

SWAMP SHARK TOURNAMENT

Tournament Information and Rules

- (1) The tournament will be held on **Saturday, June 20th, 2020**.
- (2) **Tournament Headquarters** will be setup on the shore of **Bell's Resort**.
- (3) **Per Minnesota DNR rules, we can accept up to (25) two person teams**. One team member must be a SLPOA member with current dues paid. Advance registration is required. There is a registration form included in this communication. **Registration will be on a first come/first serve basis** and we will need to cut off at the twenty-five team limit under Minnesota rules for fishing tournaments. There is no entry fee but pre-registration is required and a donation to SLPOA encouraged.
- (4) Every participant **must have a proper/current Minnesota fishing license**.
- (5) The tournament will run from **9:00 am until 4:30 pm**. You can start fishing anywhere on the lake that you chose at 9:00 on Saturday, June 20th, 2020. You must quit fishing at 4:30 pm and check-in by 5:00 pm that day for your coupons and T Shirts to be presented to your team. Bell's will try to make a grill and bar available for anyone that would like to have some food after the tournament with social distancing being practiced.
- (6) **Prizes will be awarded on the time it takes to fill a limit**. Prizes will be awarded for first through seventh place (\$200.00 for first place, \$100.00 for second, \$50.00 for third and \$25.00 for fourth through seventh place based on who presents their (20) fish limit at the tournament check-in site first). **There will also be a \$50.00 prize for the SMALLEST northern** brought in. If there are no limits taken, prizes will be awarded according to the total number checked in and if that is tied, the smallest northern in the total catch will determine prize awards.
- (7) **All northerns must be 22 inches or LESS** to qualify.
- (8) Note this... **you must keep your fish and remove them from the lake**. You can take them home to clean (the back and tail fillets are virtually boneless), or clean them at the resort to take with you, or take your catch and dispose of properly at home. We had originally thought we could keep donated fillets, but restrictions on nursing home, food pantry, and other operations are making that difficult.
- (9) **When you check-in your fish or at the end of the day, you will be given two \$20.00 coupons to spend at Bell's Resort**. They will be good for one year. Also, each participant will receive a "Swamp Shark" T Shirt. Additional T Shirts may be purchased for \$10.00.
- (10) PLEASE BE AWARE. By your registration you and your partner agree to grant the Star Lake Property Owner's Association a **waiver of liability** for any or all injuries, accidents, acquired illness, or any action related to the holding of this tournament. Please be careful! Treble hooks and active fish can cause problems!

Other Information

Our purpose in sponsoring this event is to improve the fishery. Currently, Star Lake has a large number of small northernns (85% of the northernns in our 2018 test nettings were 22 inches or less). Research has shown that too many small northernns impact other fish populations like perch, sunfish, whitefish, and walleyes. This is one step to improve the fishery along with promoting the release of large northernns.

Because of Minnesota COVID 19 rules, there will not be any type of formal after-event gathering.

Please respect all social distancing and other COVID 19 guidelines to the best of your ability. We want this to be a fun day for the participants.

SLPOA operates primarily on its annual membership dues and donations. As a participant, we encourage you to make a donation to our “**Lake Protection Fund.**” Those dollars allow us to continue these events as well as provide safety buoys, lakescaping grants, and a host of mission related activities. We will have a donation box at the check-in station or you can simply include a donation with your registration. Good Fishing! Swamp Sharks Rule!

Gary P. Miller, SLPOA President

