

July 15, 1999

Reference: Minutes of Meeting Alton Barnstead Halfmoon Lake Assoc.

Correction

Mr. Steve Wheeler of the State of N H Dept of Fisheries in Concord was contacted this day to determine the date the lake was restocked as reported by George Hetu and others at the meeting on July 11, 1999.

Mr. Wheeler stated the lake was not restocked and nothing was scheduled and in all probably it would not happen. There is no provision to stock so called warm water lakes. At present the only lakes being stocked by his Dept. are those that have trout in them.

He also said that because of the variety of fish there is enough young population to sustain the over all population and the natural life cycle of the fish population in the lake.

When asked if he had any intention of doing a study of the actual population of fish species he said he had not thought about it but would try to do one in the near future and get back to me with the results.

As to the fresh water mussels in the lake he said they are edible. He did not recommend eating them as they are bottom feeders and therefore filter everything in the lake including bird droppings, mercury and ect.

As far as eating fish caught in the lake, if one were to eat the fish it is better to eat the smaller fish because there is less time for the fish to build up contaminants in the meat. He noted that white perch are not particularly good to eat.

For with bird problem, Ducks and Geese he noted there is a spray for Geese that can be put on the lawn that makes the grass that makes it distasteful to them. The spray is available through Wheelers dept. As for the Ducks his best advice is do not feed them.

Mr. Wheeler was thanked for his time and interest in our concerns.

Respectfully submitted

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