

# 2018 BAY LAKE HAMMER-HANDLE CONTEST UPDATE

## BLIA Annual Meeting

July 14, 2018

By Week	Fish
1	151
2	337
3	235
4	219
5	203
6	315
7	20
<b>Total as of 7/13</b>	<b>1,480</b>



Standings	Fish
Dibble	359
Rose	301
Oakes	212
Qualen	157
Norton	130
Waldera	83
Clementson	58
Capistrant	55
Sherry	45
Finberg/Shimota	20
Riesberg	18
Perry	14
Ysseldyke	10
Datko	9
Sorensen	5
Goolsbee	4
<b>Total as of 7/13</b>	<b>1,480</b>

**New Northern Pike Regulation:** 10 northern pike, but not more than two pike longer than 26 inches; and all from 22 to 26 inches must be released.

**The BLIA asks:** Do not release Northern Pike less than 22" & release all over 22" as larger pike help control the population of smaller pike.

### Bay Lake Northern Pike Facts:

- Overpopulated w/ small Northern Pike since surveys began in 1982
- Average 15-20" Northern Pike eats about 5lbs of food a year
- 82% of Northern Pike caught in 2014 survey were <22"

MVP	Fish
Andy, Oakes Cabin	73
Dave, Dibble Cabin	70
Heather, Norton Cabin	68
Tamara, Norton Cabin	62
Dan, Dibble Cabin	60
Emily, Rose Cabin	59
Mike, Qualen Cabin	54
Ally, Oakes Cabin	53
Billy, Oakes Cabin	52
Matt, Qualen Cabin	48

### Message from MN DNR Fisheries Research Biologist Tyler D. Ahrenstorff, Ph.D.

I think it is great that you guys are planning on taking advantage of the new northern pike regulations to try to make a change in Bay Lake! I think you are on the right track with creating informational events and getting the word out. I should add, removing smaller northern pike (<22 inches) is the best approach. Larger northern pike actually eat a lot of smaller northern pike, so it's good to have larger northern pike in your lake!



