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Whitefish-tullibee netting to open

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Recreational netting for whitefish-tullibee opens Oct. 11, on designated lakes.

The Oct. 11 opener is set for lakes known as Schedule II Lakes, which are less susceptible to sudden changes that impact water temperatures, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

These lakes offer recreational netting on the following schedule:

■ Schedule II A lakes open Friday, Oct. 11, and close Sunday, Dec. 1.

■ Schedule II B lakes open Friday, Nov. 1, and close Sunday, Dec. 8.

■ Schedule II C lakes open Friday, Nov. 8, and close Sunday, Dec. 8.

Lakes considered Schedule I, which are more susceptible to factors that impact water temperatures, will be opened and closed on a 48-hour notice posted at lake accesses and other public places.

The list of all Schedule I and II lakes, status of the seasonal openings and closures, as well as detailed netting regulations are available online at www.mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing or by calling the DNR Information Center at 651-296 6157 or toll-free at 888-646-6367.

Netting in infested waters may be restricted or closed to sport netting of whitefish and tullibee.

Netting in several Borderland lakes will be subject to the following: Anyone setting whitefish/tullibee nets in the following lakes, which contain spiny waterfleas but are open to netting in 2013, may not use nets and equipment in any other lakes open to whitefish/tullibee netting in 2012:

■ Rainy Lake in Koochiching and St. Louis counties.

■ Namakan Lake in St. Louis County.

■ Lake of the Woods in Lake of the Woods and Roseau counties.

■ Crane Lake in St. Louis County.

■ Sand Point in St. Louis County.

■ Shagawa Lake in St. Louis County (new in 2013).

■ Devil Track Lake in Cook County.

■ Caribou Lake in Cook County.

■ Greenwood Lake in Cook County.

About 700 people obtain special permits to net for whitefish-tullibee each year. The DNR bases netting schedules on expected water temperatures. As the water temperature cools, game fish head to deeper water and whitefish-tullibee come to shallow water for fall spawning. Netting is allowed when there is little chance that game fish populations would be negatively impacted by recreational netting in shallow water.

Minnesota law restricts the size of the net and its openings; requires that netting be done in water not deeper than six feet unless specifically authorized; stipulates that netted fish cannot be sold; and requires that only rough fish caught in the net may be kept. State law also limits net size to 100 feet long and 3 feet wide; allows one person to use no more than one net; and forbids recreational netters from possessing angling equipment when netting whitefish-tullibee.

Lakes closed to recreational netting in 2013 are:

■ Mille Lacs Lake in Aitkin, Crow Wing and Mille Lacs counties.

■ Upper Red Lake in Beltrami County.

■ O'Reilly Lake in Itasca County.

■ Burgen Lake in Douglas County.

■ East and West Fox lakes in Crow Wing County.

■ Island Lake in Itasca County.

■ Little Jessie Lake in Itasca County.

■ Lakota Lake in Douglas County.

■ Mitchell Lake in Crow Wing County.

■ Nisswa Lake in Crow Wing County.

■ Osakis Lake in Douglas and Todd counties.

■ Roy Lake in Cass and Crow Wing counties.

DNR: Watch for aquatic invasive species during ‘cabin close-up’

DNR STAFF REPORT

With winter just around the corner many Minnesotans are pulling in their boats and closing up cabins for the season. It's the time of year when the Department of Natural Resources asks every cabin and lakeshore owner to watch for aquatic invasive species, known as AIS, when removing docks, boat lifts, swim rafts and other equipment from the water.

“The end of the season offers an important opportunity to monitor for AIS,” said Ann Pierce, DNR invasive species unit supervisor. “Carefully inspect everything you remove from the water to see if there are invasive species attached. Your observations will provide invaluable information to the DNR in tracking the distribution of AIS – and give us a chance to rapidly respond if new infestations are found.”

Look on the posts, wheels and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period. In newly infested waters, adult zebra mussels may not be

abundant and there may only be a few mussels on a piece of equipment. On a smooth surface, juvenile mussels feel gritty, like sandpaper.

If a new infestation of zebra mussels, faucet snails or other aquatic invasive species is suspected, the exact location should be noted, a photo taken and a specimen should be kept.

Call 888-646-6367 or contact a local DNR AIS specialist or a fisheries office.

Responding quickly to new AIS infestations is critical to help curb the spread into other waterbodies.

There are also specific legal requirements that cabin owners and boaters must follow when removing and storing watercraft and equipment for the winter – or hiring someone to handle it:

■ Transporting and storing watercraft

■ When hauling boats or other watercraft to a storage facility away from the shoreline property, make sure there are no invasive species attached. It is illegal to transport watercraft with invasive species attached.

■ However, if the watercraft is contaminated

with AIS and it needs to be transported to another location for cleaning and winter storage, the DNR provides an authorization form to transport watercraft. The form should be downloaded, completed, signed and kept in possession during transport. Zebra mussels and other invasive plants and animals must be removed before transporting the watercraft back to a lake or other waterbody.

Transporting and storing docks, lifts and equipment

■ It is legal to remove a dock, boat lift, dock, weed roller, swim raft, or irrigation equipment from infested waters and place it on the adjacent shoreline property – even if there are zebra mussels or other prohibited invasive species attached. A permit is not required to place equipment on the shoreline. Contact a DNR AIS specialist if an invasive plant or animal is found that has not been sighted on the lake before.

■ However, if someone wants to transport equipment from infested waters to another location for storage, cleaning or repair, they must have an authorization form to transport equipment to legally move

it to another location.

■ If the equipment is to be installed in another waterbody, all aquatic plants and animals such as zebra mussels and Eurasian watermilfoil, must be removed – and the equipment must be dried for 21 days before placing in other waters.

Hiring a business or individual to remove boats and equipment from any waterbody

■ Any business or individual in Minnesota receiving payment to decontaminate, install, or remove boats, docks or water-related equipment is required by law to complete AIS training and obtain a permit before working in waters of the state.

■ Anyone hired to remove a boat or dock must have a current DNR permitted service provider sticker on their windshield. If they work for a lake service provider business, ask to see an employee certificate.

■ A list of permitted lake services providers is on the DNR website.

Learn more about Minnesota's aquatic invasive species rules and regulations, and the DNR's lake service provider program at www.mndnr.gov/AIS.

THE KOOCHICHIING COUNTY LABOR ASSEMBLY

would like to thank the city of Int'l Falls and all of the unions, businesses, musicians and volunteers who made our third annual Labor Day Picnic such a success. We could not have done it without your donations of money, time and talent. We look forward to next year and an even bigger celebration.



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Our clinic dates are as follows:

Thursdays, October 10, 24 & 31

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HEARING CENTERS, INC.
1-800-414-5854

REMINDER FROM Koochiching County Auditor/ Treasurers Office

**Last Day to pay
REAL ESTATE TAXES
without penalty
is Tuesday,
October 15th 2013**

ONE DAY! CASH ONLY!

Fresh Frozen Inventory Sale!

**Saturday, October 12, 2013
From 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**5 and 10 Pound boxes of IQF
(Individually Quick Frozen) Fish Fillets**

SKINLESS WALLEYE FILLETS
\$10.00
Per Pound

BONELESS SKINLESS
NORTHERN PIKE FILLETS
\$7.50
Per Pound

BONELESS, SCALED,
SKIN-ON WHITEFISH FILLETS
\$7.50
Per Pound

PAN READY CRAPPIE
\$8.50
Per Pound

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Northern Waters Fish Company
22 22nd Street
International Falls, Mn
Office: 218-373-0140

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AGENDA

City Council
Monday, October 7, 2013 • 4:30 P.M.
Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

- Approve minutes of the September 12, 2013 special City Council meeting
- Approve minutes of the September 16, 2013 regular City Council meeting

SPECIAL ACTION CLAIMS

TRANSFERS

TO:	FROM:	
City of Intl Falls - Fund #101	City of Intl Falls - Fund #812	\$ 675.17
	Lodging tax	

REGULAR CLAIMS

- Regular Claims

AUDIENCE

BIDS AND/OR QUOTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for waiver of due on sale clause and subordination of SCDP Commercial Rehabilitation Program for Island View Realty - Steven A Nelson, Attorney at Law
2. Backus Community Center - "Pennies for Play" – Robin Bjorkquist
3. Report of Budget & Finance Committee - recommendation to transfer General Fund 101 reserves to Economic Development Fund 809 in the amount of \$151,000. (12,500 for Northspan's facilitation services and 138,500 matching funds for U.S. Economic Development Administration, Economic Adjustments Investment Grant)
4. Resolution # __-13 T.E.D. Grant extension
5. Resolution # __-13 Bronco Hockey Booster Club, application for exempt permit
6. Resolution # __-13 Koochiching Aging Options, application for 1 to 4 day temporary on-sale license
7. Purchase of 2013 Equinox for Public Works w/trade of 2006 Durango and 2001 Malibu
8. Timber harvesting on city property - Van Lynn Road
9. City Beach camping
10. Mayoral Proclamation – October 2013 - Domestic Violence Awareness Month
11. Any other business

PUBLIC HEARING REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

REPORTS OF MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

AUDIENCE – 2nd CALL

CORRESPONDENCE

- August 14, 2013 International Falls Public Library Board meeting minutes
- August 14, 2013 Koochiching Economic Development Authority meeting minutes
- August 21, 2013 Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting minutes

REMINDERS

- Next regular Council meeting is Monday, October 21, 2013 at 4:30 PM

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