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Editors Report:

Well the hot weather & low lake level summer is over for another year. I was at the cottage the third week in Oct. & the water was up to normal due to the amount of rain in Sept. Let's hope the OPG gets their act together for next summer & gets things right.

CALA has stepped into a new era. We now have our website up and running. The website address is: **tcala.com** Check it out & let us know what you think. Just run your cursor over the site & if a hand shows up you can double click on it to open it up. If you have any suggestions or want anything put on the website you can email me at quakr1@execulink.com

The news letter will now be put on the website . If you would prefer a mailed copy kindly let me know & I will send you one by mail. You can let know on your 2011 CALA membership application which comes out in Jan/11.

Here are the election results for Temagami's new council.

- **Mayor** - John Hodgson

- **Councillors** - Lorie Hunter, John Kenrick, Paul Middleton,
Sam Barnes, Debby Burrows, Deborah Charyna

The Boat Poker Run is to be held on Sat. July 30/11

I am looking for 10 checkpoint locations for the Boat Poker Run.

Please email me or call me at:

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President's Report -Ron Sullivan



This will be a year to remember. Not so much for its wonderful summer weather but more for the lowest summer water levels in decades. A number of cottagers did not come up this year but for those that did it was a summer of avoiding navigational pitfalls and trouble accessing and mooring boats to docks. The extended shore lines also played havoc with the bird wildlife and fish habitat; the extent of the damage has yet to be determined. It was because of safety and liability issues that we also were forced to cancel the Pig Roast and Poker Run. The May 1st seasonal water level compliance of 291.4m was not reached until the second week of October. OPG will start drawing down water shortly.

A number of cottagers contacted Ontario Power Generating as well as ourselves and I believe we all got, along with some "flowery" language, the same answer. They did not get the expected moisture (snow/rain) in February, March and April and therefore Mother Nature was to blame. They do not intend to change their approach for the coming winter and spring. I think they should, and maybe they would get better results, particularly if we have a similar winter as last year.

Other issues and efforts that CALA was part of this summer:

-Township of Temagami procured a Land Use Permit (LUP) from the MNR for the south end of Rabbit Lake Access point. Time and weather permitting repairs/replacement of the retaining wall will commence after November 1st. The LUP covers the landing, parking lot area and the road corridor to the junction of Rabbit Lake road.

- This spring CALA along with TAFIP and the MNR cleared debris from the mouth of Sunrise Creek in hopes of encouraging the return of the spring pickerel spawn.

-Purchased new buoys which will be installed next spring early summer

-In September CALA completed water testing on Net, Cassels and Rabbit Lake for Phosphorous and E-coli. Yet to analyze the results..

-Made donations to Temagami Area Fishing Improvement Program (TAFIP) to assist in their pickerel re-stocking efforts and as well a donation to the Temagami Co-op (Freshmart) to assist in their re-organizing efforts.

At this time we are actively looking for a secretary, if anyone is interested or knows of someone who might be, please contact me at your convenience.

Low lake levels have definitely been the center of concern this year, but it has not stopped most of us from coming and enjoying our "summer havens". Let's hope next year's weather conditions are more favourable to our wants and needs. Till then I remain.

Your CALA President

Ron Sullivan

Fishing Report

Despite the low water levels in the spring which we thought would wipe out the natural Walleye hatch when the water level raised, the water did not come up. This was beneficial to the hatch because currents would have swept the eggs away & it would have been unlikely that there would have been much of a 2010 natural hatch. We can only assume that there was a reasonable hatch.



TAFIP also had it's problems last Spring. Due to the low water levels as well as the ice going out about a month early they were only able to collect 55% of the eggs that they were licensed to collect. This resulted in much lower fingerling distributions this past summer.

The final distribution numbers of Fingerlings that were released into the Cassels watershed for 2010 are as follows.

Cassels/Rabbit/Snake & Oboshkong Lakes 3200

Net Lake 3500

Total 6,700



This was about 10,000 less then we received in 2009. We can only hope that 2011 will have better weather conditions to allow normal egg collection.

In addition to fingerling stocking 140,000 fry were put in Cassels Lake at Net Creek which is the donor site.

TAFIP, CALA & the MNR worked on a joint project rehabilitating Sunrise Creek at Rabbit Lake by clearing out the build up of debris & logs which prevented Walleye spawning at this site.

Other projects are being planed for the future.

Brad Davies

Fishing Director

Water Quality Report



Water testing was done in September 2010 at sixteen sites on Cassels, Snake Island, Rabbit and Net lakes as well as Net Creek. The samples from the sites were sent to Near North Labs in North Bay for testing. The results were comparable to the Ministry of the Environment testing completed in the spring of 2010 with the exception of the lagoon on Net Lake in Temagami North. Our results indicated a high Ecoli count as well as a high phosphorous count.

During the "Meet the Candidates" meeting in Temagami before the election, reference was made about the lagoon in Temagami North and it was indicated that repairs to the treatment plant were on the books for the fall of this year. A follow up water testing will be done in the spring to ensure that the problems have been rectified. (cont. next page)

Water Quality (continued)

The Ministry of Natural Resources tested for dissolved oxygen content on the lakes of the Association this past fall. As of this report no results have been received. Water Quality Director Dave McAlaster

Logging Report

Director Dave Zimmerman

Very little logging action in the Rabbit Lake area. Goulard Lumber is, however preparing an area near Owen Lake this winter, this should end in early march. This summer two bridges were repaired and the road was upgraded. Not much is happening. Most areas here are very quiet.



A VERY SAD TIME FOR TEMAGAMI

Thanks to all seasonal & full time residents of Temagami that did not use the grocery store for their shopping.

The grocery store is now closed as of Nov. 2/10.

Hopefully one of the other stores will at least sell bread & milk.

I just received an email from Jim Krech and he has closed Dad's outdoor Store & will be moving closer to Thunder Bay.

Bob Drake Director



BOAT POKER RUN & PORK ROAST

Sat. July 30/11 - Aug. LONG WEEKEND

To all attending kindly bring a salad or dessert to share, large enough to feed the group you are bringing to dinner. Also bring your own plates, utensils & chairs. Everyone welcome, bring your guests.

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