

# On the Water



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## Opportunity to Help Ensure Muskies are Stocked in 2020

As reported before, the DNR will not be raising a new crop of muskie fingerlings to stock this fall. Our chapter was recently made aware of 2,500 muskies the Minnesota Muskie Farm has available that were not stocked last fall and were over-wintered. The DNR was unable to shift funding to purchase these fish. They did, however, say that they would raise them in the Waterville hatchery if we could purchase them.

2500 Muskies may not seem like a lot, but DNR studies have shown 15+-

inch fish are 3 to 4 times more likely to survive than traditional fall fingerlings. Essentially, it's equivalent to stocking 7,500-10,000 fingerlings.

The DNR will stock these fish into lakes this fall, both in the metro, and around the state. They are also destined to get PIT tags that will add to the research we have participated in to further assess the recruitment of larger fish into the population as adults. The tagged fish can be scanned with a common chip reader, like those used for identification of lost pets.

We have negotiated a bargain price of \$15 each with the fish farm. This comes with a price tag of \$37,500. The chapter needs your help to make this happen. We don't have the budget for that and simply cannot do this without outside help. We want these Muskies to stay in Minnesota.

Please donate whatever you can using the "Donate" button on the chapter website, [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org). Every penny received will go to the purchase of these Muskies. Thank you!

## Members Only Contest

from Mike Darley, Members Only Contest Chair

Muskie season is finally upon us! Our neighboring state of Wisconsin is already open, and we are eagerly awaiting the Muskie opener here in Minnesota inland waters. The current pandemic has me eager to hit the water as I've had way too much 'Muskie Distancing' and am ready to hook that first muskie. I'd guess I'm not alone when saying that.

We will be kicking off the Chapter's Members Only contest this year with a slightly different twist which should result in more chapter members logging more fish. Muskies, Inc. National has provided a mobile-friendly way to enter fish moving forward. From what I can see, this is not an extra app that you will need to download (yet at least), but a way to log your fish quickly from the touch of your iPhone or Android.

I went ahead and tested logging into this new way of logging fish and wanted to break down the steps in a simple manner:

1. From your smartphone, go to [muskiesinc.org](http://muskiesinc.org)
2. Click the 'Lite MI Lunge Log Entry System' log in right at the top of the site
3. Use your current MI log in information, and submit enter
4. Next, click the Lunge Log Entry in the top corner

### 5. Finish your entry and hit submit

There are a few new features that stand out to me making entries quicker, and easier. When entering your fish, you will no longer have to select 'true' or 'hybrid' Muskie, it will always default to 'true' but give you the option to change it to 'Hybrid'. Secondly, there is now a 'type-ahead' feature instead of having to scroll through all the options for entering the state/county/lake and bait name used for your entry. Additionally, there is a new box to check if the fish was caught in a figure 8, which will provide our organization more information on how many fish are caught in the figure 8. Lastly, you can attach a picture right from your phone to accompany your entry.

There are so many other features and information provided in the 'Lite MI Lunge Log' entry system, but I chose to focus on just how to enter your fish. I'd recommend you jump on there and play around to learn these.

This could be a wide-open year for the members only contest as a lot of our chapter members have their Canadian summer muskie trips on hold with the border being closed. What this could mean is that there will be more pressure on our MN waters, and less fish needed to win each division making every bite count. I sense opportunity and look forward to seeing more new names amongst our leader boards this year.

Good luck this summer!

## *From Our President,* **JIM DOYLE**

*At last the season is upon us and we can actually get out and fish! Something out of the house and a good family activity to boot.*

*As you may recall, we had a banner year raising and stocking fish last year in cooperation with the Minnesota DNR. Many lakes across the state were stocked ahead of schedule and some also got extra fish after having been shorted some fish in recent years due to occasional lower numbers of fish available for stocking.*

*Our chapter was recently made aware of 2,500 muskies at a private fish farm that were not stocked last year and over-wintered. We were able to purchase the fish for \$15 each to be grown for a second summer, in DNR hatcheries and ponds to get them as large as we can for stocking in the fall.*

*This is another very large funding project and we need additional donations from across the state on this. We have confirmation of donations from the Fargo Moorhead chapter, the North Metro chapter. Many people have made donations for this using the "Donate" button the Twin Cities Chapter website: [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org). We need the help from as many people as we can to make this happen. Let your friends, Muskie, Inc-ers or not, know.*

*We continue to advertise about this need for funds to support this as these fish are going to be stocked across the metro and outstate as well.*

*Please get the word out about this need to any non-Muskies, Inc. angling contacts you may have. For the cost of 1-2 Muskie lures people can put 2-4 fish in the lakes. Every little bit helps.*

## **Red Wing Outing, Lake of the Woods**

**Y**es, you can still be part of the August 8-15 Muskies, Inc. trip to Red Wing Lodge, on Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods. The annual outing at Red Wing Lodge is open to members of both metro area chapters of Muskies, Inc. The trip is a great choice for either that first Canadian trip or for the veteran's extra trip. Red Wing Lodge offers a resort that has been owned and operated by the Bartlett family for over 55 years. They understand what muskie people need and like. This muskie camp is a big time player: big floating docks, a serious backup generator, air conditioning in all cabins, and special discounts for services for Muskies, Inc. guests.

It is in the context of outstanding service that Red Wing prepares in this spring of the coronavirus for our August outing. On the water, we are liberated in a number of good ways. As Anne Bartlett puts it, "There is no virus out on Burrow, Obabikon and Miles Bays." Also, with the size of rods and baits, as well as the size of fish we hunt, catch and net, distancing in our boats is required for multiple safety reasons. In camp, the cabins are nicely spaced with sufficient windows for excellent ventilation. All fishermen will be asked to bring their own facemasks, hand cleaner, and gloves. Gatherings to share fishing success can be nicely spaced outside of the cabins.

Cost per person in housekeeping cabins is \$400 (US Funds), just \$57 per day for big-time Canadian muskie fishing. Reservations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit, made out to Red Wing Lodge. Deposits officially confirm reservation holds. First come, first served. To make reservations, please contact John van Ingen, (651) 336-3622, [maxjo@mac.com](mailto:maxjo@mac.com) or John Genosky, (651) 329-4898, [john@protacinc.com](mailto:john@protacinc.com)

## **Members Only Contest Plaques**

**I**n lieu of pulling fish catches YTD, Mike Darley is providing a list of all the members he am holding plaques for from the awards program in February. We will not be shipping them all individually, as the costs do not make sense for us to spend our chapter's money on. Mike lives in Shakopee right next to Canterbury, and welcomes anyone to swing by and grab their plaque. Reach out to him to coordinate a pickup time: cell is 715-225-0167 or email is [Michael.Darley@LibertyMutual.com](mailto:Michael.Darley@LibertyMutual.com).

The following people need to make arrangements with Mike:

Peter Janik	John Harazin
Kimberly Hartman (2)	Josh Gessler
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**JUNE 9**

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*We hope you are out fishing this month!! As you are, keep in mind events that might make a good Muskie Tale!!*

*Muskies Inc. Twin Cities chapter meetings (except summer) are held at 7:00 pm the second Tuesday of every month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN (just off I-494 & Lyndale Ave.).*

## Every Little Bit Helps

As of June 1, the following individuals have donated amounts ranging from \$15 to \$600 toward the purchase of 2,500 muskies to be raised by the DNR for stocking in the metro and outstate this fall.

Raymond Anderson	Taylor Hamel	Mark Olson
Tom Ardolf	Tim Hanske	Elaine and Greg Randolph
Roy Biwer	Shazana Hardy	Heather Rau
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