

**FISHERIES & HABITAT COMMITTEE  
BULLHEAD REDUCTION PROJECT  
2024 PROJECT SUMMARY**

**I. COMMITTEE PLANNING**

- Planning for the 2024 Bullhead Reduction Project began in April via email messaging with the full committee and individual exchanges with Mike Preul and Greg Matzke.  
(Email exchanges were printed and saved in hard copy records for reference next year if needed)
- No in-person or virtual meetings were held this year as it was decided unnecessary.

**II. PROJECT TASKS TIMELINE & VOLUNTEER WORK**

- Scheduling and follow-up contacts by Phil Resch
- Contact with Mike Preul for details of electroshocking results by Julie Janquart
- Contact with Greg Matzke to acquire volunteer paperwork, print & post on website by Julie Janquart
- North landing bullhead sign replacement purchase by Julie Janquart
- Yeti / Palubicki coupon purchases by Phil Resch
- Collection site signage hung and taken down by Grant Reed (Stored in JJ's shed)
- Collection site paperwork, pails, etc. by Grant Reed & Phil Resch
- Collection disposal by Ed Smith
- Collection data and DNR Volunteer paperwork recordkeeping by Grant Reed
- Newsletter articles by Julie Janquart and Kayla Reed
- Season-ending incentive drawing Grant (Mc Kenzie) Reed and Julie Janquart

**III. ELECTROSHOCKING ADULT HARVEST RESULTS**

- Removed 4,402 adult bullheads which averaged 11.7" and 1.03 pounds per adult
- Preul reported:" bullheads are all big with no small ones spotted by crew"
- Need to continue the annual removal of eggs and fry to keep the population level down

**IV. COLLECTION SITE SUMMARY**

- Numerous people along with committee members reported that neither eggs nor schools of fry were spotted throughout July.
- Individuals reported finally spotting a low number of schools of fry in mid-August, which was very unusual compared to the three previous years of collection.
- Fourteen individuals put in a total of 26 hours collecting a total of 42 adults, 100,000 - 120,000 eggs and approximately 1,000 fry which is substantially lower than previous years.

**V. BUDGET & EXPENDITURES**

▪ Budget balance carried over from 2023	\$2,914.26
▪ 2023 Weeds-n-Walley Sponsorships (2 @ \$500 ea.)	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
▪ Total Available Funding	\$3,914.26
2024 EXPENSES	
▪ Hahn Printing – North Landing Bullhead Sign	\$97.11
▪ Palubicki \$10.00 Coupons (10 purchased/10 donated)	\$100.00
▪ Yeti \$10.00 Coupons (10 purchased/10 donated)	<u>\$100.00</u>
▪ Total Expenses	\$297.11
<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$3,914.26</b>
<b>2024 EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$297.11</u></b>
<b>BUDGET BALANCE (Carry over to 2025)</b>	<b>\$3,617.15</b>

**VI. INCENTIVE DRAWING**

- All individuals submitting catch to the collection site (14) or submitting log sheets (1) were included in the drawing.
- The committee decided to use the remaining 19 coupons from the collection site give away for the final drawing.

- Ten names were drawn by McKenzie Reed on September 1, 2024, with nine individuals receiving two coupons each and one person receiving one coupon.