

Successful Walleye Planting last October, 2023

Collaborative

The efforts of Phil Wolbrink with the support of Tim Lathrop came to fruition the 3rd week of October last year when just over 10,000 walleye fingerlings (5-7 inches) were released at the Thousand Island Lake boat landing and at Lindsley Lake near the north channel.

Release of the walleye!

The process took several turns in getting this planting approved, The Michigan DNR preferred the “Bay De Noc” strain of walleye that came from a fishery near Sault Ste. Marie. Gino from the Watersmeet Trout Hatchery handled the transport logistics to our waters. Michigan DNR issued the permit a week before release after examining a sample of the fingerlings.



The fingerlings were not cheap. We last stocked the Chain in 2019 with 8,000 fingerlings at a cost of approximately \$2.20 per fingerling. That was pre-CoVid. We then had 3 years where circumstances prevented us acquiring the fingerlings. The price increased to \$3.20 in 2023 due to inflation and other factors. So we wish this new release

good luck in surviving to maturity!