

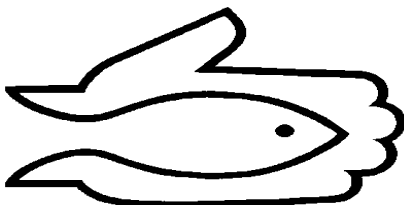
Integrated Walleye Enhancement Project

FEF Project 13 – 063



Swan Valley Sport Fishing Enhancement Inc.

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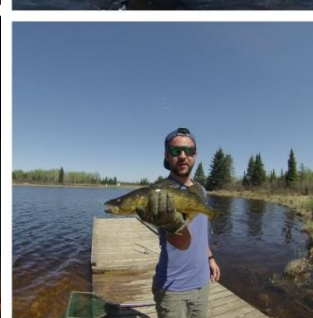
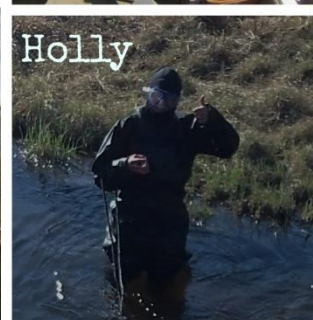
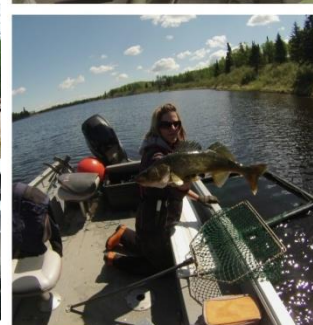
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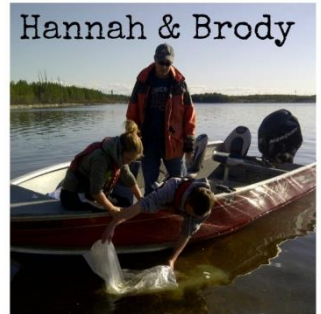
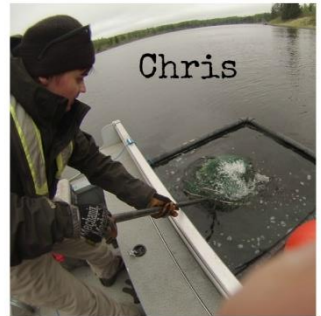
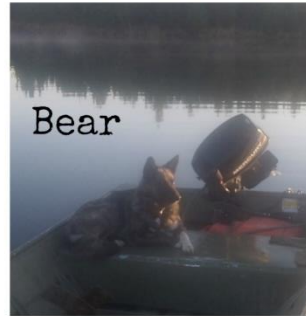


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Dave



Trevor I.



Jamie



Pete



Boris & Pete



Terry



Mike



... and Terry!



Curtis

Emil

