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Walleye World

The Newsletter of the Lake Champlain Walleye Association

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STOCKING

We are putting the final touches on another successful year of walleye restoration effort in Lake Champlain. We have included below the results of the stocking programs for this year. The Winooski River Strain was collected this year and VT F&W stocked 3 LCWA ponds with advanced fry which were raised to fingerlings and stocked. The results of the collection and the stocking locations are listed below.

We would like to credit our southern most director John Rozell with the establishment of an in-lake pond for rearing fingerlings. We have included his letter to the Board and although as you will read they did not have much success in the first year, the fact that they have begun this process is very exciting and could lead to another effective way to rear walleye fingerlings.

VERMONT FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT BALD HILL FISH CULTURE STATION 2009 WALLEYE PROGRAM UPDATE

WINOOSKI RIVER STRAIN EGG COLLECTION

DATE	BROOD SOURCE	# EGGS COLLECTED	# FEMALES
4/23	Winooski R.	383,750 (EW)	3
4/23	Winooski R.	283,660 (BH)	4
4/24	Winooski R.	1,042,880	8
4/25	Winooski R.	500,580	5
4/27	Winooski R.	896,870	5

Eggs Incubated at Bald Hill FCS: 2,723,990

Eggs Incubated at Ed Weed FCS: 383,750

Total Number of Winooski River Strain Eggs Collected: 3,107,740

Notes: All Winooski River brood stock were spawned at the Ed Weed FCS.

383,750 eggs collected on 4/23 were incubated and hatched at Ed Weed FCS.

All eggs were water-hardened in 50ppm iodophore for 30 minutes, and topically disinfected in 100ppm iodophore for 10 minutes.

FRY STOCKING (public waters and BHFCS advanced fry system)

DATE	STRAIN	LOCATION	NUMBER	MARK	SOURCE FCS
5/19	Winooski R.	BHFCS Recirc. System	420,000	FO	BH
5/26	Winooski R.	Winooski R. (mouth)	198,000	FO	EW

Fry Stocking Totals to Public Waters: 198,000



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Advanced Fry Stocking (8-10 days old, fed brine shrimp in recirculation system)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STRAIN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MARK</u>
5/25	Winooski R.	BHFCS Pond 1	61,000	FO
5/25	Winooski R.	BHFCS Pond 2	53,000	FO
5/25	Winooski R.	BHFCS Pond 3	37,000	FO
5/26	Winooski R.	Samson Pond 1	42,000	FO
5/26	Winooski R.	Samson Pond 2	42,000	FO
5/26	Winooski R.	Perkins Pond	25,000	FO
5/27	Winooski R.	Winooski R. (mouth)	50,000	FO
5/27	Winooski R.	BHFCS feed trial	39,000	FO

Final Advanced Fry Stocking Totals: 350,000

Fingerling Stocking

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STRAIN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MARK</u>	<u>POND</u>
6/30	Winooski R.	Lower Otter Cr.	3000	FO	Perkins
7/02	Winooski R.	Lower Winooski R.	20,800	FO/FNG	Samson1+2
7/06	Winooski R.	Lower Winooski R.	19,800	FO/FNG	BHFCS 2
7/07	Winooski R.	Lower Winooski R.	27,900	FO/FNG	BHFCS 1
7/07	Winooski R.	Lower Winooski R.	9,000	FO/FNG	BHFCS 3
7/07	Winooski R.	Chittenden Res.	15,000	FO/FNG	BHFCS 3

Final Fingerling Stocking Totals to Public Waters: 95,500

WHITEHALL PORTABLE HATCHERY

“To: LCWA Members

We would like to thank the USFW and NYSDEC for their assistance electro shocking South Bay. We collected a total of 84 walleyes form South Bay. We used 9 big females and 20 males for our stripping procedure. We collected 994,000 eggs on 3 different dates; April 2, 7, and 9, 2009. We released 716,000 fry into South Bay on May 3, 2009.

This year we had proper permits for our in-lake pond. We put 1,800 fry into the in-lake net on May 5, 2009. Total fry count was 716,000. This was one of our best years for hatch success rate at 72%.

The in-lake pond was not a success this year. Besides fighting weed growth, someone hurt us by throwing 13 crappies into our net. Needless to say, we produced nothing. We know what we need to do next year to prevent both problems.

Again, thank you to the LCWA, NYSDEC, and the USFW for all the help in making such a successful fry release this year.

Thanks Again,
John Rozell
Leonard Field
Portable Hatchery Managers”

NEWS

While our Swanton Ponds were being drained to stock the fingerlings Seven Days, a Burlington newspaper stopped by to shoot video and interview some of the Directors. This is a very good report and everyone should visit the Seven Days website to view it. Type in this link and you will be brought right to it:

<http://www.7dvt.com/2009lake-champlain-walleye-assoc>

DOCKSIDE BAIT AND TACKLE is offering LCWA members a 10% discount at their shop on Raymond Road, off Route 2 in Milton. Just show them your membership card. The owner, Ben Sullivan, said that the reason for the discount is because the LCWA does so much to give back to the resource that he wanted to give something back to our membership. That is a very nice gesture. Thanks Ben.

VOLUNTEER

The LCWA is a volunteer organization. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with our projects and simply running our organization. If you know of anybody that would be interested in volunteering to help us with anything please contact your nearest Director. We are currently looking for someone to help run our website and we may be looking for a new treasurer.

NEW MEMBERS

Below is a picture sent in by new member Adam Burnor. Nice fish!! The location of the catch was not disclosed!

