



Larry Young of Charleston displays his prize laker caught on Seymour. The fish weighed 20 pounds and measured 37 inches. Young was using a sucker for bait.

SEYMOUR LAKE FISH REPORT

Fish stocked this past year:

9,000 Salmon, 6,000 1½-yr. Lake Trout, 6,000 1-yr. Lake Trout, 2,500 Speckled Trout.

We have not been able to get anything started on Spawning-Bed Project. Phillip Wrightman (Fish Bioi marked some places last fall for this purpose. We may be able to take stone from the Lake which are in shallow water and construct beds at an ideal depth this summer.

Some of us checked the spawning Lake Trout last fall. We saw some nice fish, but were concerned on the small number we found for a lake of 1727 acres. I, Fred Murphy, have proposed a bill (being introduced by Representative Ben Blais of Derby) for the purpose to amend the rules relating to fishing season, minimum size of certain trout, and relating to certain types of ice fishing.

Please do not blame anyone but me, if you don't like the bill.

Fred Murphy

MORGAN-HOLLAND SWIM PROJECT REPORT

The swim project was held last July for 2 weeks with 1 instructor and 10 helpers. There were 92 children enrolled in the program. Donations came from Seymour Lake Home Dem., Morgan Home School Club, Dizzy Dames Club, Morgan Heads to Tails 4-H. and Seymour Lake Association. William Ingram donated the raft used by the swim project and also stored it for the winter, so it will be ready for use in 1987. Many thanks go to William and all others involved with the project.



Left to right are Fred Costello, Selectman Bert Judd, Fred Taylor, John Gullmette, Kerm Smith, Fletcher Potter from the Seymour Lake Association, Bob Finucane, Jerry Bailey, Warden Roger Webster and Steve Wright. Photo by Bethany Dunbar

LAKE SEYMOUR BOAT ACCESS COMPLETED

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The voices of people who helped with the Seymour Lake fishing access project here weren't the only ones to be heard at an early morning dedication ceremony Friday. A nearby common loon added its call to the occasion.

The project, one of several around the state, was done more than two weeks ahead of schedule, and those involved were clearly pleased with the results. The contractor was Winterset of Lyndonville. Jerry Bailey of Winterset, who owns a camp on the lake, tried out his boat on the new ramp Friday morning.

"We didn't get stuck," he said.

The project included tearing out the existing ramp and dredging the area which had become so shallow it was inaccessible to boats, the lake residents said. The water is five feet deep at this time, and project engineer John Guilmette said he thought it would last for several years. He said about 3,700 cubic yards of material were taken out.

Digging was done 250 feet out from shore, and a silk screen fence was put around the project while it was underway so that fish wouldn't be bothered by water turbidity. Biologists were concerned that the spawning season is coming up, and the project should be completed by then.

The fill was taken to the nearby parking lot for the lake, which needed expansion. Also, the parking lot for the fishing access was improved, and some landscaping was done.

The entire project cost about \$51,000, two-thirds of which was paid by the federal

government. The state's share was paid by a tax on motorboat fuels and fishing tackle, and by boat registration money, which was a new source. Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Steve Wright thanked local legislators, including Senator Kerm Smith who was present, for their support.

"Well, it helps to see a project done," said Mr. Smith. "It kind of makes you want to do some more."

Island Pond's access was also done this year, although it was apparently not quite as elaborate a project. Mr. Smith planned to see that one after the Seymour ceremony. Mr. Guilmette said that there are 20 or so projects in different stages around the state.

Mr. Wright thanked the Seymour Lake Association people for bringing the problem to his attention and keeping after him until he did something about it. He said he wouldn't make any political speeches because he wasn't running for anything. After a moment's thought, he added, "I'm usually running from something."

Fred Taylor of the lake association thanked everyone, noting that Representative Ben Blais of Derby Line had been particularly helpful.

Also present were Selectman Bert Judd, engineer Bob Finucane, and Fred Costello, state facilities engineer, from the Environmental Conservation agency. ■