

# OUTDOORS

RAINY LAKE

## Rainy Lake is 29th in magazine ranking

### Smallmouth again get Rainy Lake in Bassmaster Magazine ranking

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Bassmaster Magazine’s third annual ranking of America’s best bass fisheries again includes Rainy Lake.

While there may be a new champion — Lake Michigan’s Sturgeon Bay beat out the hottest fisheries in the U.S. to take the No. 1 spot for 2014 — Rainy Lake has been ranked 29th in the top 100 lakes this year.

The 2013 listing ranked Rainy Lake as 36th and the 2012 listing ranked the 360-square mile lake at 11th.

Texas and California tied for the states with the most entries on the list; both have eight lakes ranked in the top 100. Some stalwart lakes fell out of the rankings completely, new lakes were added, and Lake St. Clair,

last year’s No. 1, fell out of the top 15.

Months of research, catch-rate data and countrywide polling by the publication’s staff created the ultimate bucket list for anglers looking to fish the most productive waters in the nation.

“The Bassmaster 100 Best Bass Lakes project spawned from our desire to not only identify traditionally good bass fisheries, but also to spotlight lakes that are red hot right now,” says Bassmaster Editor James Hall. “Our goal is to make the annual rankings as objective as possible by using the most current data available from state wildlife agencies, current tournament data and expansive polling of the B.A.S.S. membership.”

The full listing, which can be found online at Bassmaster.com, describes Rainy Lake as “featuring world class scenery with smallmouth fishing to match.”

Several other Minnesota lakes were also included in the top 100 ranking.

This year, Bassmaster not only asked each state’s wildlife department to list their best lakes, but also asked the department to rank the lakes and offer reasons for each ranking. All the B.A.S.S. Nation presidents and conservation directors ranked the lakes they frequent as well. And to make sure no lakes were overlooked, the 580,000-plus Facebook fans of B.A.S.S., as well as a 3,500-member panel of avid anglers, chimed in.

“Our master list included more than 180 great bass fisheries. Once we had this foundation, the real work began,” Hall says.

Phone calls to area guides, Internet research and angler interviews brought the cream to the top. After identifying the Top 100 fisheries, the rankings were sorted by a blue-ribbon panel, including bass pros, outdoor writers and fishing industry insiders.

Although many rankings



STAFF PHOTO BY DANA HARTJE

Sand Bay of Rainy Lake was clear of ice Wednesday.

were debated by the panel, the top spot was not. “Sturgeon Bay is absolutely on fire right now. It is beautiful. The smallmouth here are giant — nobody even blinks at 6-pounders. And it’s not unusual for an angler to catch 60 bass per day. That’s what it takes to be named America’s best bass fishery,” Hall says.

Lake Amistad, once ranked in the top 10 on this list, no longer makes the cut. “We aren’t sure what’s to blame for Amistad’s poor production lately, but this

typically awesome fishery is struggling right now,” Hall explains.

Although several new lakes are now ranked in the top 100, California’s New Melones Lake made the biggest splash among the newcomers, earning an inaugural ranking of 51. “This lake has become a world-class spotted bass fishery, and the current pending world record spotted bass caught there in March (10.48 pounds) puts an exclamation mark on that statement,” Hall says.

B.A.S.S. is the worldwide authority on bass fishing and keeper of the culture of the sport. Headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., the 500,000-member organization’s fully integrated media platforms include the industry’s leading magazines, Bassmaster and B.A.S.S. Times; website Bassmaster.com; television show, The Bassmasters on ESPN2; social media programs and events. For more than 45 years, B.A.S.S. has been dedicated to access, conservation and youth fishing.

### AGENDA

**City of International Falls - City Council Regular Meeting**  
**4:30 P.M., Monday, May 5, 2014**  
**Council Chamber, 600 Fourth Street**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Monday, April 21, 2014 regular City Council meeting (Council action- motion)

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**1. CLAIMS**

- Transfer Claims  
to: City of Intl Falls Fund #101 from: City of Intl Falls Fund #812 \$120,52 Lodging tax (Council action- motion)
- Regular Claims (Council action-motion)

**AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM** (The Open Forum is an opportunity for the audience to address the City Council on any matter not listed on the agenda. Please limit your comments to five minutes.)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**OPENING BIDS (AND/OR QUOTES)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Second and Final Reading of Contract Ordinance #956 and approval of associated easements (Council action- motion)

**CONSENT AGENDA** The Consent Agenda allows the City Council to take action on routine matters by one motion that shall not be debated and shall be adopted by unanimous vote of those present. Any individual council member may remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the regular agenda. (Council action – motion)

**NEW BUSINESS**

- First Reading of Contract Ordinance #957, An Ordinance of the City of International Falls, Minnesota Granting a Franchise to Midcontinent Communications for the Operation of a Cable System (Council action-motion)
- Street closure request for 5th Ave. from 3rd Street north to the alley on Saturday, May 31, 2014 (Council action-motion)
- 2014 license application – Timberpins, LLC, On-sale liquor, Sunday liquor, bowling, restaurant, pool tables (Council action-motion)
- 2014 license application – Michaeline R. Belanger, dba Oh 4 Sweet Catering, Itinerant restaurant (Council action-motion)
- Approve recommendation of the Budget and Finance and City Beach Committees to acquire 10 beach chairs for children at a cost not to exceed \$150.00, payable from camping revenues deposited to the General Fund (Council action-motion)
- Accept letter of resignation – George Gray, Part-time Patrol Officer (Council action-motion)
- Part-time patrol officer appointments (Council action-motion)
- Accept letter of resignation – Jerry Adee, Heavy Equipment Operator, (Council action-motion)
- Mayoral Proclamation – VFW Buddy Poppy (Council action-motion)
- Annexation Committee report on Donahue property; Committee appointments (Council action-motion)
- Any other business

**REPORTS OF ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

- Reports of the Administrator, Attorney, and Department Heads**
- Reports of the Mayor, Council Committees, Boards and Commissions**
  - March 19, 2014 – Convention & Visitors’ Bureau meeting minutes (Council information)

**REPORTS OF MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Koochiching County Land & Forestry Department – Allocation to International Falls of \$26,555.44 from the 2013 Tax Forfeited Apportionment Promotion Account (Council information)

**REMINDERS**

- Next regular City Council meeting is Monday, May 19, 2014 at 4:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Note: Matters inappropriate for consideration at the meeting or not in the order specified shall not be considered except 1) with the unanimous consent of the members of the City Council, or 2) scheduled public hearings or bid lettings, but not before the time stated in the notice.

The City of International Falls complies with the Americans with Disability Act. Individuals with disabilities requiring special aids should contact the City Administrator, 600 Fourth Street, International Falls, MN, 56649, 218-283-9484, at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

### Reminder from Koochiching County Auditor/Treasurers Office

## Last day to pay Real Estate Taxes without penalty is Thursday, May 15.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 19<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements - 2014 International Falls, Minnesota WSN Project No 533C0121.000

separate sealed BIDS for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for 19th Street Improvements will be received by the City of International Falls, Minnesota until the hour of 1:30 pm on May 22, 2014, in the office of the City Administrator, 600 4th Street, International Falls, MN at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The proposed work includes, but is not limited to the following major quantities:

5,797	SQ YD	Remove Bituminous Pavement
5,797	CU YD (P)	Common Excavation
2,996	CU YD (CV)(P)	Aggregate Base, Class 5
900	TONS	2360 Type SP Bituminous Wearing Course Mixture
1,515	TONS	2360 Type SP Bituminous Non-Wearing Course Mixture
2,981	LF	4" Perforated PE Pipe Drain
2,790	LF	Concrete Curb and Gutter, Design B624

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the office of the International Falls Public Works Director, located at 600 - 4th Street in the International Falls Municipal Building.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at [www.wsn.us.com](http://www.wsn.us.com) by clicking on Bidding Documents in the upper right hand corner or at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) by inputting Quest project #3281428 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading and working with this digital project information. You may download the digital plan documents electronically for \$30. An optional paper set of project documents is also available from Cadd/Engineering Supply (CES) for a nonrefundable price of \$30 plus printing costs. If you choose a paper copy you will get all addenda as paper copies and will be charged for the printing costs. Please make your check payable to Cadd/Engineering Supply and send it to 1701 James Circle N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430. Please contact CES's Repro Dept at (763) 560-9098 or (800) 831-8587 for pricing and if you have any questions.

The City reserves the right to waive any informalities, to reject any or all bids and to accept that bid considered the most advantageous to the City.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each Bid will be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount equal to Five (5%) percent of the total amount of the bid made payable without condition to the Owner, as a guarantee that the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, will promptly execute the Agreement in accordance with the Bid and the other Contract Documents.

Potential bidders and subcontractors are advised that this Project is subject to prevailing wage rates and other labor provisions identified in the Contract Documents.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2014.

Kenneth R. Anderson  
City Administrator  
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### 2014 Street Improvements International Falls, Minnesota WSN Project No 533C0122.000

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7,600	SQ YD	Remove Bituminous Pavement
4,950	CU YD (P)	Common Excavation
3,550	CU YD (CV)(P)	Aggregate Base, Class 5
730	TONS	2360 Type SP Bituminous Wearing Course Mixture
930	TONS	2360 Type SP Bituminous Non-Wearing Course Mixture
2,200	LF	4" Perforated PE Pipe Drain
9.5	LF	Catch Basin Design G

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