



April 2018 Newsletter
Next Meeting Apr 10 @ 7:00
Spruce Avenue Hall
10240 – 115 Ave
Free Coffee and Doughnuts
50/50 - Door Prizes - Table Draw

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Speaker's Corner: The Sportsman Show has come and gone. Thanks to all the volunteers for working shifts at the Sportsman Show. The winners of the raffle were Mark Fedorko who took the Whitetail painting and Bruce McNutt who took the fishing package. For this month we have John Clay Bruner from the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta as our speaker. He will discuss changes to Alberta as a result of the Walleye fishery. Thank you to Fred Noddin for being our guest speaker last month on his very interesting presentation on his fishing excursions.

Workshops: The fly-tying workshops are running every Monday afternoon at the Edmonton Fish and Game head office at 4523 – 101 St (rear door). Last session, the guys tied a Beetle Fly. For more information contact either Drew or Chuck – their phone numbers are in the left column. The Fishin' Hole gives EOTFC members a 10% discount when you present the current membership card at the time of your purchase.

Fish and Game Update: Minister Shannon Philips announced that the Native Trout Fisheries Closures that were proposed for the eastern slopes are postponed as there are additional factors that impact the fishery such as habitat and industrial development to consider. Also, our AFGA membership requires further discussion at the next executive meeting regarding the vicarious liability clause. The 2018 Fishing regulations (print version) not available in stores yet but are available online at albertarelm.com along with the Walleye draws which are open until 11:59PM on April 26. Whirling Disease has been confirmed in the North Saskatchewan River. Tiger Trout is included in the fishing regulations this year. AFGA Zone 4 AGM will be held in Whitecourt on April 15th with Randy Collins attending on the club's behalf.

Monthly Raffle: George Tameling won the 50/50 for \$67.50. Table draw winners were Jack Graham, Fred Noddin, Bruce Robson, Ron Twerdoclib, Frank Dolynchuk, Drew Livingstone, Orest Babiuk, Mike Draganiak, Chris Gresczuk, and Chuck Leacock. **There will be a table draw this month however we can use more donations for the table draw.**

For Sale: Jack Graham has a number of downrigger balls for sale for \$25, sleighs and ice fishing tents and equipment, tire chains, and a prop for a 20 to 25 hp Mercury outboard. Everything has to go... trailer, fishing rods and hooks, and a side by side rhino and pipe wrenches. His phone number is 780-434-1198.



Edmonton Edmonton Old Timers Fish Competition Winners
Trophy Sponsors: Joe Sykes, Gordon Halls, The Fishing Hole (Dave and Darryl Johnson), Coronet Electric (Wes Voogd), and the Edmonton Old Timers Fishing Club (EOTFC).

- Coronet Electric** sponsored the Northern Pike Trophy won by:
 Martin Fung.....73.0 cm.....Gull Lake
- The Fishin' Hole** sponsored the Walleye Trophy won by:
 Tom Zenchyzen.....68.5 cm.....North Saskatchewan River
- Joe Sykes** sponsored the Trout Trophy won by:
 Martin Fung (Rainbow Trout).....57.0 cm.....Swan Lake
- Gordon Halls** supplied the Lake Whitefish Trophy won by:
 Ed Evanson.....58.5 cm.....Lac Ste Anne
- EOTFC** sponsored the Yellow Perch Trophy won by:
 Chris Grzeszczuk.....33.5 cm.....Lac la Nonne.



Hello Everyone (Zone 4 Share with your clubs)

On behalf of the Next Step Team I expressed disappointment with the 2018 fishing regulations that have ignored the public input and ignored much of the government data and the angler knowledge.

In 2017 after the public suggested several solutions to underutilized walleye fisheries, five new lakes were opened for some consumptive harvest and the government indicated that further changes would be expected in 2018. After further public input this fall and winter, several public meetings, petitions, letters and communications, the 2018 fishing regulations have added over 100 lakes to further restrictions on consumptive harvest.

Clearly, the public were not supporting catch and release only to manage the use of Alberta's walleye-pike public fisheries. In fact several lakes that were further restricted had no government surveys and information with regard to the status of the fish populations. Information and communications provided by anglers appeared to be ignored. Further, the fact that lakes such as Seibert (pike with minimum size of 100cm, one fish daily) and Winefred (large less accessible lake) have now been assigned catch and release only for pike seems to be unacceptable. The proposed walleye-pike management strategies need to be revised and together with the biologists, the anglers and users should establish the specific fish and lake management objectives.

The public expressed and offered low risk harvesting methods that would simplify the regulations and ensure sustainability.

At this point, it seems that individual communication to the Minister, to the Premier and to MLA's will be needed to convey the concerns and wishes of the people. We will continue to communicate with government and will provide you with any updates.

Thank you all for your continued efforts and participation.

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Ray Makowecki
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Below are Martin Fung and Family with Jimmy Yu and wife with Whitefish and a Walleye from Lac Ste Anne.

