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“A Tradition of Fishing Excellence”

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TROUTLINE AUGUST 2014

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 30, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the clubhouse.

OFFICE HOURS: Starting August 1st, 2014, we will no longer have the office open on Saturdays. You can find documents such as by-laws, rules & regulations, transfer form, board roster, land use application, membership roster, membership information change form, troutline, annual report, maps, and for sale list inside the clubhouse in the wall file.

19" RULE: The MML rule to allow harvest of one (1) fish over 19" has been amended. Drought conditions in 2012 and 2013 resulted in the loss of the super catchable program which produced most of these of fish. The super catchable program will be resurrected. However, fish 19" or larger cannot be produced until 2017. **Therefore all fish 19" or larger must be returned to the water immediately until 2017.** If you see anyone violating this rule, please get the badge number and notify staff or call the office at 719-486-1075.

RAINBOW STOCKING 2014: Our last rainbow stocking of the summer will be on August 4. We will also be getting 1500 yellow rainbows in late August. These fish will be about 1 lb – 14" in length. They will be stocked in lakes 1,2,3,4,5,12, and 18. The regulations on yellow rainbows will be the same as the existing rainbows.

2015 RAINBOWS: With good water flows and cooler water temperatures, these hofers are growing well. They are bigger then our 2014 rainbows at this same time last year.

2016 RAINBOWS: These fish are abundant and growing very fast. We have graded these fish and are beginning to put them into the ponds to prepare for winter. We grade these fish for three main reasons. We want to keep them all around similar size, select the biggest ones, and also make sure we have the right number to produce for the 2016 stocking year.

2014 ARCTIC CHAR: These fish are abundant and we will stock them as fingerlings. Arctic char do well in 48 degree water, so we will stock them in September or October once the lake water begins to cool down. They will be stocked in lakes 8 and 15.

2015 CUTTHROAT TROUT: At the end of May we spawned cutthroat trout from lakes 8 and 15 to get 6409 eggs. On July 1st, a total of 3128 eggs hatched. These fish are growing well and we plan to stock them as 3" fish in the spring of 2015.

2014 BROWN TROUT: We received these eggs from CPW as part of trade for brook trout last fall. These eggs will provide new genetics to Mount Massive Lakes. We stocked 3254 fish that were 3" long in lakes 1,6,7,8,9,10,12,15,18, and 20.

BURN PILE RESTRICTIONS: The burn pile is to be no larger than 15' X 15' in size. Please do not put construction materials or metal/steel objects in the pile.

WATER FLOWS: With frequent rainfall this summer, we are still getting our 8 cfs and still bypassing water down Union Creek. We are still running water throughout the whole system.

NO BAG LIMIT: In an effort to utilize trout that will not survive throughout the winter, bag limits on rainbow trout, less than 19" in length, will be suspended beginning September 2, 2014. Please harvest rainbow trout at will until the fishing season closes at "ice on".

Rainbow trout that remain in our lakes after "ice on" experience an 85% mortality rate over the winter. High numbers of fish, low winter water flows, and extreme ice cover produce poor habitat conditions. Harvesting most of the rainbow trout will improve habitat quality and increase survivability of the remaining fish.

FOR SALE LIST: Is no longer part of the "Troutline" but located on the MML website. Please contact Shaun Mulligan (303-513-0624) if you wish to list a membership or other items for sale.

MML WEBSITE: mountmassivelakes.org

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