



Did You Know? About Fishing in Chandos

In the twenties and thirties, bass and lake trout abounded in Loon Lake (Chandos), and in the later period, the lake was stocked with pickerel and walleyes (now few in number) were plentiful for the next twenty-five years or so. In the twenties, Game and Fisheries officials planted herring in the lake as food for the lake trout, but within a few years it was discovered that the catches and the fish were getting smaller, the result of diminishing weed beds depleted by the voracious herring.

As the number of cottagers grew, the preservation of fish stock in the lake became of prime interest to many of them, and Jack Harvey (president of the C.L.P.O.A in 1964-65) and George Day (chairman of the cottagers' fishing commit-

tee) held numerous discussions with biologists in the Lindsay office of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests in the sixties and early seventies.

Fish management studies in the mid-sixties revealed that small mouth bass were still present in good numbers, although the walleyes were decreasing, and it was proposed to "step up lake trout yearling plantings" to enhance natural reproduction and keep these in good supply.

Excerpt from "The Loon Call" by Jean Murray Cole. If you would more information, or if you would like to join our group, please contact Bob Burns of the Burleigh Road Historical Society via e-mail at: bobburns12642@yahoo.com.

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