

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jerry Loughnot

Our September meeting was held at the Gander Mtn. store in Cicero. Our scheduled speakers ran into some scheduling conflicts so I gave a presentation on deep water perch fishing on Oneida Lake or any body of water where you would be fishing deep water. I was glad that everyone enjoyed it.

I would like to wish long time member Chuck Growe our best wishes and a continued speedy recovery from a work related accident.

Perch fishing on Oneida Lake is gaining momentum with each outing. While the walleye bite is a little slow, the lead core fisherman at the east end are still doing well. The night bite hasn't started yet at least for me.

On September 24 we attended National Hunting and Fishing day open house at the Salmon River Hatchery in Altmar. I would like to thank the following members for making it a successful event for ELOSTA: Roy Hunsberger, Tom Lott, Mac Mackenzie, Charlie Ames, Jake & June Howell and Ken & Madeleine Esser.

Tom Lott and I signed up to be DEC volunteers to do cormorant hazing on Oneida Lake. We launch each Wednesday morning out of Aero Marina on the west end of Oneida Lake and work around all the islands and run the buoy line as far as east as buoy 119. Being volunteers we are only allowed to count and chase the birds and use whistler pyrotechnics

The following is a condensed report I received from Dave Lemon DEC Region 7 Fishery manger. The number of cormorants on the lake has been higher this fall than fall of 2010.

August 25: 466 counted on roost by Cornell
August 31: 486 counted around lake by DEC
September 9: 514 counted around lake by DEC
September 15: 223 counted around lake by DEC
September 22: 232 counted around lake by DEC
September 26: 150 counted around lake by DEC
September 29: 90 counted around lake by DEC

DEC has been quite successful in collecting cormorants for diet analysis and has brought a total of 63 birds to the Cornell field station for stomach content analysis. The results of the diet analysis show a different picture than the past two years. Despite the presence of large numbers of young shad in the lake, it appears that their smaller size this fall is a factor in the cormorants feeding habits. Randy Jackson (Cornell researcher) indicates that the juvenile gizzard shad are the smallest he can remember seeing at this time of year. As a result only about half of the cormorants collected are feeding exclusively on young gizzard shad while the other half apparently have decided the small fish aren't worth their effort and are feeding on larger sized perch and walleye. It appears that the juvenile gizzard shad are not providing the kind of buffer to predation on perch and walleye by cormorants that they have done in the past and will not likely do so the rest of this fall.

DEC has continued to collect approximately another 50+ cormorants for Cornell for further stomach content analysis ending on the 29th of September.

He is pleased with the number of birds collected for the year and also with the fact that they have been collected throughout the whole month rather than just early or late. It will be interesting to learn whether these latest cormorants continue to have a mix of sport fish and young gizzard shad in their diet or if they have finally shifted over to primarily eating young shad. Fortunately, with the low numbers of birds they are seeing on the water, the impact to the lakes sport fish populations should be negligible even if shad are still only making up half of their diet.

Be sure to attend our October 19th meeting at the Salmon River Fish Hatchery in Altmar. We will hold our election of officers, those running are as follows: Brian Garrett-President, Dan Zanetti-Vice President, Phil Lucason- Secretary, and Tom Lott- Treasurer.

Andy Gruelich will bring us up to date on the fall salmon run and how things are going at the hatchery. Dan Bishop and Dave Lemon and staff will let us know how things are going on the lake and what the future might hold for the coming year.

This is my last newsletter as President and I would like to thank everyone that has contributed articles to the newsletter this past year. I would also like to thank those who have contributed their time to help out at the various functions ELOSTA was present at. **See you at the Hatchery on the 19th.**

Good Fishin'
Jerry

A BANNER YEAR! Roy Hunsberger

Fishing Lake Ontario during the derby was my best year ever! Not only did I fish with good friends that made the trip fun and exciting, I was able to fondly remember this year of 100+ salmon thanks to the daily log book of my buddy, Pete Tenerowicz and his excellent "first mate" abilities.

With only daytime fishing and no evenings, the fish were plentiful. Hot dipsey set-ups for me were the following: Double Bubble Spin Doctor with Little Boy Blue fly. Leader Length 27" on a cloudy day. On a sunny day, green 8" flasher with two white glow strips with a Pole Dancer fly. 27" Leader also. Downrigger length from the ball 8 feet, Black Spin Doctor, Howie green crinkle fly, 24". Pig Pen flasher with Glow Sweet Pea fly, 24" length.

Just when I thought my fishing was done, I got the itch on the 27th of September to head out one more time by myself. Caught 2 salmon, one by the tail, and then it happened! My rod went off, and I set the hook and it didn't move. Finally, the salmon went 100 or so feet and then came straight at the back of the boat and went to the bottom. Next thing I knew he was in the other line tangled up. Off he went again! My other rod went limp, and the salmon took out 250 feet of line. Got the fish back to the boat and the salmon went again to the bottom in 50 feet of water. Finally, I got the fish to the surface and netted him. A nice 35lb. male salmon on a Michael Jackson spoon.

That salmon tired this old guy out, and made it the perfect ending to a banner year!

ELOSTA MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

The September meeting was held at Gander Mountain in Cicero on the 21st.

Treasurer Tom Lott indicated a balance in our treasury of \$13,346.09 and the Net Pen Fund that we are holding of \$ 3,625.67. There has been no action on the net pen fund.

Doug Fuegel's grandson , John Brennen sent us a letter thanking us for sending him to the DEC summer camp. He enjoyed it very much. He said that it was a magnificent experience that included shooting, archery, orienteering, fishing, and many other activities.

Note : if any member has a relative that is between 12 & 17 and would like to go to one of the DEC camps next year...contact Jerry Lougnot.

Jerry noted that the 3-rod limit per person has been approved.

The Hunting and Fishing day is scheduled for Sat & Sun the 24th & 25 and many members volunteered to work our booth at the Salmon River Hatchery.

Both of our scheduled speakers fizzled out so Jerry volunteered to explain his and Rick Paninski's secrets for putting a whooping on the perch on Oneida. First of all...lines MUST be as vertical as possible under the boat. They use braid line for the most sensitive feel. They use 20# flourocarbon leaders with very small swivels with two hooks about a foot apart and a weight up to 2oz. in deep water. Lighter weights for shallow water. They like to drift about .5 mph and use a drift sock or two if the wind is strong. The most important part is boat control...you have to have movement in the bait. Sometimes the electric motor must be used....for optimum control.

They have been doing very well in 24 to 38 ft. of water off the buoys #119 to #123. They also follow contours wherever they find the fish.

An interesting sidelight...the perch have been regurgitating zebra mussels.

A great and very informative presentation..!!

Rich Nau indicated that he has been catching Steelhead in 300' to 500 ' off the Salmon River as well as 2-yr old kings. Roy Hunsberger said that Cohos were still out in cold water. Carolyn & I stopped by the Salmon River in Pulaski at the iron bridge on Sun. the 18th and there were about 75 fishermen in that hole (like the old days) and hardly a minute went by that someone didn't have a fish on. There was a HUGE run of "bright" cohos in. Everybody appeared to be playing the game, which was really neat. I was informed by a young lad from Orwell that DEC was planning on installing cameras on the corner of the Salmon River Sport shop. I was really impressed as I haven't been near that area in about 25 years. Jake & June Howell indicated that they did very well out of Fair Haven. Doug Fuegel mentioned that there were many large northerns in the St. Lawrence but very few anglers were buying Canadian Licenses, due to the problems with Canadian authorities enforcing "their" laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully submitted....
Bill Thomas, Secretary

Hi,

My name is John Brennan and my step-mom is Judith Fuegel, daughter of Doug Fuegel. Thank you guys so much for sponsoring me to go to the DEC camp. I really enjoyed it and I hope I can go back to another camp next year. I love the outdoors, I go fishing, shooting, hunting, ride my ATV and ride my bike. When I was at pack forest we went hiking, swimming, fishing and we learned all about nature. So thank you so much for sending me and I really enjoyed it.

I am sending a couple of pictures of the camp.

Thanks,

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FINANCIAL REPORT
Aug. 20, 2011-Sept. 21, 2011

Balance as of Aug. 19, 2011

Checking Deposits \$ 300.00
Checking Withdrawals \$ -1,090.00
Total \$ - 790.00

Pro Am Net Pen
No Activity
Total \$ 3,625.67

Checking \$ 1,643.15
Savings \$ + 16,118.61
Total \$ 17,761.76

Checking \$ 1,643.15
Checking Deposits \$ + 300.00
 \$ 1,943.15
Checking Withdrawals \$ - 1,090.00
Total Checking \$ 853.15

Total Savings \$ 16,118.61
Total Checking \$ + 853.15
Total \$ 16,971.76

Net Pen \$ - 3,625.67

ELOSTA'S FUNDS \$ 13,346.09

Submitted by Tom Lott, Treasurer