



# Percy Lake Update – August 2022

As noted in previous updates, the PLRA would be normally holding the Annual Picnic and Annual General Meeting (AGM) in-person. In the interest of safety and caution, we will hold our AGM virtually via Zoom in September and will not hold a picnic in 2022. But hold on...not all is lost! Angling activities will be held as noted.

## **Percy Lake's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Live Release Bass Fishing Tournament** **Saturday August 13, 2022**

Our annual catch-and-release bass tournament will be held from 8:00 AM until noon that day!

**Please note that entry into this tournament requires membership in the PLRA.**

To join the tournament, meet at the small island just prior to 8:00 AM. For more information, please check out the rules for at <https://plra.ca/anglers/>.



*Courtesy Mick Tilman*

### **Regarding other angling activities...**

The **annual full season youth angling contests** (16 years and under) for both lake trout and bass are still in play for 2022. So, continue sending in your photos and fish length measurement to the website - the big one that got away doesn't count!

### **OTHER ISSUES - Municipality of Dysart**

The PLRA Board maintains a relationship and contact with the Municipality of Dysart and the County of Haliburton to keep us apprised of events related to our lake and surrounding area.

#### **Mandatory Septic Inspections:**

By now, you will have received the initial notice of these inspections, which are being undertaken this month by the municipality. A properly maintained septic system is essential to protect the ground water and the lake.

#### **Draft Shoreline Preservation Bylaw**

The County and its lower tier municipal partners have tools that they use to regulate new waterfront developments including Official Plans, Zoning By-laws and the County's Tree By-law. Several years ago, it embarked on a process to create a new Shoreline Preservation By-law to further strengthen existing controls for waterfront development in the County. This process resulted in the creation of a **Draft Shoreline Preservation Bylaw**.

The adoption of this bylaw is still on-going, and will likely continue for a while, given the many views on the level of shoreline protection required, enforcement of the by-law, and other related matters.

The matter of protecting shoreline is clearly an issue in which we are interested. For example, the rainfall levels this summer have been notable, to say the least. Since the end of June lake levels have risen to near historic (seasonal) highs. Such levels do impact shorelines and emphasize the need for protection. As to what degree and how are the outstanding issues. (The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) has issued the following links (<https://foca.on.ca/> and <https://www.bewakeaware.com/>) related to shoreline protection.)

## **PLRA WEBSITE AND MEMBERSHIP- REMINDER**

We encourage you to visit our website: <https://plra.ca/> for a host of historic and current information regarding Percy Lake and a classified section where you can post items for sale and other matters. The website makes some interesting and worthwhile reading!

If you have not yet renewed or joined the PLRA, a membership form is attached for your convenience. If you meet new people on the lake, feel free to mention (and promote) the PLRA and the website!

The annual PLRA membership fee, \$30 per family, pays for our major expenses, including membership in organizations including Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association (CHA), the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), and the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) as well as additional expenses incurred by PLRA's annual obligations, insurance, and expenses related to events, including fishing trophies..

The PLRA wishes you and your family a healthy summer as you enjoy your time at the lake and we will keep you posted as to any issues or changes that emerge that may impact our area.

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