

**CALA Fisheries Report - Sept 2021**  
**on behalf of Paul Middleton, Director**

CALA has supported TAFIP (Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program) for many years. Several CALA members are volunteering with TAFIP in harvesting eggs and their many other tasks. CALA's donation to TAFIP in 2021 is \$500.00 CALA suggests members consider personal donations to TAFIP. See end of report on how to do so.

Paul provided the following update from July 2021 from Ike Laba.

**Received from Ike Laba, TAFIP July 2021**

*Sorry for the delay as we have been very busy working at the Sherman Rearing pond for the past week. We have received an enormous amount of rain the past few days. We are draining the ponds to extract the Walleye fingerlings that have to go into the Matabitchuan lakes within a couple of days.*

**Spring Spawn:**

- *Very difficult due the COVID (social distancing) Provincial restrictions on numbers of people etc.*
- *Issues during spring spawn:*
  - Cassells lake at least 10' below normal level, difficulty in setting the nets*
  - Weather in April was very warm 2 weeks + of up to 23 degree temperatures, we believe most of the large females spawned during this time even though there was still ice on the Lakes the water temperature at Net Creek was up 6 to 8 degrees very unusual.*
  - Also we had major otter issues this year where we lost fish, eventually the otter got tangled in the nets and drowned.*
  - Due to the very early breakup, low water on Cassells with ice still intact made egg collection very difficult.*
  - One major concern we had was the eggs collected this year were very small in size which was a concern.*
  - We were in a panic at the beginning of the Spawn as we lost all of our anchors/buoys/ropes for the nets, lost in storage, stolen?? Cost to replace major. We did borrow 1 set of Anchors from the MNRF, the other set we substituted with cement blocks (Lake Temagami)*
- *We were fortunate in collecting approx. (1/4 million) 250 thousand eggs from smaller females, our normal quota is 1 million which we were able to achieve for the past numberof years with no difficulty.*

**Red Squirrel Rearing Pond**

- *Major leak at the dam that has to be repaired -pond presently totally dry - underground seepage.*
- *Dam holding water -stop logs have to be replace and dam repaired*
- *Weed and brush control required*

### **Sherman Rearing & Water holding ponds**

- *Work to be done on Stop logs of water control have to be replaced.*
- *Beaver issues -measures will be put in place to prevent culvert blockage.*
- *Access between Sherman rearing and water holding ponds will be upgraded*

### **Storage of Equipment:**

- *Due to loss of items over the past couple of years theft and loss e.g. heavy timbers at Sherman/Anchors etc.*
- *In the past we used a Municipal facility at the Temagami Tower site but of this year there is not enough room for our equipment.*
- *Thanks to TC Energy we will be receiving a 20' storage container - this will store many of our items e.g. large nets; hose; many containers; feed; etc.*

### **Maintenance on Hatchery Building**

- *Paint front deck floor.*
- *Install eave troughs road and lake side.*
- *Paint floor at hatchery egg hatching section to prevent further deterioration of the floor*

## **DONATE to TAFIP**

Financial donations to the program are accepted and welcome. Donations may be made in either Canadian or U.S. Funds. TAFIP is a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency and issues Receipts for Canadian Income Tax Purposes for donations in the amount of \$25.00 or more.

Cheques can be mailed to:

TAFIP  
PO Box 88  
Temagami, ON P0H 2H0

OR: Go to <https://www.tafip.org/support> complete the form then e-transfer a donation to: [tafipmail@gmail.com](mailto:tafipmail@gmail.com).