



July 10, 2024

Dear Dylan

Thank you for returning the PIT tag from the walleye that you recently caught. The information obtained from tag returns is very important to us in managing the walleye fishery in the Shawano Lake system.

The walleye tag number 989001044609523 you reported was tagged during a DNR fyke netting survey at the outlet of Loon Lake on 4/19/2023. At that time the fish was measured at 18.6 inches and was determined to be a male. This fish also should have his left ventral fin clipped off. This lets us know that it was a fish stocked out of the Wild Rose Hatchery back in 2017. At the time that you captured this fish it would have been 7 years old.

On February 9<sup>th</sup> this year we put out PIT tag arrays throughout the Shawano Lake system. These arrays can detect fish that have tags in them and records them to a hard drive in the equipment. We were able to detect this fish 3380 times over the course of the last few months. Our first detection was 2/25/2024 in the channel between Shawano and Washington Lakes. The fish hung around that channel until 3/27/2024. On 3/29/2024 we detected that fish several times in Loon Creek near the outlet on Loon Lake. We detected that fish several time over the next month in Loon Creek and our last detection in the creek was 4/28/2024. That same day we detected it going through the channel between Shawano and Washington Lakes again. From there it presumably was living in Shawano Lake, where you were able to catch it.

Very interesting and informative fish, congratulations!!! Thank you for getting this tag to Ken.

Please feel free to call with any other questions, comments or would like additional information.

Again, thanks for your assistance, it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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