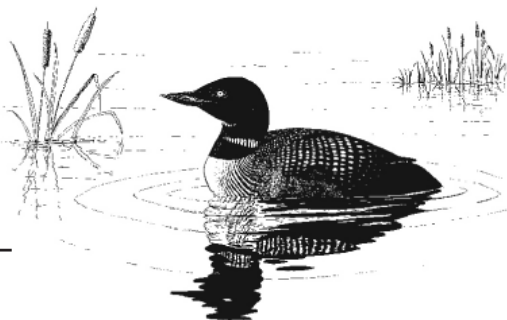


Tremolo

Tremolo... the laugh-like call of the Loon



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Loon Haunt Outposts – 2016 Reflections on our Season

As we write this, in late September, the bush is dressed in vibrant fall colors and the geese are winging their way south. The silence in camp is interrupted by the snarl of the chain saw as Ryan cuts wood for next year. At this time we enjoy sharing some of the highlights of our year in review and keeping you up to date on what's new and what next year might bring.

Our 39th season simply flew by! We think this is partly because we seem to stay busy and also we definitely think time speeds up as we age. For those of you who couldn't make your annual trip to Loon Haunt this past summer – we missed you! The very hot weather experienced by much of the U.S. did not extend this far into Northern Ontario and our guests were grateful for the reprieve.

Our lakes were ice free the first week of May but there was no rush to get to the bush to start getting the cabins ready for incoming fishermen. Bill's first flight was to Monroe Lake with a load of lumber to repair the dock. We both flew there in mid-May to open the cabin and clear the portages of winter deadfall. The island is home to several bird species and they had already staked out prime nesting sites. Mergansers, loons and black capped gulls entertained us on our arrival. The cabin at Unnamed Lake was next to be readied for guests and we found

no surprises like bear damage or fallen trees to deal with. By May 18th we were ready to move to Goose Lake for the summer and the weather cooperated while we took a few days to get cabins, boats and the portage ready. We always get as much cleaning and painting done in the fall as possible so that we have a speedy start to the season. After we were satisfied with our progress at Goose Lake we flew to Whitelaw Lake and Poirier Lake to get the cabins ready there. By late May we were finally ready for the first fishermen to arrive. The first group of fishermen arrived to cool, windy and rainy conditions and it seemed like they wore their raingear the entire visit. Fishing was excellent though, both for numbers and size. Keith B. made a video of "stupid easy walleye fishing" in the river. He showed how easy it was to catch walleye after walleye in only 20 seconds after putting in his line. northerns were very aggressive in the early part of the season as well. At Goose Lake the new Honda 4 strokes, with electric start, were a big hit and we received many favorable comments from returning guests. Bill's fish locator power supply outlets were used all season and were a nice addition for fishermen looking to reduce their fly in weight.

In June forest fires started up due to dry conditions and we were

monitoring their location and size daily. There was a fire ban in place that messed with shore lunch plans for a while. When the rains finally came and put a damper on the fires, we were relieved. The last half of the season saw frequent rains that lessened the fire activity. June guests had exceptional fishing with some areas on the lake being visited often. Father's Day rock seemed to have fishermen nearby most of June and everyone had great success. Our Goose Lake guests all know about the "honey hole" in the upper river. This spot is the "fish factory" for our lake. It is interesting to note how many large fish are caught and released in this location year after year. Many fishermen who arrive at Goose Lake head straight for the "honey hole" and each party claims a certain area. We figure there are many pounds of lead stuck in the rocks there as well as some anchors.

In July a stubborn low pressure area sat over Northern Ontario for a few days bringing rain and windy/cool weather. Fishing continued to be excellent throughout the month. The summer of 2016 was very special for us because our children and their families came to visit. For our grandson Cam and granddaughter Annadele, it was their first visit to the camp with a long list of "firsts". First float plane ride, first fish, first tubing



Scott, Lori, Cam & Addie

ride, first 4-wheeler ride, first time swimming off a dock...Our granddaughter Jolyn is a regular visitor and loved the tubing rides that Bill provided. All the grandchildren learned the signal for more speed real quick!



Brian, Kari & JB

All too soon it appeared fall was approaching. By the first week in August we were already observing that the birch leaves were beginning to turn yellow and the mosquitoes were pretty much non-existent. Even the fishing changed and fishermen reported fishing deeper for walleye. Although the wild rice crop looked plentiful from the air, Bill did not harvest it but instead left it for the ducks and geese. The last half of September was filled with the sounds of Canada geese and sandhill cranes flying overhead. Great flocks sometimes would settle right in front

of the camp to rest during the night and then leave again in the morning. Some swam along the shore and it was not uncommon to see several right by the boats or on the beach in front of the cabins. With frequent rains lake levels started rising and by the time we finally left Goose Lake on October 2nd, the lake had returned to spring levels and was still rising.

We had some glorious weather in September and took advantage of it to shut down outposts and winterize them. Bill and Ryan put the 4-wheeler and trailer to good use at Goose Lake and hauled out huge stacks of firewood. All the wood was split by Ryan for next year. It is hard to

believe that 2017 will be our 40th year. It seems like yesterday that we were standing on the dock in 1978 and eagerly waiting for the first guests to arrive.

Because we are not getting any younger, we have been looking for an enthusiastic helper to shoulder some of the work around camp. Next year you will all be meeting Ryan Scott as he has agreed to join our team. Ryan is a pilot and has the necessary skills to help run the camp.

He enjoys being in the bush and we haven't run across anything he cannot do. Ryan loves fishing and is eager to explore the lake and meet you all. ❖



Ryan Scott, joining the team in 2017

Who Caught What At:

Thank you for taking the time to enter your catch on the bragging boards. We know not all big fish are documented and we appreciate your effort in keeping the boards up to date. We enjoy reading about your success and often feel we were in the boat with you! We can imagine the thrill of catching these fish and the satisfaction of releasing them so they can swim away unharmed.

Whitelaw

Name	Month	Species	Length
Steve N.	May	Northern	36



Monroe

Name	Month	Species	Length
Devon H.	July	Northern	38
Logan H.	July	Perch	10
Kyle H.	July	Northern	38
Don S.	September	Northern	45(2)



Poirier

Name	Month	Species	Length
Howard E.	June	Walleye	18-21(lots)
Bob B.	June	Walleye	25, 26.25
Derrick S.	June	Walleye	23.5
Ron and Kathy N.	July	Walleye	23(7), 23.5(3), 24(2)
Ron and Kathy N.	July	Northern	39
Joe and Nell A.	August	Northern	31
Joe and Nell A.	August	Walleye	23
Rick K.	August	Walleye	20-21.5(lots), 23, 24
Rick K.	August	Northern	30
Janet and Jeff B.	August	Walleye	14-18(lots), 24
Janet and Jeff B.	August	Northern	20-24(4)



Goose Lake

Name	Month	Species	Length
Jason M.	June	Walleye	24
Chris M.	June	Northern	30
Stuart B.	June	Walleye	25
Keith B.	June	Whitefish	20, 21
Clayton A.	June	Northern	40
Tim C.	June	Northern	34, 36
Paul O.	June	Northern	35(2)
Tim C.	June	Walleye	28
Wayne W.	June	Walleye	23, 26.5
Ron W.	June	Northern	28
Mark H.	June	Walleye	21.5
Mark H./Matt B.	June	Walleye	75+
Matt K.	June	Walleye	25(2)
Matt K.	June	Northern	39
Adam K.	June	Walleye	26
Adam K.	June	Northern	33
Greg K.	June	Walleye	23(3)
Greg K.	June	Northern	38
Rob B.	June	Walleye	23, 25(2)
Jim B.	June	Walleye	23
Bell group	June	Walleye	1500 week
Lee P.	June	Northern	35
Jeff B.	June	Walleye	24.5, 24.75
Mark D.	June	Walleye	29
Mark D.	June	Northern	37.5
Ed R.	June	Walleye	26, 27, 28, 29(2)
Dave S.	June	Walleye	27
Dilts group	June	Perch	12(20)/one day
Will R.	June	Walleye	26
Dilts group	June	Walleye	23+(20), 25+(12)
Charlie B.	June	Walleye	25
Rick F.	June	Walleye	25
Rick F.	June	Northern	36

Goose Lake

Name	Month	Species	Length
Wayne D.	June	Walleye	26
Pete L.	June	Walleye	20
Steve S.	June	Walleye	27
Felipe A.	June	Walleye	23.5
Shannon S.	June	Walleye	24.5
Mike L.	June	Minnow	.5
Debra K.	June	Northern	29
John S.	June	Walleye	24
Dave S.	June	Walleye	24(4)
Mike C.	July	Walleye	27.5
Bob P.	July	Walleye	25.25
Bob P.	July	Northern	38
Laurie P.	July	Walleye	23.5, 24.5, 27
Paige L.	July	Northern	36
Reid and Lee S.	July	Walleye	221
Reid and Lee S.	July	Northern	11
Lee S.	July	Walleye	26, 26.25
Dan L.	July	Northern	36
Terry C.	July	Walleye	21, 29
Luke G.	August	Walleye	21
Wes G.	August	Walleye	21
Andy V.	August	Walleye	23
Frances V.	August	Walleye	20
Christopher M.	August	Clam	3 inches
Gary H.	August	Walleye	25
Wes G.	August	Northern	28
Gerry D.	August	Walleye	22, 23
Gerry D.	August	Northern	28
Kent S.	August	Walleye	28
Kent S.	August	Northern	38
Kurt H.	August	Northern	34



Unnamed Lake

Name	Month	Species	Length
Barry K.	June	Walleye	29, 30
Barry K.	June	Northern	42.5
Debbie H.	June	Walleye	29
Debbie H.	June	Northern	41
Barry H.	June	Walleye	28.5
Barry H.	June	Northern	40
Dakota W.	July	Northern	36, 39, 42
Kathy P.	July	Northern	35(2), 42
Jon P.	July	Northern	35, 38, 43
Jon P.	July	Walleye	24(2), 25.5
Tom B.	August	Walleye	28.5
Tom B.	August	Northern	30(2), 36, 40

Unnamed Lake

Name	Month	Species	Length
Neal R.	August	Northern	41
Ron R.	August	Walleye	22.5, 23
Ron R.	August	Northern	28(2), 31.5(2), 32
Rich K.	August	Northern	31(2), 36
Gene C.	August	Northern	25 - 30(7)
Paul N.	August	Walleye	24
Paul N.	August	Northern	33(2), 34, 37(2), 41
Paul R.	August	Walleye	24
Paul R.	August	Northern	38(2), 42



Louise's Chatter

- We expected to see our resident Canada geese upon our arrival at Goose Lake this spring but they did not show up. Hopefully next year...
- Our resident merlins reappeared this spring and all season long we listened to their distinctive calls. They protected their nest from eagles and ravens and were able to raise 2 young ones to adulthood. When the adults finally left the young ones to fend for themselves, it was a particularly noisy time. It was a happy day in mid-September when we realized they were finally gone for good.
- High lake levels greeted us at all locations this year. Gradually over the summer the lakes receded though and only began to rise again in September. When we departed Goose Lake on October 2nd, the lake was right back up to spring levels and was rising more each day.
- The Bell group was surprised to see a waterspout forming beside them while fishing at the honey hole. It didn't amount to much but over the years other fishermen have reported

seeing waterspouts forming at this location as well.

- Walleye Alley at Nechigona usually kicks into high gear in mid-July but this year the fish schooled in late June and guests reported great fishing success there.
- Mark D. and his partners are one of our most successful groups when it comes to large fish and fishing in general. These guys have fishing figured out and do very well on whatever species they decide to target in a given day. It is always fun to check the bragging board at the end of their stay to see the results. This year they caught the same 29 inch walleye 3 times at the honey hole. They know it was the same fish because of the horizontal line of "warts" on the body of the fish. Coincidentally, this same fish was caught by Terry C. in mid July at Woman Falls.
- Father's Day Rock proved to be an unbelievable fishing spot all season long. The Dave S. group had great success there and every day saw



larger fish written in on the bragging board.

- In July we were following an intense thunderstorm on radar and one look at the black sky was all it took for boats to return to camp to wait it out. We secured the barbecues and boats, emptied boats of all fishing equipment and hoped it would not be bad. Turns out we really dodged a bullet and the storm passed by to the south of us. It did manage to clip our location on Poirier Lake and Joe and Nell A. observed the big rollers crashing into the shore. The high winds flipped the boat that was winched up on the ramp and it ended up perpendicular to the shore and upside down. The fish table top was blown off and Joe had to return it to its original location. Some trees were toppled but it could have been a lot worse.
- Mike S. told us a few years ago of traveling across the deep water at Goose Lake and being surprised to see a "hump" on the fish locator. He tried to find it again but had no luck. We had forgotten about it as the Sissler brothers did a grid search and



failed to find it. This summer Ryan B. and Bill S. were trolling the deep water and ran across the hump by accident. Both men caught very nice fish there but didn't have a GPS or marker in the boat. The next day they tried to find it again but had no luck. In late September Bill and I, armed with a fish locator and GPS, were confident we could find it. Again, no luck! Next year we will again pick up the search unless one of our guests already has the coordinates and contacts us.

- Speaking of humps... Rick K. was fishing at Poirier Lake and found a hump to the east of the hump we know about. It was in the last couple of hours of his trip and he wished he had found it sooner because he caught and released some dandy walleyes there. Rick didn't have a GPS but Bill will try his luck next spring and will put a marker on it.
- We hired Michael Harpiak to bring his drone to camp and do some filming in August. One look at the cabin roofs convinced us that it would be a great idea to clean the roofs of moss first. Little did we know that it would not be easy. After much "hands on" scrubbing,



Bill decided to try the pressure washer and we were really pleased with the results. Bill dialed back the spray and spent many hours removing the moss. One sore back and several days later the job was done.

- Michael did a great job and the video can be seen at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UiH_V9rPIA
- This summer we lost two dear friends. We were saddened when we learned of the passing of Bob Wilson and Ken Smithson. Bob had many wonderful trips to Monroe Lake and Unnamed Lake with his wife Rosemary and good friends Jon and Kathy P. He was a great fisherman and especially enjoyed targeting large northernns. He was also fond of practical jokes and installed the electrical outlets at Monroe that probably messed with the heads of many fishermen. Ken fished Goose Lake for many years and sometimes even came twice in one year. He always brought along friends and family and was a great host. Ken was known for his amazing shore lunches and he routinely fried fish with all the

trimmings for over twenty hungry people and made it look easy. We miss Bob and Ken and will think of them often in the years to come.

- Trumpeter swans have established residency in many of the lakes here and we always look for them in the spring. Bill kept tabs on a pair of swans at the end of South Bay over the summer. He noticed that they





Ken Smithson and his amazing shore lunches. RIP Ken.

calves - a special sighting. Moose were also seen by the Adams, Lorenzen and Robinson groups.

- Guests reported seeing two bears (far from camp thankfully). One swimming bear was seen by the Oler group and another by the Oosterhouse foursome.
- Andy V. saw a family of otters in the river above Whitedog Falls. Otters are known for traveling long distances and I watched for them to pass by the camp in the following days but I did not see them.
- If you've ever had a hook stuck in your hand, it becomes a great incentive to fish barbless. Bill S. easily had the deepest hook Bill had ever seen and it took some time to remove it. Bill S. was one tough fisherman and did not complain once while Bill "operated" on him.
- Over the thirty nine years we have been on the lake we have seen just

built their nest in exactly the same location as last year. This year they had four goslings but by the end of September only two remained. In October we flew over them when we left for town and wondered when they too would be migrating south.

northern on his third attempt. 38 inches!

- Trumpeter swans also nest at Nechigona and the Beauchamp crew observed them while fishing the lake.
- There is an osprey nest at Nechigona too and the Vorbrich group watched as an osprey dove for a fish.
- Dan A. lost his wedding ring behind the boat ramps in early June and I told him I would search for it over the summer. In August the lake was low enough to just wade out in my rubber boots and I saw the sunlight reflecting off something shiny on the bottom. I reached in and picked up Dan's ring – easy, peasy! Thanks to Nell A. for taking care of mailing it to Dan.
- Kent S. was fishing with his group below Whitedog Falls and was the "net man" for his fishing buddy who had hooked a nice walleye. A large northern wanted that walleye too and tried three times to grab it. Kent netted the

- June moose sightings consist of cows and calves, usually on islands. The Beede crew spied a cow with two



about every northern animal there is to see but this year we, along with a full camp, heard something we have never heard before. About 10:45 p.m. one night in early June we all heard the unmistakable screaming sound of a big cat right behind our cabin. It was very loud and went on for a little while and right away fishermen were pouring out of the cabins armed with flashlights hoping to catch a glimpse of what we were certain was a cougar. Some of the guys said it sounded like it was in distress but then we thought it was perhaps a female in heat? We will never know for sure and it was certainly many miles away the next day. There were no tracks to be found in the brush. Exciting though!

- Speaking of hearing animals...in the afternoon of August 22nd, Bill was watching a movie on the computer and I was reading by the kitchen table when a long series of wolves howling caught my attention. They

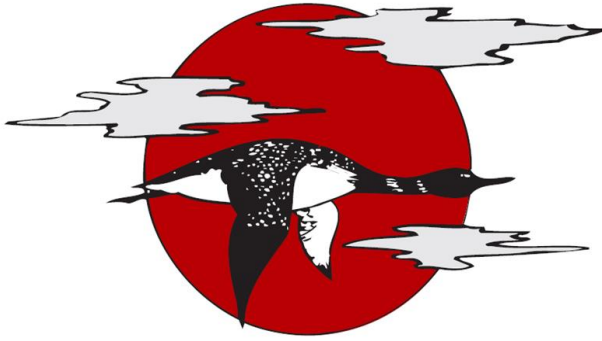
were on the hunt and closing in on their prey and then when I quickly ran to let Bill know the howling stopped. The wolves either brought down a moose or it ran into the lake to escape. Although we have seen wolves right in camp over the years, it is seldom that we hear them on the hunt. We do hear them howling at night infrequently.

- We appreciate the help loading and unloading the airplanes. The Beauchamp guys helped with the stove and mattress. Mattresses continued to come in to Goose whenever there was room on the planes. The Beede and Collins groups made short work of carrying them up to the service building. Thanks to Danny H. who lent a hand as well. Mattresses also flew into the outposts and we thank the Gregorski and Halderman groups for helping the pilot unload them and carry them up to the cabins. Beer, gas drums and propane cylinders

were unloaded and moved by many guests and we are very grateful for all the help.

- The Oler group enjoyed taking the fish entrails to the eagles, seagulls and vultures each evening. Thanks for your assistance!
- Each year we are the recipients of our guests' thoughtfulness. Thank you to everyone who shared treats from their part of the country with us. It was most appreciated as were the shared meals and good company!
- We appreciate your emails, photos, videos, comments and friendship. We could never grow without your kind referrals as they are a most important form of advertising for us. Your referrals are the greatest compliment we receive. Thank you!
- It is never too late to send us your pictures. Bill will post them on our website for everyone to enjoy. ❖





Loon Haunt Outposts 2017 Rates

All rates include: boats, motors and unlimited gasoline. All cabins feature: hot and cold running water and showers, propane stove, refrigerator, chest-type freezer, pots and pans, dishes and cutlery, beds with coil spring mattresses, pillows and electric lights. If you are prepared to meet our flying schedule, which will enable us to utilize the aircraft both ways, flying is included in the rates quoted.

Large Group Specials

At all locations for week long packages only

Deduct \$50 per person if group of 5 adults

Deduct \$130 per person if group of 6 or more adults

7 Day Fishing Packages

Lake	Occupancy	In	Out	US Each
Goose	2-24	Sunday	Sunday	\$1,330
Monroe	4-6	Sunday	Sunday	\$1,330
Unnamed	4-8	Sunday	Sunday	\$1,330
Poirier	2	Saturday	Saturday	\$1,330
Whitelaw	2-6	Friday	Friday	\$1,330

7 Day Fly-in Canoe Trips

We cater to the experienced canoeist who wants to get fantastic fishing. We Supply: Flying in and out (from our base at Stormer Lake), canoes, paddles, tents, emergency communications.

Maximum baggage 60 pounds / person.

Friday a.m. to Friday a.m.

(no take home fish)

\$845 US Each

(Deposit \$200 US each)

3, 4 & 5 Day Fishing Packages

Lake	Occupancy	Package	US Each
Goose	2-24	3-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,050
Goose	2-24	4-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,155
Goose	2-24	5-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,260
Whitelaw	4-6	3-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,050
Whitelaw	4-6	4-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,155
Whitelaw	4-6	5-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,260

Baggage limit is 100 pounds per person, 75 pounds on the 3, 4 day packages and 85 pounds on the 5 day

Our Conservation Policy

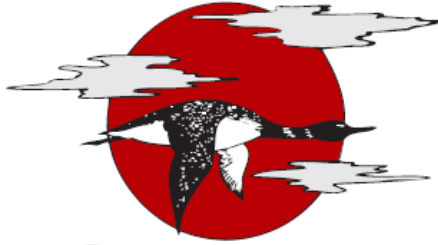
No one is to harm in any way a Walleye over 18 inches or a Northern over 27 inches.

We encourage you to enjoy meals of fish during your stay, but insist that no fish be taken home with you.

To ensure future generations will enjoy the same fantastic fishing we have today, this policy is mandatory for all our guests.

- Rates are quoted in United States Dollars (US).
- Children 16 and under deduct 10% from price.
- Deposits of \$300 US per person are transferable (on 60 day notice) but not refundable. Our policy is intended to be fair to our guests yet prevent the loss of income to our business. Our location is such that we do not have a large volume of traffic past our facilities. We must depend on advance reservations. Once a cabin is reserved, we remove it from the market, refusing all other requests. A booking must be accompanied by a deposit within 2 weeks – if not the cabin becomes available to other fishermen.
- Personal checks are acceptable for reservation deposit only. Balance to be paid with cash or cashier's checks.
- Please no personal checks.
- Sales taxes (HST) are extra. The total tax will average about 7% of the total charge.
- Vehicle parking at the airlines is included in the price.
- Beer and soda, if ordered at least 3 weeks in advance, will be delivered to your outpost ahead of time at no extra cost to you.
- Prior to your visit, you will receive a detailed information package containing a helpful grocery list that you can use to plan your shopping or fax to our local grocery store. The store will prepare your order, charge it to your credit card and deliver it to the airlines for you.

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Reservations for 2017

In 2017 we'll be enjoying our
40th season at
Loon Haunt Outposts.

We are pleased to report our
2016 rates will carry over into 2017.

Each year we are reminded that life is short and summers
are shorter. We hope you can join us next year.

Thank You

We enjoy living with nature at our back door and take
our job as stewards of the resource seriously. Our goal
is to take the best possible care of it as well as the
cabins and equipment so all will be ready and waiting
for your return.

To all the fishermen who visited us this year, we thank
you for your company and business. To those still
dreaming of your first Canadian fly in fishing
experience, we look forward to sharing our part of the
country with you. We know you have choices on
where to cast your lines and we are honored and
pleased you chose Loon Haunt.

Warm Regards, Bill & Louise

2016 IMPROVEMENTS

- Dock repairs at Monroe Lake
- New 9.9 Honda 4 stroke motors for Goose Lake and Nechigona Lake
- Installed dock floats on the ramp at the top of the Whitedog Falls portage
- Altered the new motors to remove the extra shallow water drive position that Bill hated
- Wood stoves at Unnamed Lake and Monroe Lake were reinforced with backing plates
- Boats at Unnamed Lake welded with rubbing strips
- New mattresses and bed frames for Goose Lake
- New bedding for Goose Lake
- New stove for Cabin 1 at Goose Lake
- Replaced mattresses at Unnamed, Monroe, Whitelaw Lake Outposts
- Replaced deck chairs at Poirier Lake
- Pressure washed roofs at Goose Lake
- Pressure washed roof and walkway at Unnamed Lake
- New propane barbecue for Cabin 3
- Stained/painted Goose Lake cabins

PLANNED FOR 2017

- Install new stringers under boat ramps at Goose Lake
- Replace propane barbecues at some cabins
- New 6 h.p. Yamaha motor for Poirier Lake Outpost
- More supports for the service building and fish house
- Spread gravel where needed

The winner of the
FREE TRIP DRAW
for 2016 is Tom Biggins.

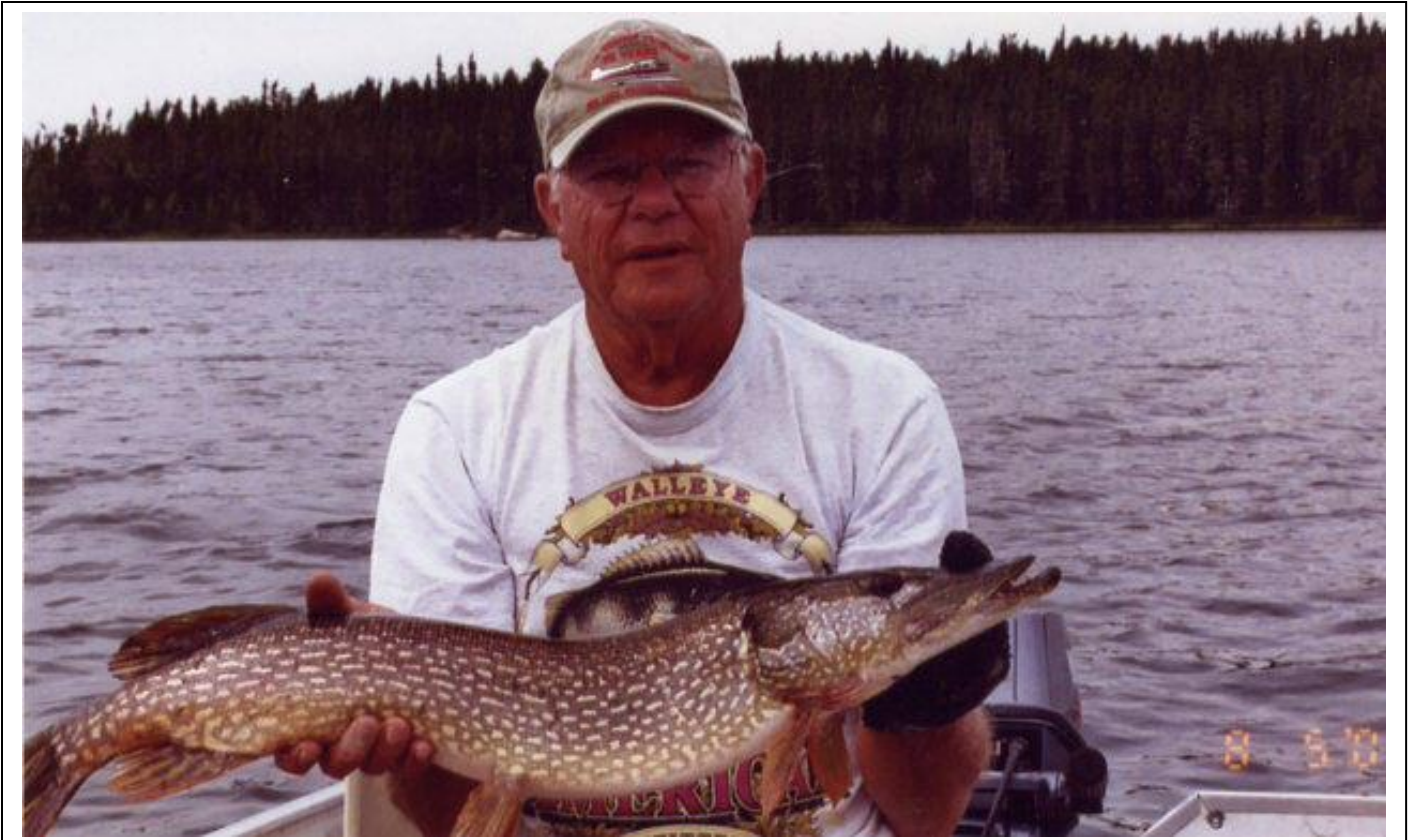


Congratulations Tom!
Please send in a picture to qualify
for the 2017 draw.









Fond memories of Bob Wilson. RIP Bob.

