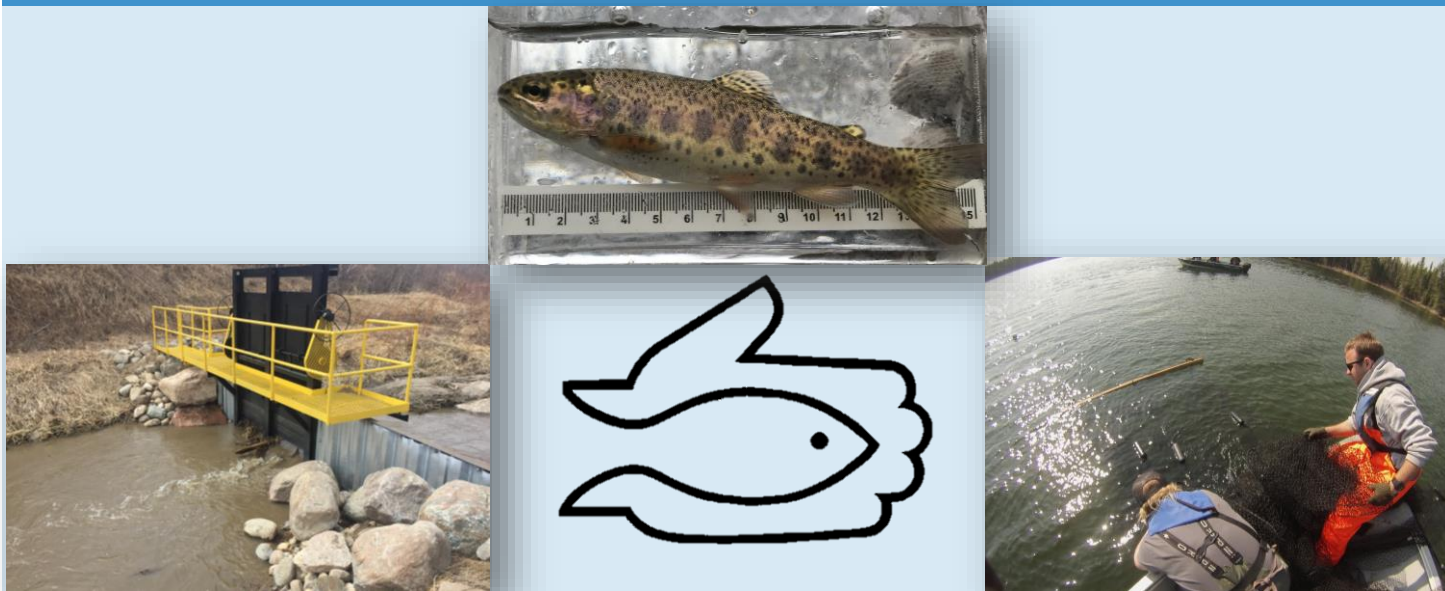


SPRING NEWSLETTER

SWAN VALLEY SPORT FISH ENHANCEMENT INC.



FISHWAY MONITORING ON THE SWAN RIVER

SVSFE will be assisting the Swan Lake Watershed Conservation District with monitoring fish movement, water velocities at the Honoway Ford Crossing fishway upon ice break up. This monitoring will assist in long term management of the fishway.

GLAD LAKE PIKE TRANSFER

Since 2015, SVSFE has relocated over 1000 northern pike through the Glad Lake Transfer. Objectives are to create a unique arctic char fishery in the Duck Mountains. Arctic char were reintroduced in 2017 and to protect char from predation, pike will continue to be removed at first ice out this spring.

EAST BLUE LAKE WHITE SUCKER REMOVAL

Recent influxes of white suckers in East Blue Lake have been impacting rainbow trout populations. Since 2016 over six tonnes of suckers have been removed. The program has shown improvements in the trout fishery and will take place again late May-early June.

STOCKING PROGRAM

SVSFE annually assists Fisheries Branch with walleye fry and trout stocking. Scatter stocking fish into deeper waters decreases immediate predation on vulnerable newly stocked fish. Spring stocking will start in May.



BEAUTIFUL LAKE WALLEYE TRANSFER

Beautiful Lake is scheduled to be stocked with walleye fry in the spring of 2019. Walleye display extraordinary growth over the summer. In mid-September reared fingerling walleye are transferred to neighboring lakes.

WALLEYE RECRUITMENT

Understanding walleye recruitment success is an essential component in fisheries management. SVSFE has invested in improving spawning habitat at both Wellman and Whitefish Lake. Technicians will be monitoring the spawning activities within these habitats and the success of recruitment during 2019. Areas include the Wellman Lake Artificial Reef (enhanced in 2017) and both North and Lagoon Creek at Whitefish Lake.

ANNUAL KIDS FISH CAMP

This year will be SVSFE's 9th consecutive Youth Fish Camp. There are two camps hosted in the month of August. The camps are designed to bring a greater appreciation and respect of our resources. Kids aged 9-14 are introduced to fishing basics, boat safety and operation, survival skills, navigation and much more!



Swan Valley Sport Fishing Enhancement Inc.



Annual Angler Survey 

FISH & LAKE INVENTORY SURVEYS

Each year SVSFE conducts various surveys which evaluate current fish stocks to monitor high priority fisheries. Furthermore, technicians investigate some of the more backcountry waters to increase angling opportunities in the Valley. Waters to survey include; Laurie, Vini, Verrall, Wellman, West Watjask Lake, Mirror Lake and streams within the Porcupine Mountains.

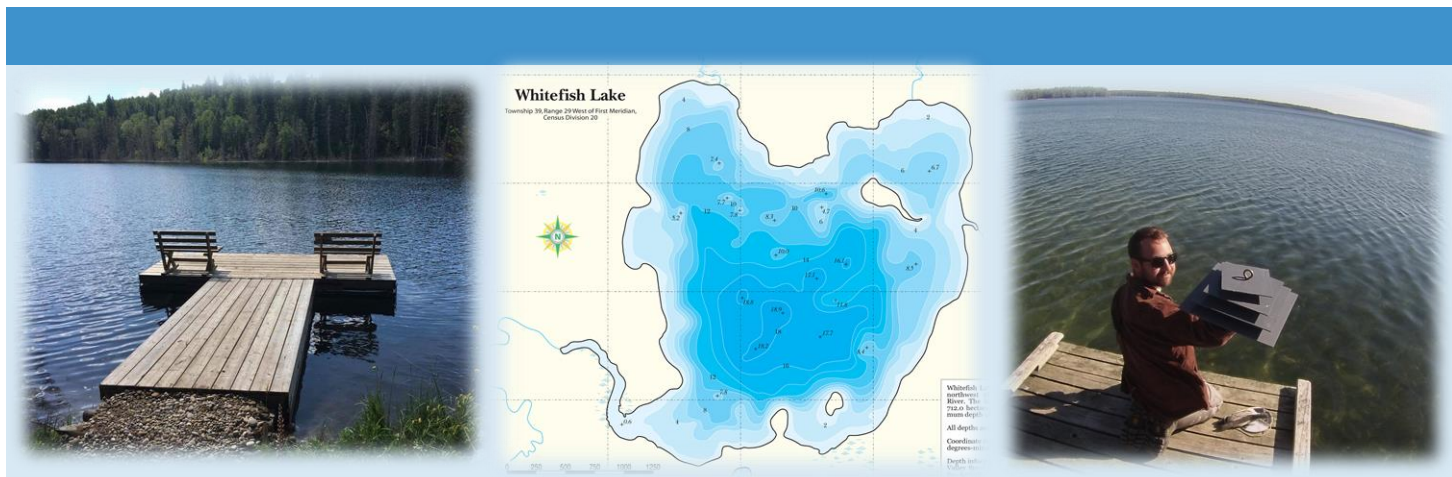
ANGLER SURVEY

Take part in helping manage fisheries in the Parkland area! Visit our website at www.swanvalleysportfishing.com and fill out an Angler and Daily Catch Survey. These surveys provide valuable information on fishing quality and improvements! Each entry qualifies a chance to win awesome angler prizes.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

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| April 27 th | SVSFE 33rd Annual Banquet | Watch for local ticket sales or contact a director |
| April 27 th | Boat Raffle Draw | Watch for local ticket sales or contact a director |
| April 2019 | Launching of SVSFE's "Fish the Parkland" Website | Discovering angling opportunities in the Parkland with informative data you can take along fishing |
| May 11 th | Whitefish Lake Pier Lighting Commemoration | In memory of late director & respected angler, Jim Reich, SVSFE will be completing the installation of a solar light at the famous Lagoon Crk. Fishing Pier. |
| June | Trout in the Classroom | Release of tiger and brook trout raised by local schools |
| Summer | Clear Your Gear Program | Through the program, SVSFE will maintain selected receptacles for recycled fishing line |
| August 17 th -23 rd | Fish Camp | Registration opens in June for both camps |

If you are interested in participating in any activity or would like more info on the above events, visit our website, email or message us on Facebook www.swanvalleysportfishing.com



ANGLING DOCK PROGRAM

Over the years SVSFE has installed angling docks throughout lakes in the Duck and Porcupine Mountains. These docks are intended to enhance angling experiences. Docks remain in place year-round, therefore mother nature can alter placement/conditions. Please notify SVSFE of any concerns.

CONTOUR LAKE DATA

Since 2009, SVSFE has collected bathymetry data for numerous lakes in the Swan Valley area. Each year technicians explore new lakes. From the data collected aesthetic images and importable files have been created for over 60 lakes. This information will enhance anglers' knowledge and experiences. New information will be released on the website coming this April

ASSISTING IN AIS PROGRAM

In 2016 SVSFE initiated an early zebra mussel detection program in efforts to monitor the potential spread of invasive mussels. Each spring, technicians deploy samplers in local waterbodies which are retrieved in the fall and sent away for analysis through the Provincial AIS Program. We ask the public to do their part and follow the regulations and best practices to protect our waters

SIGNAGE IN THE PORCS

SVSFE has undertaken various activities to improve angling experiences such as the Dock Program and improving lake access. Another initiative includes the installation of angling related signage. In 2019, SVSFE will work towards creating and installing signs throughout Porcupine Mountains. Many signs have degraded over the years or just don't exist in some of the more remote areas. Signage will provide anglers "in the field" guidance on lake access and targetable species for backcountry fisheries.



SVSFE FISH MEASURING TAPES

In efforts to raise funds and provide something unique for anglers, SVSFE has created custom high-quality vinyl measuring tapes for anglers to place on their watercraft. These tapes indicate the minimum length requirements for various species under the MB Master Angler Program and indicates the walleye slot size imposed on many of our walleye lakes. Tapes are \$10 and are currently available at Qwik Stop.