

MNR Representatives meet with Rod and Gun Club

by Bill Love

Officials of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources were invited to the February 10 meeting of the Terrace Bay and District Rod and Gun Club to provide information and answer questions on matters close to the hearts of local organized sportsmen.

Scott Watson, manager of the MNR's fish hatchery at Dorion, spoke on fish culture and techniques for effective stocking of fish.

This information will be put to use by the 32 members of the Rod and Gun Club in managing the club's mini-hatchery in which there are currently 40,000 speckled trout eggs.

Club members tend the incubating eggs daily and will release the young trout into local lakes in late March or early April.

Mr. Watson stimulated members' thinking towards expansion of the volunteer-operated hatchery, with his discussion of methods for rearing trout fry to the fingerling or yearling stages prior to releasing them into the wild.

Jim Chappel, Outdoor Recreation Supervisor for the MNR's Terrace Bay District encouraged the club to become involved in hunter safety training. He expressed confidence that club members collectively have the expertise required to help them train young hunters in the safe use of firearms.

Both Chappel and Jim Atkinson, Regional Fisheries Biologist from Thunder Bay, spoke on the Minister of Natural Resources' proposal to legislate a Resident Angling Licence in Ontario.

The proposed licence would come into effect on January 1, 1987 and would cost resident fishermen between the ages of 18 and 64 a total of 10 dollars. Anglers aged 65 and over would pay five dollars for

a licence, while those aged 17 and under will not require a licence.

Atkinson stated that an estimated 2.25 million Ontario residents are anglers. Contained in the Minister's proposal is a plan to re-

invest at least 75 per cent of the eight to 12 million dollars to be raised in licence fees back into sport fishing.

Terrace Bay District Biologist Barry Snider reported that the annual

moose census has revealed a slight decrease in moose population density as compared to one year ago. The hunter success rate improved in 1985 and successful hunters spent less time to bag a moose as compared

to 1984.

Mr. Snider added that to forestall the possibility of over harvesting, adult moose tags will be reduced by 12 per cent for the 1986 season.

Club members voted to

sponsor a canoe expedition from Terrace Bay to Old Fort William. Club members Ray Theriault and Nap Vienneau, along with their sons, plan to paddle the North Shore of Lake Superior in time to

arrive at the fort for rendezvous on July 1.

Club President Preston McKeever thanked the Ministry personnel for attending the meeting and supplying the club with valued information.

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This unique Jamboree will declare no winner, but will instead stress participation over competition. "Fun" will be the underlying factor.

Terrace Bay and Schreiber will both be participating in this year's event, along with other area communities like Nakina, Marathon, Geraldton, Dubreuilville, Chapleau, White River, Hornepayne, and the host town.

The Jamboree will involve 12 to 13 year old players with a grand total of approximately 175 players, coaches, and Recreation Directors scheduled to take part.



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