

## Wee Ma Tuk Wood Lake

- 5/22/17
- Apprx 20 acres
- 50-60 years old
- Apprx 30' max depth with a lot of 10-15 FOW
- Large Watershed
- White Water Lilies and some Duckweed
- Named "Wood Lake" due to lots of trees and brush in the water
- Great Panfishing, but overall great fishing lake
- Some Common Carp and Gizzard Shad but not out of control
- Largemouth Bass not overabundant with good size structure

Based on our observations and conversations here are our recommendations for this lake:

- Recommended Daily Limit of 10 bluegill and 10 crappie per day
- Recommended Daily Limit of 2 largemouth bass under 14" per day, release all bass over 14"
- Recommended Daily Limit of 1 walleye per day of any size
- Recommended Daily Limit of 3 catfish per day of any size
- Stock 150 walleye 5-8" every fall. These fish cost \$1.50 each plus \$25 delivery
- Stock 5 largemouth bass 5-8" per acre every third year to diversify genetics. These fish cost \$2.40 each plus \$25 delivery
- Stock 100 black crappie 5-7" every other fall to diversify genetics. These fish cost \$1.45 each plus \$25 delivery
- Stock 100 bluegill 4-6" every other fall to diversify

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- Stock 100 channel catfish every fall 8-10". These fish cost \$1.05 each plus \$45 delivery
  - The walleye are important to help keep the gizzard shad and common carp under control. They also create a nice bonus species in the lake. The largemouth bass, crappie, and bluegill stockings are very light in numbers, but important to introduce new blood into the gene pool. The smaller the lake is the more important it is to bring in fresh blood for genetics. Also the stocked fish typically always grow bigger than the fish that are born in the lake. It only takes 1 year to grow a crappie or bluegill or bass in a hatchery scenario to 5-8" size whereas when born into the lake it can take 3-5 years to get to that same size... that's over half the fishes life whereas the hatchery fish still have 6-8 years to keep growing.
  - This particular lake doesn't need much improvement, but the above recommendations will make it even better going into the future. . The goal with a fisheries management plan is for long term, just as much as short term issues.