

## Walleye Stocking

For many years the Cisco Chain has had a history of planting walleyes in the lakes of this chain. There was a period of ten years when permits were not issued. In 2011 the CCROA was able to resume walleye planting. The fish are planted in October after the water cools down. In each of the years 2011 - 2016 the Michigan Department of Natural Resources granted a permit to plant five thousand, six to eight inch walleye fingerlings.

The fish come from Walleye World in the eastern Upper Peninsula. This company has proven to be very professional and the fish arrive in fantastic condition. The fish are tested and certified as disease-free before the DNR issues the permit. The walleyes cost two dollars each in the planting years 2011-2013, but the price was raised to two dollars twenty-five cents each in 2014, with free delivery. In 2015 a permit was obtained to plant 200 northern muskies in addition to the walleyes. Funding for the musky planting was obtained by separate donations and not taken from the walleye fund. In 2016 200 muskies were planted ranging in size from 14" to 17". The cost of each muskie is \$17.00.

In the spring of 2016 the LVD tribe harvested spawn from walleyes netted on the Cisco Chain. In the fall of 2016 approximately 1000 6" to 8" walleyes were transferred from their rearing ponds to the Cisco Chain. Efforts are underway to ensure that a cooperative spirit is forged to continue walleye planting in the Cisco Chain by the Lac Vieux Desert Tribe.

You may contribute to the CCROA Walleye Fund online by using the donation page on this web site, or by sending a check (with Walleye Fund written on the memo line) to CCROA, P.O. Box 687, Watersmeet, MI 49969. Further questions concerning the plantings should be directed to Phil Wolbrink at 906-358-4734 or 715-367-9976.