vice-President - Gary Sprenger (359-9358); Secretary - Ross Nelson (507-766-0765) Treasurer - Tony Miller (354-2457); Board Members: Ron Ludewig (507-276-6093), Mike Buechner (354-2739 s), Ken Sutherland (507-276-1534).

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III. Old Business

A) Membership update.

- 1) Membership stands at 188 with 29 due - Jim Hulke 3 new members

B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

- 1) Leech – 7” of ice on North end
- 2) Red Lake – 10” of ice in spots
- 3) Lake of the Woods – 8”

C) Club House and Grounds Update.

- 1) Lawn mowers have been winterized
- 2) Mike Buechner blow the leaves off grounds
- 3) Tony Miller made a request to use the clubhouse for his family Christmas

Party. He'll also take

The old TV

- 4) December meeting will be moved up to Dec. 20th

IV) Other Old Business

A) Tony Miller showed a power point presentation on the Asian Carp field trip to Iowa. 21 club members attended

B Presentation from The Friends of High Island

- 1) DNR have done sample testing and it's looking very good
- 2) They would like to do an Ice Fishing contest this winter, and were looking for any help from our group that we can give them. Date of the contest set for Jan 19th, if anyone can help please go on over

- 3) Club should consider bringing our ice house to sell tickets, and registration

C) Ice Fishing Contest update

- 1) Posters will be done on 12/13 and available to hand out.
- 2) Ron Ludewig pulled our fish house we're raffling in the Parade of Lights
- 3) Tom Simonson will be pulling the house in the St. Peter Parade of Ice Houses on Dec. 1st, contact him if you would like to help.

- 4) Prize collection being arranged

- 5) Food License in progress.

D) Winter ice fishing trip update

- 1) Feb 14-17 ; 27 members signed up
 - 2) Deposit to Jason \$50
 - 3) Cost: \$120 bring your own food. \$170 w/ food
- E) Club Jackets – Last night to order. 15 sold so far.
- F) Food next meeting – POT LUCK wild game feed

V) New Business

- A) Thanks to Swartz Farms for the \$200 donation
- B) Tony Miller will be working on updating the web site.
- C) Please sign petition to save the MN River from Asian Carp.
- D) Scott S. recognized Ground Zero for all the work they did on 7 Mile Creek
- E) Club donated a hat and T-shirt to Hi Island Ice Fishing Contest.

VI) Other New Business

- A) Mike Buechner was reelected as club board member

VII) Adjourn 8:45 PM

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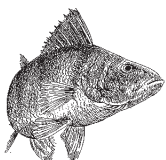
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