

*Leech Lake Advisory Committee*

August 26, 2009

Walker Area Community Center

- Welcome (Ron Payer and Joe Mix) 4:00 PM
- *Introduce Legislators (Mike)*
  - *Purpose/charge of LLAC (Mike Carroll and Dave Schad)*

*“...to make recommendations on four key areas including walleye stocking, fishing regulations, cormorant management, and habitat protection. The specific charge for this committee is to develop and recommend, as appropriate, a management framework that identifies objectives, management actions, thresholds, models, and monitoring plans for each of these four key areas. DNR seeks recommendations pertaining to the biological and social aspects related to Leech Lake and will consider the committee’s recommendations and other public input when approving a 2011 – 2015 plan for Leech Lake.”*
  - *Committee Logistics (Joe)*
    - Meeting day/times and frequency
    - Meeting locations
    - Volunteer forms (mileage)
- Introductions 4:30 PM
- *Name*
  - *Interest in Leech Lake (both as individual and as a member of an organization, group, etc)*
  - *What are your fears or concerns about this process?*
  - *What are your hopes or expectations for this process?*
- Ground Rules 5:30 PM
- *How do you want Committee members and their affiliated organizations to interact during and between meetings?*
- Principles for Managing Leech Lake
- *Principles are guiding rules that can be used in developing management recommendations for DNR. Principles can form a framework on which to base this Committee’s work.*
  - *For example, “LLAC agreed on the following principles for developing recommendations for the Leech Lake walleye fishery...”*
  - *What are reasonable approaches for managing the Leech Lake walleye fishery?*
- Break for Dinner 6:00 PM
- History of Leech Lake Walleye Management (Doug Schultz) 6:30 PM

Current Status of the Leech Lake Walleye Fishery (Doug)

Q&A

Status of 2005 – 2010 Leech Lake Action Plan (Doug and John Ringle)

7:30 PM

- *Experimental fishing regulations*
- *Walleye stocking*
- *Cormorants*
- *Habitat protection*

Q&A

Next Meeting Objectives

8:30 PM

- *Consider aspects of the current plan that worked well and aspects that didn't work well.*
- *Discuss and identify a framework for recommendations for the updated plan*
- *Begin to discuss and identify walleye population objectives*

**Consider these questions for the next meeting:**

- 1. What aspects of the current plan work well?*
- 2. Are there aspects that haven't worked well?*
- 3. Think about other focus areas or issues that should be considered in the 2011 – 2015 plan or addressed outside the plan. (Will keep inventory of suggestions for consideration at the end)*

Final Thoughts

Adjourn

9:00 PM