

ANNUAL DUES: Schoodic Lake Association (SLA) annual dues are \$10.00 per member. However, dues are \$5.00 per year when included with road association dues. For more detail write SLA, PO Box 37, Milo, ME 04463.

CONTACT: SLA would like to contact you by email. Please forward your email address to [info@schoodiclakeassoc.org](mailto:info@schoodiclakeassoc.org) .

WEBSITE: The SLA website has been updated. To post comments or photos, email [info@schoodiclakeassoc.org](mailto:info@schoodiclakeassoc.org) .

DAM REPORT: in September 2013, the planks were replaced in gate #3 (the old Inland Fisheries fish-way). The top planks are used to control the water level during the winter when the gates cannot be used. The fishway use was discontinued in 1995 and the abandon fish-way in Schoodic Stream was removed. In the fall of 2014, a crew cut the brush at the dam and embankments, made repairs to the security fence and removed the safety barrels that had been placed in front of the dam.

WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT: Peter Hamlin has accepted the responsibility to control the water level in the lake by adjusting the gates as necessary. Peter is maintaining a log of the water levels and adjustments made to the gates. In keeping with the Water Level Management Plan adopted by the SLA Directors in 2014, the goal is to maintain a 6 foot level, as measured at the dam, from May to September. However, during the summer months, this is not always possible. In mid-September, gates are gradually opened for the fall draw down, with a goal of lowering the level to 4 feet (measured at the dam). The water level on October 15<sup>th</sup> is maintained until the lake freezes. The October 15<sup>th</sup> level was requested by Inland Fisheries to allow for better Togue spawning. This system to manage water level is the same as established and followed by Bangor Hydro since 1927.

LAKE BUOYS SYSTEM: The SLA Board of Directors has done preliminary research with the State of Maine on the feasibility of installing buoys marking navigational hazards in the lake. More information later.

LAKE VIEW VILLAGE DOCK: The boat launch area in Lake View village is owned by the State of Maine. This spring, the dock was damaged and must be replaced. It is our understanding that a new dock will be installed later this summer. Inland Fisheries has expressed concern about people using the dock for swimming and sun bathing. Both of these actives are not the intended purpose of the dock. No swimming signs are posted, but there is a question on who will enforce it.

HATS AND T-SHIRTS: At our annual meeting, we will have a ‘closeout’ sale of Schoodic Lake Association hats and t-shirts. You can get a good deal on these items that may become a collector’s item.

WEBCAMS: The Schoodic Lake webcam is now part of the TRCMaine webcam system. TRCMaine provides webcams at Milo, Brownville, Schoodic, Ebeeme and Sebec. There are great views of rivers of Piscataquis, Sebec and Pleasant with the railroad bridges.

ICE FISHING DERBY: the results of the Milo Fire Department ice fishing derby, which includes: Schoodic, Sebois and Ebeeme, are listed below:

<u>Species</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Perch	67	39
Bass	18	15
Pickrel	136	89
Trout	20	7
Cusk	20	20
Salmon	30	11
Togue	375	128
Totals:	667	313

Winners sizes:

Togue	6.14 lbs.
Salmon	4.97 lbs.
Cusk	5.19 lbs.

The next ice fishing derby is February 13 and 14, 2016.

MAINE INLAND FISHERIES REPORT: As we do most every fall, we set trapnets in a couple of locations around Schoodic Lake to check on the size, condition and overall health of the landlocked salmon and lake trout population, summarized in the following table for 2014:

<b>AGE</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Length (inches)</b>	<b>Weight (pounds)</b>
1	1	13.6	0.9
2	35	21.4	3.7
3	6	21.6	4.1
ALL	42	21.1	3.8

Based upon information collected during our winter 2014 creel survey, we are proposing a change in the lake trout regulations at Schoodic. Presently, anglers can keep 3 lake trout, minimum length 14", and only 1 may be over 23". We are proposing to simply increase the number that can be kept from 3 to 6. So, if the proposed regulation is adopted, the new regulation will be: Daily bag limit on togue: 6 fish, minimum length 14", only 1 may exceed 23".

Public hearings were held July 14 in Presque Isle, July 15 in Millinocket and July 16 in Ellsworth. Other hearings will be held:

- July 21 at 6:30 pm at the University of Maine Farmington, Olson Student Center N. Dining Hall B, 111 South Street, Farmington.
- July 23 at 6:30 pm at Brunswick High School, Multi-purpose Room, 116 Maquoit Road, Brunswick.

GET INVOLVED: Let us know your ideas and suggestions.