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We had discussed contacting DNR fisheries at our last meeting. I agree that we need to organize a fish committee. I would like to attend the lake fair in Riverview June 8th. We can put this in the annual meeting minutes for June 1st.  
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Ms. Lawson,

I've attached the stocking history and electrofishing data for Boot Lake. Currently I am not in the office to review the files but this is a majority of the data that is available.

I will be unable to attend your meeting June 1st however, Brenda is putting together a "Lake Fair" that will be held the following Saturday (June 8) in the Town of Riverview (please contact Brenda for details). I will be giving a short presentation of Fisheries Management that day.

Each Lake Association typically has a "fish committee". It is much more efficient and effective for me to work with a few members of an association and have them disseminate information to the group and gather feedback.

All fish are small at one point in their life. If you, or any angler, catches a fish that they don't want to eat, they should release it. It is unlawful to waste fish/wildlife (i.e. throwing small fish on the ice).

You mentioned you had "numerous" other questions; please feel free to contact me anytime via email or phone (number below).

The last sampling of Boot Lake occurred in the fall of 2010 and 2012. This was part of a multi-lake study examining the contribution of stocked walleye to the overall fishery. Essentially the walleye stocked (in June) by WDNR were marked. Small walleye (7 to 9 inches) collected in the fall were examined for marks. The proportion of marked to unmarked fish determines if stocking is beneficial. Unfortunately, marks were undetectable in walleye stocked in 2010. However, 50% of the walleye collected in 2012 were marked but the sample size was extremely small.

The next comprehensive survey (fyke netting and electrofishing) of Boot Lake is scheduled for 2016. It would be more meaningful to talk to the group once this survey is complete and the fish are aged, data is analyzed and the report is completed. Survey work will go into the fall of 2016; the report likely will be completed that winter or early spring 2017.

You inquired about stocking. Before elaborating to any great extent, why do you

believe stocking needs to occur? If stocking is necessary, what species of fish would you or others recommend stocking. A lot goes into making a decision about stocking fish. I'd be more than willing to discuss the pro's and con's of stocking with you or the "fish committee". If you do not have such a committee on your association, I strongly recommend forming one in the immediate future (unless the number of people in your association is extremely small (< 10)).

Again, feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

I look forward to meeting and working with you and the Boot Lake Association.

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