

Walleyes for Tomorrow

Popple spoke about his group's work in Barron County. The Indianhead Chapter of Walleyes for Tomorrow has been in existence for about five years, Popple explained.

"We think we've done some things right, but we're totally convinced there are more things we can do," Popple acknowledged.

Popple explained that a portable walleye hatchery has been operating on upper Prairie Lake for four years, while Red Cedar Lake and Long Lake in Washburn County have had hatcheries for three years. Popple added that the Red Cedar Lake hatchery has produced 5.6 million fry in that chain.

Popple mentioned that the goal of the hatcheries is to help improve the percentage of naturally hatched fish.

"We're not trying to hatch fish to feed predators," Popple pointed out.

He said the Indianhead hatcheries have been extremely efficient, even becoming the envy of other WFT chapters in the southern half of the state.

Popple also mentioned that Lake Chetek has become a top candidate to receive a rock reef, which would be funded by Walleyes for Tomorrow.

Elections

In addition to Plaza being elected president, John Swenson was re-elected as first vice president. The terms of treasurer Don Freeman and secretary Shane Samuels did not expire this year.

The entire Board of Directors was re-elected, with the exception of Gary Fredrickson, who resigned his seat. That position was filled by Augie Bleske, who was nominated during the election.

The remainder of returning directors includes Plaza, Swenson, Freeman, Samuels, Chris Carlson, Jerry Zehner, Greg Jennings, and Bob August.