

2018 Bay Lake *Small* Northern Pike Fishing Contest

Sponsored by: Bay Lake Improvement Association (BLIA)

Bay lake is overpopulated with small Northern Pike adversely affecting other species. Help improve our lake....and have some fun!

Contest Details:

Goal: Remove as many Northern Pike less than 22" from Bay Lake as possible

Dates: [Friday, June 1 to Monday, September 3](#) (Labor Day)

Scoring: Total pike under 22" removed from Bay Lake per cabin

Prizes:

1st - \$500 and possession of **Hammer-Handle Champion Trophy** until next Labor Day

2nd - \$250

3rd - \$150

MVP - \$100 (for individual fisherman with the most fish)

BONUS 1 free beverage (\$7 max) or sundae at Lonesome Pine Restaurant on Bay Lake for every 10 fish per fisherman

BONUS 1 free appetizer at Lonesome Pine Restaurant on Bay Lake for best weekly picture

Rules:

- Fish must be less than 22"
- No catch and release (must be obvious in picture that fish is dead)
- Scoring is per cabin – fish can be caught by a member of the cabin or any non-Bay Lake cabin guest (no cabins teaming up)
- Must be a BLIA member to win --> *Join BLIA* baylake.org

How to Enter:

Send email to Matt Qualen, Baylakepike@gmail.com to submit fish (or with questions/feedback)

Example of an entry email:

From: Fisherman

To: BayLakePike@gmail.com

Subject: Cabin Name & Date (Example – Oakes Cabin 6/1)



Oakes Cabin, 39 fish, 6/1

Andy Oakes 10

Ally Oakes 9

Billy Breckenridge 8

Guest 9

Guest 3

***Follow standings, updates and fun Pike info on Bay Lake FB page
(www.facebook.com/BayLakeMN/) and baylake.org***

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Attend the BLIA annual meeting, Saturday, July 14 9:00AM at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge

Brief northern pike informational talk and Q&A

Live fish cleaning demonstration

Northern Pike recipes and cooking tips

Background Information:

Why this contest is important to Bay Lake: to increase Walleye population

New in 2018, the DNR increased the Northern Pike limit from 3 to 10. The new regulations will improve the Walleye fishing on Bay Lake by removing the overpopulated, small, slow-growing Northern Pike. Small fish, generally less than 22 inches long, reduce perch numbers to unhealthy levels, tip the balance toward smaller panfish and reduce the effectiveness of walleye stocking.

Bay Lake Northern Pike Population & Walleye Stocking History via MN DNR

- Bay lake has been overpopulated with small Northern Pike since lake surveys began in 1982
- Annual fry stocking has not been successful in creating more than a low-level walleye population
- Walleye numbers seem to be kept low by the high abundance of northern pike

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 (possession limit is 10)