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DEAR GUESTS AND FELLOW ANGLERS,  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2010 IS NOW IN THE HISTORY BOOKS .  
WHAT A GREAT SUMMER WE HAD  
FROM START TO FINISH! WITH AN  
EXTRA EARLY ICE OUT, AND BALMY  
WEATHER, WE WERE ABLE TO GET A  
HEAD START ON OPENING UP THE  
LODGE.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, IT IS NOT  
UNUSUAL FOR ESNAGAMI GUIDES TO  
BE DUSTING *snow* OFF THE BOAT SEATS  
FOR OPENING WEEK. THIS SPRING,  
LONG UNDERWEAR, TOQUES AND  
GLOVES WERE REPLACED WITH T-  
SHIRTS, SHORTS AND SUN BLOCK.  
ANGLERS WERE GREETED BY PIKE  
WALLEYE, EAGER TO PUT ON THE  
FEED BAG...HAVING ALREADY  
COMPLETED THEIR SPAWNING DUTIES.

BY THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK,  
LODGE GUESTS ACCUMULATED 70 PIKE  
WALLEYE ENTRIES INTO THE NOW 22  
YEAR - RUNNING TROPHY CATCH

RELEASE PROGRAM. WE  
IMPLEMENTED THIS CONSERVATION,  
MINDED PROGRAM IN 1989 WITH A  
GOAL TO MAINTAIN, IF NOT ENHANCE  
THE TROPHY PIKE WALLEYE FISHING  
OPPORTUNITIES IN ESNAGAMI LAKE.  
ALL 30+ PIKE AND 24+ WALLEYE, NOW  
TOTALLING OVER 7,000, HAVING BEEN  
RELEASED BACK INTO THE LAKE.  
ESNAGAMI ANGLERS CONTINUE TO  
ENJOY THE SUCCESS OF THIS LIVE  
RELEASE PROGRAM WITH THE 2010  
SEASON PRODUCING RECORD  
NUMBERS OF TROPHY FISH, AS WELL  
AS SETTING A *NEW LAKE RECORD* FOR BIG  
PIKE.

FIRST WEEK GUEST FORMER GUIDE,  
BRIAN LAMBIE HAD VERY  
PRODUCTIVE RESULTS. BRIAN PUT UP  
20 TROPHY ENTRIES, WITH 2 BEING BIG  
PIKE OVER 40. ALSO MILWAUKEE'S  
BEST, MIKE WANG'S GROUP TALLIED  
OVER 30 CATCH AND RELEASE  
ENTRIES. SEVERAL OF THE BIGGER  
PIKE WERE CAUGHT USING A FLY ROD,  
A METHOD OF FISHING THAT IS  
GROWING IN POPULARITY AMONGST  
ESNAGAMI ANGLERS.

THE SUCCESS OF THIS FIRST WEEK,  
SEEMED TO SET THE TONE FOR THE  
REST OF THE SEASON.  
THE NEXT FEW WEEKS SAW GUESTS  
CATCHING A SLEW OF BIG PIKE AND  
ESPECIALLY TROPHY WALLEYES. ED  
HELBLE'S GROUP OF 3, SON NICK AND  
FRIEND JAKE JAKIMOW HAD A GREAT  
WEEK TOTALLING 16 TROPHIES. NICK'S  
29 WALLEYE AND JAKE'S 28 29  
WALLEYES TOPPED THEIR TALLY. IT  
WAS ROB GIARDULLI'S 30 TROPHY  
WALLEYE THAT TOOK TOP HONOURS  
FOR THE WEEK, AND AS IT TURNED  
OUT, FOR THE SEASON. THIS OF  
COURSE, MEANS ROB WILL ENJOY  
ANOTHER FREE TRIP TO ESNAGAMI

FOR HAVING THE BIGGEST WALLEYE  
OF 2010. SOME OF YOU  
MAY RECOGNIZE ROB'S NAME FOR 2009  
WHEN HE CAUGHT THE BIGGEST PIKE  
OF THAT YEAR AT 46 .

ANOTHER TREND THAT IS BECOMING  
MORE APPARENT EACH SEASON, IS  
THE GROWING NUMBER OF WOMEN  
ANGLERS THAT ARE CLAIMING TOP  
SPOTS ON THE TROPHY BOARD.  
ANGLERS YVONNE ADRION, TINA  
RANDALL CATHY GILES ALL  
CRACKED THE TOP 10 WITH 40 PIKE  
WITH SHELLY TIGHE PLACING 2<sup>ND</sup> WITH  
AN AWESOME 45 FISH. SUSU EARICK  
VICKI NELSON ALSO PLACE IN THE TOP  
10 OF THE WALLEYE DIVISION WITH A  
28 AND 2 OVER 27 RESPECTIVELY!

THERE WERE MANY GREAT CATCHES  
IN EVERY WEEK OF THE SEASON, TOO  
NUMEROUS TO MENTION. FOR A  
REPORT ON THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR  
EACH WEEK, PLEASE GO TO OUR  
WEBSITE [WWW.ESNAGAMI.COM](http://WWW.ESNAGAMI.COM) NEAR  
THE BOTTOM OF THE COVER PAGE,  
CLICK ON THE ALREADY ADDICTED  
TO ESNAGAMI - ONLINE COMMUNITY  
BUTTON TO BRING YOU TO THE  
WEEKLY STATS. THE TOP 10 LEADER  
BOARD CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE  
TROPHY GALLERY PAGE OF  
ESNAGAMI'S WEB SITE.

LAST SUMMER WE WERE FORTUNATE  
TO HAVE BOTH THE WILDERNESS  
JOURNAL OUTDOOR SHOW AND THE  
NEW FLY FISHER SHOW JOIN US AT  
THE LODGE TO FILM SOME NEW TV  
EPISODES. MOST OF YOU ALREADY  
KNOW KYLE TINA RANDALL, HOSTS  
OF THE WILDERNESS JOURNAL AND 10  
YEAR VETERAN ESNAGAMI ANGLERS.  
KYLE TINA PUT TOGETHER SOME  
IMPRESSIVE FOOTAGE IN BOTH THEIR  
SPRING AND FALL VISITS.

COLLECTIVELY, THEIR CREW HAD NUMEROUS TROPHY CATCH RELEASE ENTRIES FOR BOTH WALLEYE PIKE. ESPECIALLY IMPRESSIVE WAS KYLE'S 40 + PIKE CAUGHT IN THE SPRING WHICH TIPPED THE SCALES AT OVER 25 LBS. WORTH NOTING AS WELL, WAS THE ABOVE-MENTIONED 40 PIKE TINA CAUGHT DURING THEIR FALL TRIP. FOR PROGRAMMING SCHEDULES FOR THOSE 2 SHOWS AS WELL AS OTHERS, GO TO [WWW.WILDERNSSJOURNAL.COM](http://WWW.WILDERNSSJOURNAL.COM).

WE ALSO WELCOMED COLIN MCKEOWN, HOST OF THE NEW FLY FISHER SHOW UP TO THE LODGE. FLY FISHING AT ESNAGAMI IS INDEED BECOMING MORE POPULAR AND SEVERAL OF THE BIGGEST PIKE OF THE SEASON WERE TAKEN ON A FLY ROD. COLIN CERTAINLY DEMONSTRATED THAT THIS TECHNIQUE WORKS BY LANDING SEVERAL TROPHY PIKE. ONE IN PARTICULAR, A 41 BEAUTY CAUGHT IN THREE RIVERS, MADE FOR AN EXCITING AFTERNOON OF FISHING. PLEASE GO TO [WWW.THENEWFLYFISHER.COM](http://WWW.THENEWFLYFISHER.COM) TO CHECK OUT WHEN THE LODGE'S EPISODES WILL BE AIRED IN YOUR AREA.

AS THE WEEKS PROGRESSED, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT WE WERE ON TRACK TO ECLIPSE 2009'S RECORD NUMBER OF TROPHY ENTRIES. BY SEASON'S END, LODGE GUESTS HAD INDEED ACHIEVED THAT. 2010'S FINAL TALLY OF 787 30 + PIKE AND 24 + WALLEYE SURPASSED 2009'S TOTAL OF 726. WOW!!!!!! AS IMPRESSIVE AS THIS WAS, IT WAS ANOTHER MILESTONE ACHIEVED THAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SUMMER. LATE IN AUGUST, FIRST TIME GUEST ROGER THUROW,

STRUCK ESNAGAMI GOLD!! ROGER COOLLY AND CALMLY BATTLED A GIANT PIKE TO THE CRADLE ... AND ESNAGAMI'S RECORD BOOKS STRETCHING THE TAPE TO 48!!!! ROGER'S PIKE SETS THE NEW STANDARD FOR TOP HONOURS ON THE LAKE. CONGRATULATIONS TO ROGER, AND A NOD TO GUIDE MARK GRYSZCZUK, FOR SUCCESSFULLY LANDING AND RELEASING SUCH A TREMENDOUS FISH!! MR. THUROW WILL BE ABLE TO RETELL HIS FISH TALE ON HIS FREE TRIP BACK TO ESNAGAMI LODGE FOR CATCHING THE BIGGEST PIKE OF THE SUMMER!! CONGRATULATIONS ALSO GOES OUT TO THE 4 WINNERS OF A FREE TRIP IN OUR ANNUAL CATCH RELEASE CONTEST DRAW.

2010 WINNERS ARE:

1. ART MARTIN, 24 WALLEYE
2. MATT VARA, 32 PIKE
3. YVONNE ADRION, 40 PIKE
4. DAN ELGAR, 34 PIKE

2010 WAS INDEED A GREAT SUMMER AND SUE AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THAT JOINED US. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN 2011.

SINCERELY, ERIC, SUE FAMILY

2010 SPORTSHOW SCHEDULE

\*\*ULTIMATE FISHING SHOW-NOVI, MI. AT THE ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE. JAN 13 - 16<sup>TH</sup>

\*\*HUNTIN' TIME EXPO -GRAND RAPIDS, MI. AT DELTA PLEX ARENA. JAN 28<sup>TH</sup> - JAN 30<sup>TH</sup>

\*\*THE SPRING FISHING SHOW – TORONTO, ON. AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, FEB 18<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup>

\*\* MIDWEST FLY FISHING EXPO- WARREN, MI. AT THE MACOMB COMMUNITY SPORTS EXPO CENTER, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> 13<sup>TH</sup>