

## **TAFIP Update**

The 2018 season was a challenging year for the Temagami and Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP) for the following reasons: a) late Spring break up; b) very hot summer/water supply issues; c) wild fires within our community; d) cold fall with continuous rain making projects impossible to complete d) winter weather setting in early. Even with the above identified restrictions we were able to produce and stock a great quantity of Walleye fry (750,000) into various designated lakes.

### Complete Projects from 2018

Although the hatchery program was very active in 2018 the 2019 season will be even busier with projects that could not be completed in 2018, such as:

1. Complete the upgrading of the water system at the local hatchery. (est. cost \$800.00 spring 2019)
2. Re-contouring and clay sealing of the Sherman rearing pond for easier extraction of Walleye fingerlings and less stress on hatchery volunteers. (est. cost \$2,000.)
3. Totally stripping the Red Squirrel Rearing pond to the base, re-contouring for proper drainage and resealing with clay. Note: stage 1 the stripping was completed at the end of November of 2018. (\$2,900.) 2019 (est. \$8,500.)
4. Angus Lake Walleye shoal spawning areas were originally slated for cleaned during the 2018 season. Prior to initiating this project approvals had to be obtained from the MNRF; DFO; MTO and finally special approval had to be obtained after a transport truck ended up in Angus Lake spilling fuel. The final approval came very late in the fall when the water levels were very high, and the weather was to cold. This project is now slated for mid or late August in 2019. (est. \$500.)

### New Major Project 2019

Several years ago, the MNRF banned the use of 2 rearing ponds located on the Roosevelt Road. These ponds could not be drained leaving residual Walleye from a previous year to cannibalize young fry. We have located and are presently researching and considering developing 2 new rearing ponds to replace the rearing ponds lost on the Roosevelt road. The development of these new rearing ponds will require many hours of planning; along with many requests for approvals from various government agencies. These rearing ponds will take several years to develop to completion (est. cost \$10,000. /\$15,000. Over 3 years)

### Plans to Improve the Walleye Egg Collection for 2019

We are looking at improving the egg collection on Lake Temagami this year. With approval from the MNRF we will have 3 sites available for collecting Walleye eggs to reach the Lake Temagami target of 500,000 eggs. During the 2019 spring the regular Temagami Lake crew will be equipped with one trap net. Also, a second net will be made available within a week's time to assist in reaching Lake Temagami's target. Note: The season for Walleye egg collection is very short on Lake Temagami.

Note: Thanks to the great dedicated TAFIP volunteer group of 35+ members who work all year to make the fisheries program a success. For the past number of years, the public support has been excellent from private individuals; businesses and lake user groups. By all user groups working together plus making major improvements within the fisheries program the fisheries within the Temagami area has improved. If you have any questions, or would like to get involved please contact Ike Laba TAFIP President @ 705 569 3252 or Gerry Stroud Secretary/Vice 705 569 296