

Muskie Stocking – Gull Chain, Cass County

- Gull Lake is a moderately productive 9,947 acre lake located 9 miles northwest of Brainerd. Gull has a diverse fish community with primary fish management directed at Walleye, Northern Pike and Bass. Gull has the physical/biological characteristics which make it a good candidate for Muskie management.
 - Large size (9,947 acres)
 - Diverse forage base consisting of cisco (tullibee), sucker and perch
 - Diverse shoreline, depths and habitats for angling
 - Low Pike population
- MN DNR is attempting to address the need for more muskie fishing opportunities in the Brainerd area and statewide, consistent with a plan developed by a broad group of stakeholders.
- Muskie fishing is one of the fastest growing segments of the Minnesota fishing community. According to a survey conducted by the University of Minnesota, Muskie anglers comprise 16.5 percent of the fishing population (2008 data), up from 9 percent in 2003.
- An unbiased 2013 survey of 1469 Gull anglers showed support for a Gull Chain muskie fishery with 41 percent supporting, 29 percent undecided or neutral and 30 percent opposed.
- MN DNR is proposing to stock 2000 Muskie fingerlings every other year to develop a low density, high quality Muskie fishery. Managed this way, muskies and other species, including walleye, coexist well. If approved, Muskie stocking could begin as early as the fall of 2016.