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ITFAP stocks 65k walleye in Lower Cheboygan River

CHEBOYGAN, Mich. - The Lower Cheboygan River was stocked June 20 with 65,000 walleye summer fingerlings by the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program. ITFAP has stocked other areas of the upper Great Lakes and the St. Mary's River since 1990, but this is the first stocking in the Cheboygan area of Lake Huron.

The fingerlings, about 2-inches long, were given an internal mark to identify them as a stocked fish, which will help determine post-stocking survival and future contribution to the fisheries. ITFAP plans to continue stocking walleye fingerlings in this area on an annual basis, and will conduct field assessments to evaluate the success of the stocking program.

In addition to the Great Lakes, ITFAP also conducts walleye stocking individually and cooperatively in various inland waters. Between 2010 and 2015, Mullett Lake received 121,813 summer fingerlings and Black Lake 147,000. The number of 7-inch walleye planted in the fall during this period was 18,750 for Mullett Lake and 20,167 for Black Lake. These fish were also marked for prospective study.

The ITFAP hatchery is administered by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians with additional funding provided by Bay Mills Indian Community and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

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