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TAHA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday March 7, 2012, 7:00 P.M. @ TDSS
Meeting chaired by Richard Mongeon

Members Present: 24 members

1. CFWIP – volunteers for duck box installation:

33 duck boxes were delivered. Looking at installing some over the weekend.

Gerry also touched base on the applications that were sent for funding .

2. April GPS session:

E-mails were distributed regarding good deals for GPS unit. The session will be given mid to late April. Stephane Levasseur will be giving the course. It will start with mapping, which is an in class section then will move to field work.

There will be no fee for TAHA members to participate but non-members will have to pay a fee to participate.

3. Blanche River saga:

TAHA was approached by individuals who would like to see the Blanche River closed but our Vice president has heard both sides.

Lauren Macdonald gave a quick update. She mentioned that at this time it is on hold because there isn't enough funding and man power to go ahead with the initial planning. They will be working with Zone 8 and Zone 12.

The reason why this issue has been brought up is because Sutton Bay was closed because of spawning so why close one but not the other. Most tributaries in Zone 12 are out of limits, you can't fish there.

4. FWAC:

Increasing cow allocation by 2, reducing the bull allocation by 31, outfitter tags will go down by 3. Guaranteed group size will be 11, but in 40 it'll be 12. No change in season.

5. OFAH Tickets:

Advised members that TAHA has the tickets for sale.

6. Guest speaker Lauren Macdonald

Lauren spoke about invading species in the Temiskaming area.

It was mentioned that it is illegal to move bass from one lake to another. They are considered an invasive species because they are more competitive than are native fish.

Lauren stressed the importance of pressure washing your boat or ATV after a day out in order to wash off any invasive species that you could possibly carry to your next location. If you can't pressure wash your boat you can leave it out in the sun for approximately 5 days to let the species dry out. The last option would be to wash it with warm water and bleach.

The MNR encourages the public to report any sightings of invasive species.

Invasive Species Awareness Program

Website: www.invadingspecies.com

Hotline: 1-800-563-7711

Invasive Species Centre:

Website: www.invasivespeciescentre.ca

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Next meeting: April 4th, 2012 at 7pm, TDSS