

FIELD REPORTS

# Two-muskie day nets \$7,020 for tournament team

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Ross Korpela of Kettle River and Jeff Adkins of Alborn teamed to take third place in last weekend's Mike James Mega Musky Tournament on Cass Lake.

The two anglers caught two muskies the second day of the tournament to win \$7,020. Adkins caught a 45-inch muskie on a black and white bucktail. Korpela caught a 48½-inch muskie on a black and white Suick topwater lure.

Ninety two-person teams competed in the Aug. 27-28 tournament. First place was won by a team that caught three legal-size muskies, Korpela said. The tournament was sponsored by the Professional Musky Tournament Trail.

The two anglers were competing against professional muskie anglers from across the country.

"We're just weekend warriors," said Korpela, who is a forester for Sappi Fine Paper in Cloquet.

Adkins works construction in the Twin Cities.

A total of 22 muskies were caught in the two-day event.

## Deer lottery deadline nears

If you plan to hunt in a lot-



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Ross Korpela (left) of Kettle River and Jeff Adkins of Alborn display the 48½-inch musky they caught and released during the Mike James Mega Musky Tournament on Cass Lake last weekend. The two men took third place in the tournament.

tery deer permit area in Minnesota's firearms deer hunt this fall, you'll need to purchase your deer license and apply for an antlerless deer permit by Thursday.

Lottery permit areas in Northeastern Minnesota include 116, 122, 127, 152, 167, 180,

197 and 199.

## Songbird migration down

The raptor migration over

Hawk Ridge in Duluth is ahead of last year's pace, but songbird migration is down significantly from previous years, said Dave Grosshuesch, Hawk Ridge songbird bander.

Grosshuesch had banded only 1,125 songbirds in August, compared with 2,300 last year, 1,800 in 2002 and 1,500 in 2001.

"And I've been catching quite a few hatch-year birds that are still in juvenile plumage," Grosshuesch said. "That's one indication that late nesting may have occurred. If that's the case, some of these birds may not have started to migrate yet."

Songbird counts are also well below average at the Thunder Cape Bird Observatory in Thunder Bay, Grosshuesch said.

The number of hawks banded during August at Hawk Ridge was up from 55 last year to 125 this year. August is typically a slow month for raptor migration. That migration should peak in mid-September.

Hawk Ridge is about 0.7 miles east of Glenwood Street on Skyline Parkway.

## DNR plans actions on Leech Lake

After a series of meetings about a decline in walleye fish-

ing on Leech Lake, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources announced this past week that it plans to take a number of steps.

They are:

- Propose special fishing regulations at public meetings this winter and potentially implement the regulations in 2005.

- Coordinate with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to initiate cormorant control on the lake.

- Stock specially marked walleye fry in 2005 to help determine why numbers of small walleye are in short supply.

- Develop long- and short-term habitat goals to minimize impacts on fish habitat.

## Fishing rules get another look

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will hold a public meeting to discuss experimental and proposed special regulations on several lakes in Cook County.

The meeting will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Cook County Community Center.

Up for discussion is an existing experimental regulation on smallmouth bass on Pike Lake, as well as special regulations proposed to manage

more stream trout lakes in the area as "trophy trout" lakes.

Written comments will be accepted until Sept. 29 and may be mailed to DNR Area Fisheries, 1356 E. Highway 60 Grand Marais, MN 55601. Comments also may be e-mailed to [steve.pedersons@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:steve.pedersons@dnr.state.mn.us).

## Wisconsin trout record broken

An angler from Ankeny, Iowa, has broken Wisconsin state record for brown trout.

Richard Crowe was on a charter fishing trip out of Argosha, Wis., on Aug. 23 when he landed a 36-pound 8.9-ounce brown trout from the Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan. That set a record for brown trout in the state's outlying waters.

Crowe's catch erased the previous record by more than a pound and, at 40.5 inches in length, was 2 inches longer according to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources officials.

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