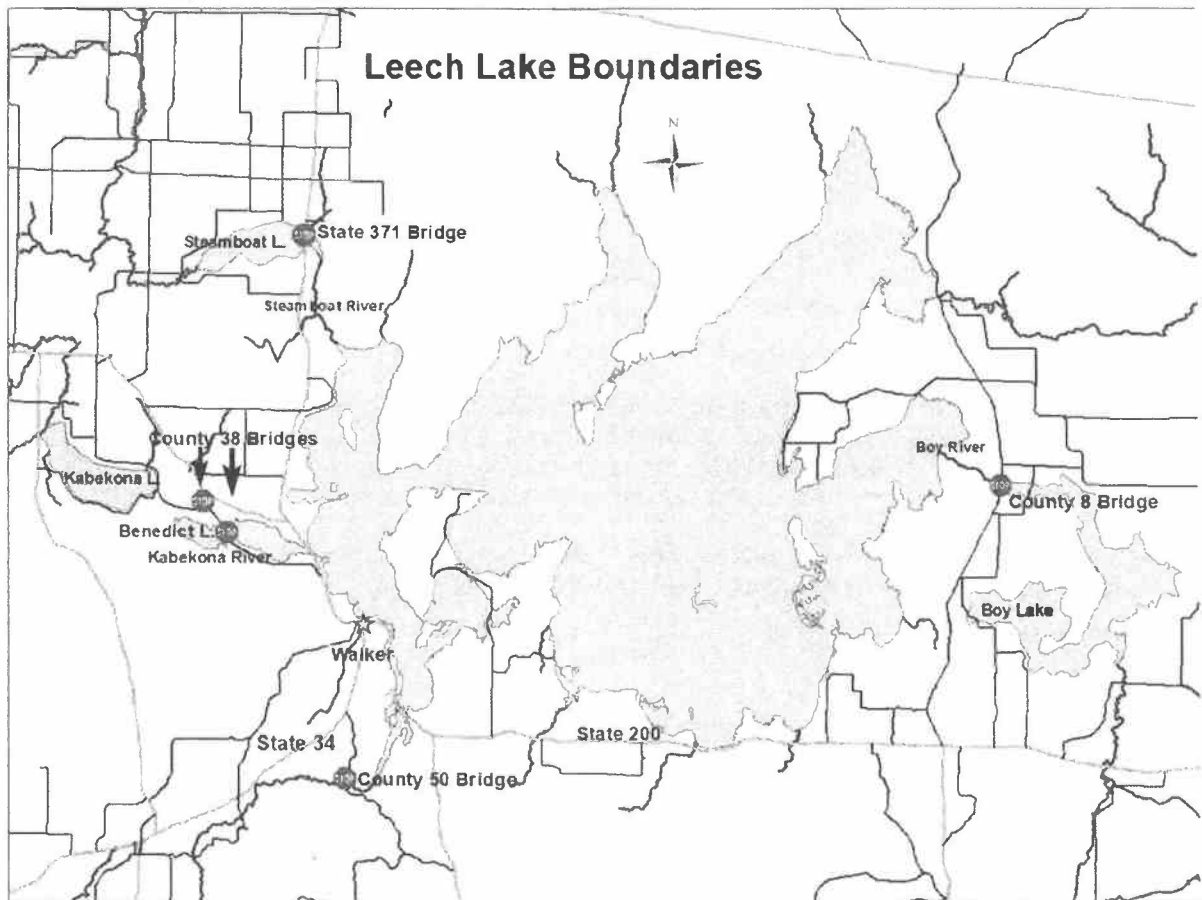




Minnesota Bass Federation Tournament of Champions
 Leech Lake Jul7 24 - 25, 2020
 Shingobee on the Bay
 MNBF Tournament Director Steven Galletta: (612) 940-0891 or
 Eric Ritter (612) 799-6414



<p><u>Registration/Rules Meeting</u> <u>Location:</u> Northern Light Casino 6800 Y Frontage Road NW Walker, Minnesota 56484 Must sign up for this tournament by July 13, 2020 @ www.mnbass.org. Boaters \$200.00 & Co-Angler \$100.00. Must have a link when registering on line Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 Registration Times: 6:00 p.m. – Registration Opens 7:00 p.m. – Registration Closes. 7:15 p.m. – Mandatory rules briefing begins. All anglers must be off the water by 3:00 p.m. on July 22, 2020</p>	<p><u>Launch/Weigh-In</u> <u>Location:</u> Shingoobee On the Bay Take-off will begin at 7:00 a.m. or first safe light. Weigh-in starts at 3:00 p.m. Sunrise 07/24/2020 – 5:58 a.m. Sunrise 07/25/2020 – 5:56 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Required Items and Safety Equipment</u> It is the responsibility of each participant to have ALL required state and federal safety equipment on board as well as, ALL permits licenses, passes or stamps, Etc. required. At time of inspection each morning, be prepared to properly display 1 life jacket for each angler; 1 throwable PFD; and, demonstrate functioning kill switch. Inspection will be held during lineup for takeoff. Live wells must be empty. All anglers are required to have a valid Minnesota fishing license.</p>
<p><u>Fish Limits</u> Largemouth and smallmouth Bass 12" inches and over. Anglers are allowed to weigh a limit of five (5) fish per person unless otherwise required by law or tournament officials This is a Catch, Record and Release (CRR) tournament your 5 best fish are counted for your total weight each day. Smart Phones are Required for the Boater and Co-Angler. Champions Tour APP will be used during this tournament</p>	<p><u>Tournament Directors</u> Steven Galletta:bassin1955@yahoo.com or (612) 940-0891 Eric Ritter: bigbass14@hotmail.com or (612) 799-6414 <u>Host Hotel</u> These properties are less than a mile from the launch, and are offering a great discount off the standard rate. Northern Light Casino Hotel 6800 Y Frontage Road NW Walker, Minnesota 56484 http://www.northernlightscasino.com Block name = MNBF Tournament Adult Tournament July 19 – 24 Rate \$90.00 plus tax Hotel Front Desk 335-3190 Ask for Jackie</p>	<p><u>Boundaries</u> Tournament waters are OFF limits July 22, 2020 3:00PM and off limits July 23, 2020 See page 2 for Boundaries off limits from the DNR Any waters within these boundaries posted "off limits" or "no fishing" by state or federal agencies will be off limit. Any live release areas established by the Tournament Director will be off limits. That as well as any additional off limits will be announced at the pre-tournament briefing. Only that water open to all public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Any waters closed to public fishing will be closed to this tournament's contestants. All local, state and federal regulations apply.</p>
<p><u>Overall Payback in cash and prizes is more than 125%!</u> - 100% payback to 20% of the field for both boaters and co-angler plus other prizes -Additional Sponsor Prizes will also be given out at the TOC -</p>	<p><u>Contingency Money this TOC</u> Total of \$400 to be paid to Ranger Cup qualified angler. Top Finisher: \$250 Second Finisher: \$150 -</p>	<p>Please read the 2020 Official MNBF carefully regarding Catch Record & Release (CRR) www.mnbass.org CLEAN DRAIN & DRY YOUR BOATS BEFORE LEAVING HOME & AFTER EACH EVENT! HELP STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.</p>



Leech Lake Boundaries

- County Road 38 Bridges on Kabekona River and between Kabekona Bay (Leech Lake) and Benedict Lake.
- County Road 50 Bridge on Shingobee Creek.
- State Highway 371 Bridge on the Steamboat River.
- County Road 8 Bridge on the Boy River.

Wild Rice Information from MN DNR and Leech Lake Band Natural Resources:

As a general rule of thumb, the advice we give is to fish from the outside of the rice beds. Do not run your gas or electric motors through rice beds. The Band is fine with anglers casting baits into the rice beds but get very upset when boats are in the beds.



Tournament Anglers (January 2020)

Zebra mussels and other harmful invasive species continue to be introduced into new lakes. Zebra mussels can compete with young fish for food, kill native clams, clog boat and other lake water intake pipes, foul beaches, and reduce suspended plants. Introduction of this and other invasive species into one of these waters will eventually spread to other downstream connected waters.

Your compliance with AIS inspection requirements is an express tournament permit condition and legal requirement of operating and transporting water-related equipment.

Under State Law (July 1, 2011)

You must...

- **CLEAN** all aquatic plants and animals, zebra mussels, and other prohibited species off of watercraft, trailers, and equipment before transport from any water access.
- **DRAIN** water from the boat's bilge, livewell, motor, ballast tanks, and portable bait containers before transport from water access or shoreland riparian property.
- **KEEP DRAIN PLUG OUT** and water draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

You may not...

- **TRANSPORT aquatic plants, water, or prohibited invasive species** (e.g. zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil) on any boat, trailer, or other water-related equipment on any road.
- **TRANSPORT water from any waters of the state** regardless of infestation status.
- **DUMP live bait into state waters**, on shore, or on the ground

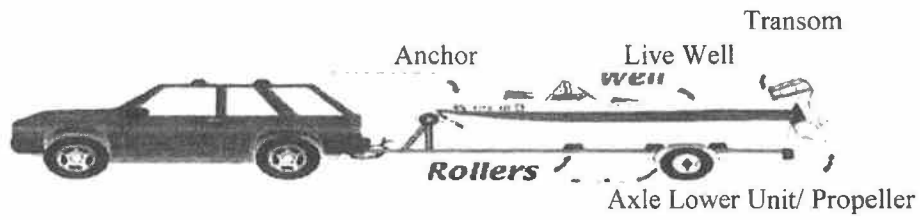
Transporting prohibited invasive species in Minnesota is subject to a \$250 civil penalty, launching is subject to \$500 to \$1000 civil penalties. Failure to comply with these and other AIS rules will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law such as civil and criminal penalties and/or the suspension of a watercraft license for up to a year.

Contact your local conservation officer to report violations

www.dnr.state.mn.us/officerpatrolareas/index.html

Please take these steps to minimize the spread of invasive species:

- **INSPECT and REMOVE** aquatic plants & animals before entering/leaving the access.
- **DRAIN** all water before leaving the access.
- **DISPOSE** of unwanted live bait in the trash, not in the water or on land.
- **RINSE** with hot water, **SPRAY** with high pressure, and/or **DRY** for five days before entering another body of water.



For more Aquatic Invasive Species information:

- Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/index_aquatic.html
- Or CALL DNR Invasive Species Program Office in Itasca State Park at 218-699-7293

For a full list of infested waters in Minnesota, please visit:
www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/infested.html