

**Adirondack Lake Aquatic Weed Control District  
Ad Hoc Committee**

## **The Great Grass Carp Harvest**

### **EVENT SUMMARY**

Following is a recap of "The Great Grass Carp Harvest," an event held on Adirondack Lake on September 15 & 16, 2018.

The goal of the event was to harvest 200 grass carp in an effort to revitalize the Adirondack Lake ecosystem.

**Results:**

**Several hundred** grass carp were sighted, but **58** anglers over **2** days were only able to remove **3** of these evasive and easily spooked fish from the lake.

- Saturday: 34 anglers participating (2 by land, 32 by boat)
- Sunday: 24 anglers (several returning for a 2<sup>nd</sup> day)
- Bowfishing: 49 / Dough bait anglers: 9
- Biggest fish: 16 lbs, 9 oz; 32" (by an 80+-year-old gentleman from the Bronx)
- "The one that got away": estimated at 30 lbs + (broke anglers' line)

Although the harvest was significantly under target(!), the event can be deemed a success for raising awareness in the community to the health of Adirondack Lake. And the feedback from the participants and volunteers has been overwhelmingly positive.

Should there be a follow-up harvest in the Spring of 2019, the recommendation is to conduct it at night, when the chances of catching Grass Carp are improved.

**Financials:**

• Total prize pool .....	\$1,500.00
• Bounty (3 carp x \$5 each).....	\$15.00
• Biggest carp (1 day x \$250).....	<u>\$250.00</u>
• Total payout .....	- <u>\$265.00</u>
• Funds returned to WCD .....	\$1,235.00

**Special THANKS go to ...**

- The **Indian Lake Town Board** for approving the event and making the prize money available from the Weed Control District funds.
- The **Indian Lake/Blue Mountain Fish & Game Club** for providing us with a tent, tables and fish scale setup.
- **Warren Tunkel**, for tirelessly spearheading the event and purchasing an additional higher-capacity fish scale.

- The **30+ volunteers** who made it all run smoothly.
- **Glenn Sullivan** for contributing funds for the Byron Park banner.
- **Dave & Carol Caruso** for providing coffee and donuts for the volunteers.
- **Pine's Country Store** for donating bags for the carp removal.
- **All of the individuals, business and organizations** that helped promote the event with flyers, newspaper listings, Facebook postings and word of mouth.
- And last but not least, **the anglers** who participated in this challenging event.

**Adirondack Lake health update:**

The following surveys have recently been conducted on Adirondack Lake:

- August 12<sup>th</sup>: Aquatic plant survey by Dan Josephson, Research Associate, Dept. of Natural Resources, Little Moose Field Station (coordinated by the ALAWCD Advisory Committee)
- Tues. evening, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>: an electro shocking Fish Survey (coordinated by the ALAWCD Advisory Committee)
- Weds., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>: the HCS&WCD 2018 Annual Aquatic Plant Survey

We look forward to hearing and sharing the results of these surveys with the Weed Control District property owners.

Respectfully submitted,



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