

Buffalo Lake Fish Committee

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100% of your donation will go towards fish stocking

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Goals and objectives:

Increase, develop and maintain a multi-year plan to grow fish population in Buffalo Lake. A secondary goal is habitat/reproduction/sustainability.

1. With the construction of the new dam, several factors decreased the fish population in Buffalo Lake.
2. The shallow water increased the winter kill last year and will likely be substantial this year with the cold and low water level.
3. The warm (100 degree days) summer 2012/2013 affected the Northern Pike population.
4. With the low water level the bird and other wild life was able to feed on the fish well above normal.
5. With the gates wide open and lower water levels many fish migrated downstream. (Best river fishing in many years).
6. With Buffalo Lake being at the head water, more challenging for fish to migrate into the lake.

Plan of Action:

- A. *February 22, 2014:* Meet with the Buffalo Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District.
 - Solicit support
 - Account to deposit funds
 - Receive e-mail and contact information of members
- B. *May 2014 until March 2015* Fund raising
- C. *May 2014* habitat plants restoration

- D. 2015 April-May Stock Fish
- E. 2015 May plant restoration
- F. 2016 May Fish stocking
- G. 2017 May Fish stocking

Notes:

- i. Dave Burtz (fish biologist) of the DNR has been contacted and will not object to any fish stocking done privately. A permit is required and is no cost.
- ii. The DNR will not stock fish in the lake. A fish assessment will be done in 2015.
- iii. An unlikely possibility of some DNR stocking in 2017, depending on the fish survey in 2015.
- iv. The larger the fish the better the survival rate.

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