



D'Alton Lake Stays on the Radar Screen

Good Fishing today...but what about tomorrow?

Yes, our fishing season for 2007 is drawing to a close.

Yes, the fall weather has been predictably unpredictable.

Yes, the cooler water temperatures and shorter days have triggered the "Fall Frenzy."

Yes, these pictures of Stan Andrews of Stanberry, Missouri are Master Angler quality at 26 1/4 inches.

Yes, they came from [D'Alton Lake](#).

However, many other anglers have found the fall fishing equally as rewarding. [Ogoki Lake](#), in the photos below, has delivered five trophy walleye and one pike over 40 inches since our last newsletter. Other big pike have come from [Dawn Lake](#), [Mojikit Channel](#), [Whitewater Lake](#), and [Opichuan Lake](#) as well. The Master Angler list at the website shows the fifteen NEW master angler entries, bringing our total Master Angler registrations to 152. There are a few anglers still out there, however the season is about over and what a season it was.



D'Alton Under the Microscope

Rick Gollat is fishing at D'Alton Lake. He and his crew flew in on Monday September 24th.

However, they did NOT bring rods and reels. They brought gill nets.

WHAT?

Now hold on...its okay. In fact we asked them to come out [D'Alton](#) lake.

You see Rick is the Ministry of Natural Resources Armstrong area fish biologist.

In this week's [podcast](#) Rick explains the research project partnership between the MNR and Wilderness North.

We provide the flights and the lodging...the MNR captures about 20 walleye and develops a "base line" report on the fishery. The fish are taken back to MNR labs and carefully examined to determine age, sex, egg production maturation, over all health and a number of other scientific reference points that paint a clear picture of D'Alton's 2007 fish population.

In the future an identical study can be conducted to determine if any changes to the lake have occurred due to natural (forest fires, rain levels) or man made (harvesting, logging) activities.

It's a project to protect the lake for the future.



A Partnership for the Future by *Alan Cheeseman, President Wilderness North*



We keep an eye on our fisheries. Those of you who have been our guests know that. We emphasize the importance of catch and release fishing and we support conservation systems at all of our destinations.

But that is NOT enough.

Sometimes you have take the next step...and for us that means getting the science right.

“Green Talk” is fine as far as it goes, however, we believe knowledge is the key to preserving our fisheries. To that end, we have an on going partnership with Ontario’s Ministry of Natural Resources to “get the science” right. This time the research is being done at [D’Alton Lake](#), just as we have at [Mojikit Channel](#) and [Zig Zag Lake](#) in the past few years.

In reviewing future log harvesting plans, we became concerned to learn how close the proposed harvest would come to D’Alton Lake. We have added our voice to discussion that determines how many trees will be taken and how close the roads will come to our camps.

The D’Alton study begins with a small fish sample harvest that is being done today. The completed study will establish a base line of information about D’Alton, a scientific reference point so that a matching study can be done in the future to objectively measure the impact of logging on the landscape.

Our goal is that our destinations remain purely remote, accessible only by float plane, just as they are now and that after a tree harvest the reseeded phase includes the removal and replanting of all roads in the area as well.

Keep in touch,

Alan

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More on the Line !

Our on-going fishing line discussion leads us to Woodstock, Connecticut and a private business owned by a fellow name Bernie Thaneuf.

Bernie has engineered a fishing line he calls [Power Strike](#). He has taken Spectra line braided it and impregnated it with resin to make it stronger, easier to tie, and very very thin. And he says it is so tough, you can fish it



for six months and not detect any wear.

For pike anglers it means fishing without a leader since those razor sharp teeth are no match for the Power Strike. Our own Chris Clemmons tested it recently in Canada and you’ll hear both Bernie and Chris on this week’s [podcast](#).

It will be available in stores in early 2008, but if you want some [click here](#) to send us an e-mail with your phone number and we’ll get you some now.