

### Comments on post drawdown fishing quality:

Lost weeds around our shoreline

Lack of water plants and /or weeds has decreased habitat for the fish

No comment.

Fishing quality: It is about the same; as there are no fish in this flowage; not before and not after.

Fishing has changed since the weed beds are gone. Not sure if the fish are just more scattered or gone.

The contour of our area was changed so around my dock the fishing is almost nil.

I only minimally fish so haven't really noticed a difference in the fishing. Although I have noticed fewer small pan fish and bass around the dock.

haven't fished much this year

Catching only small fish (blue gills, mostly). Seldom any walleye caught.

In my opinion fishing should not have been allowed during the drawdown while the fish were congregated in fewer locations. I believe fishing has been negatively impacted by the drawdown fishing, and I think that is evident by the lake's restrictions.

a lot of smaller fish

Seemed like I received more favorable fishing reports than the previous year.

Actually, I do fish but have not done so since the drawdown.

No comment

This lake should be stocked more frequently. Fishing was poor before and after draw down.

No weed beds, we can't find the fish anymore. I may sell & go somewhere else.

We purchased our cabin in 1992. Fishing was great. Fishing has declined regularly for at least the last 10 years. The main reason in my mind is POWER TROLLING. Limit it to electric motors ON LOW SPEED. One line with a single hook. Live or artificial lure.

From out campers / Clienteles opinions

walleye fishing was poor, used to catch pan fish off dock, but not that was poor as well.

Great job this summer with the no-wake buoys. You are a joke.

Not sure.

Very few natural weed beds for catching bluegills and walleyes . Wonder what effect this will have on future fishing.. This is lost habitat for young fish.

I used to fish the lake a lot but haven't lately because of the size of walleyes - heard it was better this year.

N/A - but have heard many complaints about the fishing not be the same.

I often fish in Stump Bay and that part of our fishery has been slow to come back to pre drawdown levels. Of course, it was very difficult to fish when the milfoil was taking over, also, so I do appreciate the fact that it can be fished now. Perhaps next year it might be closer to what it once was.

Bluegill, Crappie and Walleye are OK. Largemouth bass seemed to have suffered a bit.

I guess VERY FEW boats - Fishing (or otherwise) weren't on the lake; my ice shack was the only one on my end of the lake - that tells the story.

Crappies haven't returned.

Worse for walleyes.

Less walleye.

We don't fish in front.

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Several areas of previously healthy non-invasive weed beds have not yet recovered from the draw down. I believe fish have migrated out of Minong to Cranberry or did not survive the draw down. Even Cranberry weedbeds have not recovered fully. Without weed cover the younger fish classes can be decimated which leads to future problems (Mille Lacs is current example). I am not enthusiastic about Minong Flowage being an unproven fish "experiment".

As an observation, I see fewer minnows and small panfish near my dock.

It seems that the walleye population has suffered greatly from the 2 previous draw downs. It appears to be too much focus being put on the milfoil & not the fish habitat.

Fewer fish in our dock/shore area

It has never been very good. It should be stocked by DNR.

The large amount of dead fish on shoreline after drawdown was very sad to see.

It's more an issue in my opinion of where the fish are as I believe that they have taken on new habits or locations than pre-drawdown

Pan fish spawning grounds not the same. Did not fish as much (health).

Too many "good" weeds killed, ruining good fishing spots - loss of spawn along our shoreline.

Much more grass. Grass (snagged) on almost every cast.