Lake Committee Report. Meeting May 6, 2024

# GEESE EGG ADDLING

The permit for egg addling with the Fish and Wildlife Services has been renewed for 2024. Registration is valid from March 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Any lakefront property owner who notices a goose nest should contact the office.

# **CREEL SURVEY**

Please continue to fill out the 2024 Creel Survey via a link on Facebook and the Walker Lake webpage. The survey gives us additional information to help decide to stock the lake in the future. This applies to any fish caught in 2024.

## FISH STOCKING

The following fish have been ordered from Zett's Fish Farm: 100 largemouth bass, 1000 golden shiners, and 100 black crappies. We are waiting to hear when the delivery will be. We have a PA permit to stock fish for this year.

#### **BEACH TESTING**

A contract has been signed with Sekula Environmental Services to conduct weekly eColi testing. They are unable to find a DNA testing lab.

## 2023 LAKE REPORTS

We have posted our Fishery, Macrophyte, and Monitoring Reports from Aqua Like on the Walker Lake website. Anyone with questions or concerns can contact the office or the Lake Committee.

## FISH HABITATS

We are investigating the purchase of fish habitats for the lake and are seeking guidance from Aqua Link as to their proper placement. They may cost in the range of \$100-200 and would be assembled by the lake committee members. Since the cost is relatively small and we did not spend as much on fish stocking for 2024, we would like the initial cost to come out of the lake budget this year. Subsequent purchases of the habitats would be covered by donations or sponsorships. There does not seem to be any ongoing maintenance costs associated with the habitats and the last ~20 years or more.

In order to continue to keep Walker Lake healthy, we remind all residents to keep pets off of the beaches and to have their septic systems pumped and inspected regularly.