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2013 Missouri River/ Lake Sharpe Clean Up Successful

The Central South Dakota Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited and the Izaak Walton League of America, organizers of the Missouri River/Lake Sharpe Clean up, sincerely thanks you for your recent help. As a result of your very generous contribution, this year's annual clean up was once again a huge success.

Over 40 volunteers, the highest number in the history of the event, turned out Wednesday, July 10th at Downs Marina in Pierre. The hard working volunteers picked up over 2 tons (4060 pounds) of trash, lumber, scrap metal and tires. This year's clean up focused on areas from above the railroad bridge to Farm Island. The annual clean up makes the Missouri River cleaner and healthier for people and for fish and wildlife.

The Missouri River/Lake Sharpe Clean up began in 2009. Four clean ups have resulted in the removal of over 10 tons of trash and debris from upper Lake Sharpe.

2009	2.5 tons
2010	3.5 tons
2011	(Cancelled - due to flooding)
2012	2.5 tons
2013	2 tons
Total	10.5 tons

The following donated time, equipment, products, and/or their knowledge of the river for this year's clean up: the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Pierre, the Central South Dakota Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited, the Izaak Walton League of America, Brosz Engineering, KCCR, KGFX, the Capital Journal, Oahe TV, the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce, Tour Ice, Eagle Sales, and TMA.

Specifically we want to thank the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department for the great help provided this year with two boats and four staff members, Bob



Hanten, Kyle Potter, Lance Johnson, and Justin Tostenson. They worked tremendously hard during the clean up. Without your help and important contributions we could not successfully complete this event. We deeply appreciate and greatly value our partnership with you. Planning is underway for next year's Missouri River/Lake Sharpe Clean up scheduled for Wednesday, July 9th, 2014. We want to clean up additional areas along the river and hope that you will partner with us again next year.

Thank you very much.

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Central South Dakota Chapter President's News

Bret Afdahl, President

4th Lake Sharpe Clean Up Successful!

On July 10 our Chapter worked with the Izaak Walton League of America to put on our fourth Lake Sharpe Clean Up in five years. In less than three hours of work, two

(2) tons of debris and trash were collected by 40 volunteers using eight boats and walking the shoreline. Thanks to all that came out including SD GF&P, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Forest Service, Izaak Walton League, SDWU, Brosz Engineering and members of the public.

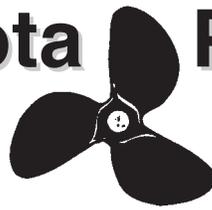
Also a special thanks to KCCR & KGFX Radio and the Capital Journal in Pierre for their coverage of this event. The City of Pierre provided three large dumpsters and John at TMA disposed of the tires we collected, both for no charge.



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Annual Statewide SDWU Meeting

It will soon be time to gather for our annual statewide SDWU meeting. This year's meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Ft. Pierre on January 18, 2014. A block of sleeping rooms has been secured at a rate of \$89.00 per night. Please contact the Holiday Inn Express at 800-586-9061 or 605-223-9045 to reserve a room by December 30, 2013. Below is a preliminary agenda and guest speakers who have agreed to present to our group:

- 8:30-11:00 AM CT – SDWU Board Meeting
- 11:00-12:00 – Lunch
- 12:00-3:00 PM – GF&P Presentation
 - o Mark Fincel & Geno Adams will give us an update on the condition of Lake Sharpe and Lake Oahe. They will also provide some background on the various surveys conducted on Lake Oahe, why they conduct them and what the surveys tell us.
 - o Emmett Keyser will give a status

update on the open waters bill that the Department is working on with a group of landowners in Northeast South Dakota. This issue ties back to HB 1135 which was introduced during the 2013 legislative session and, if passed, would have closed thousands of acres of water across South Dakota to public access. The legislature killed the bill on the agreement that the parties would bring a compromise bill back for consideration in the 2014 session.

GF&P Fisheries Preview Lake Oahe Conditions As It Recovers From the 2011 Flooding

SDWU was invited to a meeting with GF&P Fisheries Staff in late August to get a preview of the conditions on Lake Oahe as the GF&P continue to gather and analyze information. Catch rates and fishing pressure were extremely high in June but dropped off quickly. A possible reason for the drop off in catch rates was that we had the 6th highest total prey fish abundance since 1982. There is no final word on the condition of smelt but there were many other species that provided forage opportunities in 2013. The condition of walleyes under 20 inches increased while their abundance dropped somewhat but still remain elevated. The condition of fish over 20 inches could not be judged due to a lack of fish in this size range to sample. In a nutshell, there will be a lot of fish just over 15 inches to catch next year but not many over 20 inches. The good news is that there are

2 large year classes of fish from 2009 and 2011 with possibly a 3rd from 2013 if they can survive their first winter. If either the smelt have a good spawn in 2014 or the other preyfish repeat their success of this year, Lake Oahe will be on the road to recovery after the devastating flood of 2011.

SUMMARY

- **Angling Pressure**
 - 3rd highest June angling pressure on record
 - Pressure dropped quickly in July and August
- **Catch Rates**
 - Very high in June
 - Dropped in July and August
- **Harvest**
 - Highest single month harvest (June) with over 418,000 walleye harvested
 - BUT, harvest dropped significantly in

July then August

- August on track for 6th lowest harvest since 1991
- 45% of walleye caught are harvested (avg. 59%)
- **Prey-fish Abundance**
 - 6th highest total prey fish abundance since 1982
- **Walleye Abundance**
 - Just below 13 year average
- **Walleye Size Structure**
 - Significant loss of WAE >20 in
 - WAE abundance <15 in decreasing
 - Approaching long term average
 - Should see large portion walleye surpassing 15 in by next angling season
- **Walleye Condition**
 - Increased WAE condition in fish <20 in
 - Not enough WAE >20 in to generate condition estimate

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Rapid City Area Chapter President's News

Michael Johnson, President

ADVERSITY

Every day each one of us faces adversity. In our jobs, our personal relationships, or whenever we interact with other people, things do not always go the way we think they will or should. We all have our own ways of dealing with it, and depending on what is involved, will probably determine how we react to it. Nevertheless, it is a hurdle we all must continuously pass to survive in our society.

Our chapter recently had the opportunity to be involved in an Eagle Scout project where the result was far removed from the original idea, but not so different as to eclipse the initial concept. I would venture to say the most valuable lesson the Eagle Scout took away from the project was how to persevere through adversity. His original proposal was to install his completed project at a US Forest Service Lake that is used heavily by canoe and kayak enthusiasts because it is a No-Wake area. However, the USFS did not want anything to do with it, and made no secret of their feelings. He next approached the SDGF&P, who were definitely more supportive, but ultimately had to decline because of a fear of liability. He eventually succeeded with the Rapid City Council, but had to compromise and adapt his original idea to meet the requirements imposed by the city. He had a goal and he met it despite the adversity. I am proud of him for that.

Our chapter is currently facing some adversity with a certain Federal Agency. And despite an inclination to "pick up our

toys and go home," we are trying very hard to find a solution that will ultimately meet our goal and satisfy a public need, while not compromising the rules under which the government must operate. We will not get everything we want out of it, and I know if we reach an agreement the government is not going to get everything they want out of it either. If we cannot agree, the public will certainly not get anything out of it.

It is difficult sometimes. We see the problem and the solution so clearly and we just cannot understand why others don't see the same thing. It is easy for us to forget that things appear differently from where others are looking. It's all a matter of perspective, and that creates adversity.

As you know from the last newsletter, I am stepping away from my role as President of the local Chapter. I am facing new challenges and opportunities with my employment and in my personal life that I feel I will better be able to meet if I reduce the demands on my time and energy. I have been asked by many members if I could be persuaded to take on another term, but sadly, the answer is no. Therefore, the Chapter is facing adversity while trying to select a direction and who will lead us there. Each member of the Chapter is facing their personal adversity wondering if they will like the direction chosen. However, adversity can also create opportunity. New challenges produce fresh ideas, solutions and leaders.

All of us are wondering "who will it be?" Who will step forward and take a turn at bat? We're all busy - there is no doubt about that. The people that are involved in the things that are important to them are

always faced with the trials of time management. Moreover, they all wonder the same thing about the people who don't appear to be as busy as they are; "Why don't they get involved? Why don't they do something?"

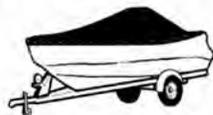
I can think of a few reasons: 1) They are looking at things from their own point of view and have their own reasons for their decisions. Different perspectives create different decisions; 2) They aren't busy because they simply choose to avoid getting involved. They remain passive because it suits them; or 3) No one has asked them. They have not had to answer a call that never came.

Sometimes we can't wait to be asked. We have to recognize the need and summon up the courage to speak out, even though no one solicited our view or assistance. The question we each have to answer to ourselves is "Am I doing all that I can with what I have to get the most out of what I've chosen to belong to? Is there something more that I could or should do to get involved? Is what I'm going to take away from the experience going to be worth what the experience will take away from me?"

I can tell you that I have taken many more things away from my time as President than the position has taken from me. It has been very rewarding and gratifying. Now it is time for me to relinquish one responsibility for others, and trust that a new leader will emerge who will not try to do the same things I did, but to find ways to do it himself and make the job his own.

That's my adversity. What is yours?

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Eagle Scout Project – Life Jacket Loaner Station

My name is Evan Sundby and I am a Life Scout working on my Eagle rank with Troop 72. This summer I worked on my Eagle Scout project with the wonderful support of the Rapid City Area Walleye's Unlimited. My project was making a life jacket loaner station for kids to borrow and return life jackets.

I dedicated the project to the memory of Justin Lewis, a Boy Scout who drowned in the summer of 2012 at Deerfield Lake. I wanted to raise awareness about water safety and thought this would be a good place to start.

My original plan was to have the project at one of the lakes, but for legal reasons, we had to place it at Sioux Park Pool instead. The aquatics director, Barb Iwan-Limbo,



(l to r) Evan Sundby, Denny Bohls, and Michael Johnson

requested that it be moveable and fit through a doorway so that they could lock it up in the evenings. For that reason, I used PVC pipe, an aluminum base, and stainless

steel castors to make this project which holds 11 life jackets.

A special thanks to President Mike Johnson who helped find funding from the club, and from my grandfather, Denny Bohls for his major help in building it. Planning, approval and construction took a little over five months to complete, but is now finished and installed at the pool, and was used for the last few weeks of the season.

I was proud to make this project with the help of the Rapid City Area Walleye's Unlimited Club. There is a nice sign crediting the club as well as the Boy Scouts of America. I think we both have done a worthwhile project for the community, and I want to thank you for all of your help.

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2013 Calendar of Events

RCAC = Rapid City Area Chapter

SEAC = Sioux Empire Area Chapter

CSDC = Central SD Chapter

CHAPTER	DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
SEAC	October 15, 2013	Chapter Meeting	Outdoor Campus East, 7 PM
SEAC	November 19, 2013	Chapter Meeting	Outdoor Campus East, 7 PM
CSDC	3rd week November 2013 (date TBD)	Chapter Meeting	Ramkota River Centre Lounge, 7 PM
	December 16, 2013	4Q 2013 newsletter articles due to news letter editor	Published late December 2013
SEAC	December 17, 2013	Chapter Meeting	Outdoor Campus East, 7 PM
CSDC	3rd week December 2013 (date TBD)	Chapter Meeting	Ramkota River Centre Lounge, 7 PM

There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.
 — Steven Wright



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Sioux Empire Chapter 2013 Fishing Tournament

The annual Sioux Empire Chapter Fishing Tournament was held at Platte Creek on July 13. Thirty-one teams participated in the event. First place was

awarded to team #11 consisting of Woody Tiggelaar, Rollie Tiggelaar and John Magnuson. The top ten teams were recognized. Thanks to those who

participated in the tourney and provided the behind-the-scenes work to make it another successful event.

2013 SD Walleyes Unlimited Sioux Empire Chapter Tournament

Team	Member's Name	Partner's Name	Partner's Name	Weight	Big Fish	Big Other Fish	Place	# Fish
1	Denny Campbell	Fred Bassett	Dan Campbell	1.63				1
2	Danny Jorgensen	Scott Rieners	Don Kenyon	8.9		4.19		6
3	Lyle Christofferson	Deb Christofferson	Alan Frenz	12.88	3.45		4th	6
4	Jerold Juhnke	Kevin Blankartz		3.94				4
5	Chris Christofferson	Ron Rologg	Dave Awtenman	5.3				4
6	Gerry Roe	Rhonda Roe		6.58				6
7	George Pesicka	Trent Pesicka		4.25				4
8	Terry Nelson	Jeff Foster	Katie Nelson	8.03				6
9	Doug Krouse	Norma Kruse		7.02				6
10	Mike Pesicka Sr	Mike Pesicka, Jr.		8.73				4
11	Woody Tiggelaar	Rollie Tiggelaar	John Magnuson	16.17	4.5		1st	6
12	Shane Kendall	Gary Kendall		Scratch				0
13	Mark Mattison	Cindy Mattison		4.69	1.98			4
14	Dusty Wasmund	Misty Wasmund		3.41				3
15	Glenn/Diana Roe	Justin/April Gabbert		7.33	2.44			5
16	Connie Juhnke	Terry Hinman	Dan Underwood	11.34	2.16		7th	6
17	Cal Lottman	Curt Lottman		8.95				6
18	Olsons	Burns	Baileys	9.35			9th	6
19	Dan Rowe	Terry Hansen		4.76				3
20	Jeff Decker	LeRoy Huntimer		9.02	3.25	3.85		6
21	Larry Maxwell	Gary Price		8.34				6
22	Joseph Lemons	Corey Doney	Chris Hinker	7.19				6
23	Todd/Kris Sandman	Nathan/Jen Sandman	Issac Decker	11.41	3.91	1.81	6th	6
24	David Hagerty	John Hagerty	Adam Kock	12.83			5th	6
25	Mary Nelson	Marshall Nelson	Kenny Bratzel	6.9				6
26	Jeff Nelson	Matt Bones		6.78		4.42		5
27	Brian Moen	Mike Bumgardner		13.25			3rd	6
28	Mike Page	Brett Page		9.29	2.22		10th	6
29	Dave/Kisti Olson	Stacy Olson	Phil Nett	2.63		1.7		2
30	Jack Thompson	Dale Johnson	Lois Stenberg	14.69	4.34		2nd	6
31	Dennis Juhnke	Reed Foster	Dustin Kuipers/Jim	Scratch				0
32	Bill Brueggeman	Kathy Brueggeman		5.71				5
33	Lewell Kuipers	Shelly Kuipers		9.63		1.52	8th	6
Total				250.93				158

Tagged Lake Oahe Salmon: From Silver to Gold

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department is asking anglers to assist in an evaluation into how stocking salmon at different locations might improve survival and catches, and anglers could earn \$100 or more in the process.

GFP is encouraging anglers to turn in heads of tagged Chinook salmon caught on Lake Oahe and the Oahe Tailwaters.

"Research projects are underway evaluating salmon return to anglers. Reporting of tagged salmon by anglers is a crucial part of the research," GFP Fisheries Biologist Robert Hanten said.

According to Hanten, thousands of specially-tagged Chinook salmon have been stocked in Lake Oahe and implanted with small, coded-wire tags, only a

millimeter long and the diameter of human hair. Although tags cannot be seen by anglers, tagged fish can be identified by the absence of a tiny fin on their back.

"Salmon have a small fleshy-lobed adipose fin directly in front of their tail, but this fin is removed as part of the tagging process," Hanten said. "If anglers catch a salmon missing the adipose fin, we would like them to turn in the fresh or frozen head of that salmon at the GFP Fort Pierre District Office, Oahe Marina, Spring Creek Resort and Deep Water Marina, Carl's Bait Shop or West Whitlock Recreation Area."

Information on where and when a salmon was caught, along with the angler's address and phone number, must be included when submitting salmon heads. In addition, a coded-wire tag must be

found in the head of the fish by GFP staff to result as an entry in the contest.

"Even though every salmon missing an adipose fin was implanted with a coded-wire tag, some fish lose their tags during hatchery rearing, meaning not all fish caught by anglers without an adipose fin will contain a tag," said Hanten.

Ten \$100 rewards will be issued each calendar year, with a maximum of three rewards per person per year. The annual drawing for winners of the \$100 prizes will occur by Jan. 1.

For more information, visit: <http://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/salmon-tags.aspx>, write to the Fort Pierre District Office, 20641 SD Hwy 1806, Fort Pierre, SD 57532 or call 1-605-223-7681.



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True Fishing Terms

Catch and Release - A conservation motion that happens most often right before the local Fish and Game officer pulls over a boat that has caught over its limit.

Hook - (1) A curved piece of metal used to catch fish. (2) A clever advertisement to entice a fisherman to spend his life savings on a new rod and reel. (3) The punch administered by said fisherman's wife after he spends their life savings (see also, Right Hook, Left Hook).

Line - Something you give your coworkers when they ask on Monday how your fishing went the past weekend.

Lure - An object that is semi-enticing to fish, but will drive an angler into such a frenzy that he will charge his credit card to the limit before exiting the tackle shop.

Reel - A weighted object that causes a rod to sink quickly when dropped overboard.

Rod - An attractively painted length of fiberglass that keeps an angler from ever getting too close to a fish.

School - A grouping in which fish are taught to avoid your \$29.99 lures and hold out for spam instead.

Tackle - What your last catch did to you

as you reeled him in, but just before he wrestled free and jumped back overboard.

Tackle Box - A box shaped alarmingly like your comprehensive first aid kit. Only a tackle box contains many sharp objects, so that when you reach in the wrong box blindly to get a Band Aid, you soon find that you need more than one.

Test - (1) The amount of strength a fishing line affords an angler when fighting fish in a specific weight range. (2) A measure of your creativity in blaming that darn line for once again losing the fish.

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 — Roderick Haig-Brown

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10 Common Fishing Terms Explained

Angler An obsessed individual who owns a house that is falling down due to neglect, a truck whose color can best be described as Rust-Oleum, and a pristine boat that he chamois' down methodically before and after each trip.

Knot (1) An insecure connection between your hook and fishing line. (2) A permanent tangle on your spinning reel which forces you to go out and buy a bigger, better, much more expensive rig.

Landing Net A net used to help drag a large wiggling fish, or an inebriated fishing buddy, on board.

Live Bait The biggest fish you'll handle all day.

Quiet Water Your surroundings after you stop cursing your bad luck and fall asleep at the reel.

Skunked fisherman One who returns to the boat ramp many, many hours after his buddies have gone home so that there are

no witnesses to his catch or lack thereof.

Sinker (1) A weight attached to a lure to get it to the bottom. (2) The nickname of your boat.

Thumb A temporary hook holder.

Treble Hook Triples the odds of your catching a fish. Quadruples the odds of your getting the hook caught in your thumb (see above).

Trolling What you do after you've lost a \$500 rod and reel set-up overboard.

My biggest worry is that my wife (when I'm dead) will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it.

— *Koos Brandt*



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