TAFIP UPDATE

January 13, 2018
By Ike Laba

The Temagami & Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP) are very fortunate in having a total of 40 volunteers who work in groups. These smaller working groups are involved in various segment of the hatchery program such as:

- Egg collection

- Hatchery Operations

- Fry removal and dispersal

- Rearing pond Operations

- Fingerling Quality control

- Hatchery maintenance & repair

- Financial Services

- Applications & Reports

SPECIAL THANKS:

Thanks to groups and individuals who supported the hatchery program financially as well as by donation of various equipment. Due to the substantial dollars donated we were able to upgrade much of the hatchery equipment such as:

- -replace an old trailer to haul a large pump unit
- -purchase new 6" hoses to replace old leaking units
- -purchase 3" hose for donated transfer pumps
- -purchase a mini pump for start up of hatchery water system
- -purchase high intensity flashlights for spawning Walleye observations Donation of Equipment:
- -a large generator donated for emergency hatchery operations (anonymous)
- -water pumps donated
- -equipment donated for use during egg collection (Longshot Diamond Drilling- Russ Manderstrum)

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Issues 2017

- Weather was a major issue for the hatchery program in 2017 due to the large variations in water and air temperature. Erratic weather affects egg collection, egg hatch into fry and fingerling growth.
- Algae was more abundant this year due to the very cool summer. These issues are being addressed and will be controlled with Barley straw and chemicals.
- Natural invasive species such as: tadpoles, and mud minnows were competing for the same food as Walleye fry. Some of these issues have already been addressed.
- Predators such as mink, otter, heron, turtles etc. are being controlled where ever possible
- Oxygen is an issue and will be monitored and maintained through aeriation and testing.
- Our quota of egg collection from Lake Temagami has been an issue this year. We are working on correcting this issue for the 2018 season.

Future New Ponds

We lost the use of the Roosevelt rearing ponds last year for several reasons; residual Walleye (eat their own) unable to drain the pond, invasive water weed and poor access to the pond.

We are seriously looking at a new rearing pond area off Hwy #11 which can be converted into 2 rearing ponds to replace the original Roosevelt pond. This development is costly and will take approximately one to two years to complete depending on funding.

Existing Rearing Pond update:

The Red Squirrel and Sherman rearing ponds will be upgraded in 2018 to ensure complete Walleye fingerling extraction plus the upgrading will ensure better survival during dispersal. The clay for lining the ponds was delivered to both pond sites in November of 2017. In 2018, Walleye fingerlings will be extracted at the end of August then, both ponds will be totally drained, contoured and clay lined to prevent leakage. These ponds will be ready for use in the spring of 2019.

Herridge/Angus Lakes

Preliminary work has been done in conjunction with the residents from Angus and Herridge lakes, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the TAFIP program to enhance the future of the Walleye program on these lakes.

Herridge Lake key issues: The main spawning area on Herridge Lake is at Herridge Creek. Herridge creek as been blocked by a beaver dam for years preventing Walleye from entering the creek to spawn. Also, there are possible shoal spawning areas on Herridge lake that may require flushing.

Angus Lake key issues: From inspection of Angus Lake it is certain that all Walleye spawn on shoals. The shoals inspected require flushing of the existing silt that has accumulated throughout the years.

Both lakes will be assessed in early spring by MNRF, TAFIP and Cottage representatives to confirm possible Walleye spawning sites. Depending on the spring inspections and MNRF approval we hope to do rehabilitation work on both Herridge and Angus Lakes after the spawn in 2018.

Information or New Members:

For more information on the TAFIP program or if you would like to join then please contact:

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to help ensure the future health of the Walleye Fishery in Temagami. We appreciate your Financial Support as an Active Donor or as an Active T.A.F.I.P. Volunteer Member.

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