

UPDATE OF CARP REMOVAL, MARCH 2012

Tony Havranek, Biologist from the St. Croix Chippewa, reports as of March 12: So far we have removed around 21,000 carp; over 100,000 lbs! I am waiting on some info from JR Fisheries from the last two hauls to get the exact weights. Our goal is to still remove 100,000+ lbs this spring after the ice goes off. We are continuing to track the fish.

Tom Stoffel

CARP UPDATE BETWEEN APRIL 12, 2011 AND APRIL 12, 2012

On April 12, 2012 carp removal was done on the northwest shore of Lower Clam Lake. A total of 1,453 carp were removed.

The total number of carp removed between April 12, 2011 to April 12, 2012 was 23,354 carp which is roughly 188,000 pounds.

Tony has sent the following information on carp removal. The recapture rate ranges from 3.62% up to 5.97%. The percentage of juveniles ranges from 3.22% up to 24.96% We had a high of 3,816 marked fish I in the population on November 1, 2011. So far we have removed 1,048 of them. You can see even with that amount of marks our recap rate is still around 5%. That is why I wanted to mark as many as I did.

Tony hopes to do another pull, but he thinks it will be a small number as it seems the fish have spread out for the summer season.

We will keep you updated on any more carp taken this spring.

Tom Stoffel

CARP UPDATE

UPDATE OF CARP REMOVAL WINTER 2012

On February 3, our first attempt this winter to remove carp from our lakes was done. On this day 4,009 carp were removed from the vicinity in front of Camp Northland Resort on Upper Clam.

A couple things noteworthy, along with the carp, a 105# plus sturgeon was netted, tagged, measured and returned to the lake. Also, one very, very large walleye was netted and returned to the lake.

On February 8, another carp removal attempt was done; in this attempt the commercial fisherman ran into problems because of the numbers of carp that were in fact netted. Some people thought there may have been 200,000 pounds of carp in the nets. So many carp were in the nets the decision was made to return the next day with heavier equipment to complete the removal. Unfortunately overnight most of the carp escaped from the net. The end result of total carp removed was 3,071.

Again, on February 16, another attempt was made and 5,217 carp were netted bringing the total to 12,297 carp removed from Clam Lakes in the winter of 2012 to this date.

On March 2nd another carp removal attempt is being made on Upper Clam.

Tom Stoffel