

DATE CHANGE LAKE DIEFENBAKER WALLEYE CLASSIC

As most of you will know by now the date for the LAKE DIEFENBAKER WALLEYE CLASSIC has changed from our normal date in May to 13-14 June 2020. Our wildlife club felt an explanation for this was in order and would help dispense with any rumors that are out there.

The retaining wall at the boat launch at the Elbow Harbour Marina is being replaced, construction started in Nov of 2019. Construction will commence again approx. 1 April 2020 weather permitting and is scheduled to be completed by 15 June. The target date is actually 1 June but the gov't is leaving a window in the event weather or other unforeseens cause a delay. We obviously couldn't use our normal date unless we decided to launch everything out of Coteau Bay. We discarded this idea because in May the fish are congregated either in Coteau Bay or Qu'Appelle dam areas only which meant that anyone not wanting to fish Coteau would have to run all the way to Qu'Appelle and back. We did not feel this would be well received by the entrants. We considered a fall date but this did not appear to be very well accepted by those fishermen we were able to contact. Our current date was chosen after much consideration and three date changes. We realize it conflicts with 2 other tournaments but felt we had no other options. At this point in time it is for this year only, we hope all the tournament fishermen will understand our predicament.

The operational plan for the tournament for 2020 is to have only one launch site, hopefully at the Elbow Harbor if construction is completed in time. If not, it will be held out of Coteau Bay. The difference in holding it in June no matter where we launch is that the fish will be spread out all over the lake as opposed to only at either end. We feel it will be an entirely different tournament with many more options for catching fish while still maintaining the shallow water bite and the associated reduced mortality. Hopefully everyone will appreciate our situation this year and enter the tournament, we think you will be pleasantly surprised with the improved fishing.

If you have questions or would like clarification on anything please feel free to contact me @ 306-867-3660.

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