

# Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club



Home of the Annual

Washington State Governor's Cup

Walleye Tournament

**Meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (NEXT MEETING – November 10) @ 7 P.M.  
Senior Center, Kettle Falls**

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The club's web site is located at: [lakerooseveltwalleyeclub.com](http://lakerooseveltwalleyeclub.com)

**CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER:** December 2, 2011 at 7pm we will hold our Annual Christmas Dinner at the Colville Eagles Lodge in Colville. Social hour will start at 6 pm.

Dinner will be catered with the option for two dinner items, Prime Rib (8oz.) backed potato, vegetable, garlic toast for \$9.00 per person or Turkey dinner incl. stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, roll for \$7.00 per person. We ask that you bring a wrapped gift to donate to the Club's Kris Kringle drawing. Your favorite appetizer trays or deserts are also welcome.

**CLUB ELECTIONS:** Nominations are due at the November club meeting. Come prepared with your nominations for Club President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and board member.

We need members to show interest in these positions; it will make a stronger club if members step up and help; become a working member of the Club.

**Jim Meskan:** Reports that there are several proposals suggested by WDFW that will affect the area we fish. It is proposed to increase the daily bag limit of Walleye on Lake Roosevelt to 16 fish with 1 over 22 inches. Following are some of the proposed rule change submitted Oct. 26, 2011;

## **#12. Roosevelt Lake Walleye**

Proposal: Increases the daily limit of walleye in Roosevelt Lake from 8 to 16 fish per day (only 1 over 22" may be retained).

Explanation: This will improve walleye fishing and reduce this species' predation on trout. The overabundant population of walleye in Roosevelt Lake exhibits a low body condition (many young, skinny walleye). This is a result of reservoir dynamics, consistent large year class recruitment and limited forage.

In 2007, the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted a daily limit of eight walleye (with only one fish over 22") to reduce the number of small walleye and balance the population. To achieve walleye and trout management objectives, the Department estimated at that time that 75,000 to 100,000 walleye would need to be caught and removed from Roosevelt Lake annually. Between 2007 and 2009 the average number of walleye harvested annually was just under 40,000 fish. Current fishing effort has not been sufficient to achieve the intended level of harvest. To be effective, current modeling suggests the number of walleye harvested annually will need to more than double.

### **#13. Lower Spokane River 2-Pole and Kokanee fisheries**

Proposal: Allows 2 pole endorsements fishing in the Lower Spokane River from the mouth (SR 25 bridge) to 400' below Little Falls Dam. Also adds a kokanee fishery that is year round, with no minimum size, a daily limit of 6 fish, and up to two fish with an adipose fin. Provides a walleye fishery from June 1 to March 31 with no minimum size limit and harvest of 16 fish, with no more than 1 fish over 22".

Explanation: Provides increased opportunity by allowing 2 poles and increased daily limit for walleye. Also maximizes recreational opportunity of hatchery kokanee that are released as mitigation for hydropower construction and operations' impacts in Lake Roosevelt.

### **#14. Kettle River Fishery Additions**

Proposal: Removes selective gear rules in a portion of the upper Kettle River near the town of Curlew.

Explanation: Provides recreational opportunity through removing selective gear rules from the Canadian Border upstream to Hwy 21 Bridge at Curlew.

Other proposed changes of interest;

### **#1. Northern Pike Classification**

Proposal: Removes northern pike from being designated as a game fish and retains the designation as a prohibited species.

Explanation: Currently, northern pike (*Esox lucius*) is listed as both a game fish and as a prohibited species. Northern pike have expanded greatly in numbers and distribution in the northeast section of Washington. Their position as an apex predator and prolific spawner creates widespread potential for negative impacts to native and other game species. The potential for their negative impacts, both environmentally and economically, cannot be overstated. Having this species classified as both a game fish and a prohibited species is at cross purposes to our goal of controlling their numbers and distribution. Further, we do not want them to inhabit new waters. Removing the northern pike's designation as a game fish better aligns with the management intent for this species and will not affect the Department's ability to manage this species and promote their harvest.

### **#2. Pend Oreille Two Pole Fishery (Pend Oreille County)**

Proposal: Allows for a two pole endorsement on the Pend Oreille River. This will increase the harvest of northern pike and assist with native salmonid recovery.

Explanation: This rule change will result in increased opportunity for harvest of northern pike in Box Canyon and Boundary reservoirs via the use of the two pole endorsement. The increased harvest of northern pike is the result of their abundance increasing dramatically in recent years, resulting in the decreased abundance of native fish and other game fishes in Box Canyon Reservoir. Allowing use of the two pole endorsement to fish these waters should result in increased revenue for the Department.

### **New Feature in our Newsletter:**

As a feature of the news letter I am starting a series on the local camping areas & boat launches along Lake Roosevelt.

This month I am starting at the North end of the Lake, Northport. Trout fishing is exceptional at this time of year, as is Walleye fishing. This launch is not listed on the Park Services launches because they consider it upstream of the reservoir. This is a nice new launch that has been improved as a result of an effort to clean up the old industrial area just north of Northport. The road and access is paved, with a good set of docks to moor your boat while you park your vehicle. The Parking is just about 100 feet above the launch along one side of the access.



NORTHPORT LAUNCH



NORTHPORT LAUNCH LOOKING UPSTREAM.



DAY USE AREA AT NORTHPORT LAUNCH.

I personally have never launched at Northport, but the facility looks great. I understand from some of those who have fished north of Northport that you need to know what you are doing, because this is Natural River, above the reservoir, (not slack water). The depths vary radically, with lots of current, so lower units can be damaged and lost without being extra careful. Good Fishing.

*TAKE A KID FISHING AND HIS GRANDPA TOO!*