

Thunder Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
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Dear Chris,

The Thunder Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District has been in operation now for approximately 40 years and was founded after a hard winter freeze of Thunder Lake decimated the fisheries population. For many years afterwards, Thunder Lake was sterile of proper fisheries needed to keep a good balance in check. As a result of that freeze, we had an explosion of bullheads which we worked hard for many years to get the fisheries balance back to the wonderful way it was. Our original formation purpose was to fund and maintain an aeration system to prevent massive winter kills from ever happening again.

A good aeration system goes only so far. After aeration expenses, with the little funds we have left, we were able to further increase Thunder Lakes recovery effort with yearly walleye fish stocking. This ongoing effort of aeration and stocking were the key to Thunder Lake making a very good recovery. And it is ever so important that these aeration and stocking efforts continue yearly to help maintain and protect what we have all worked so hard to accomplish. However, our budget is so tight that one glitch in our aerator would jeopardize our stocking efforts.

With our District very small, we have a very limited yearly budget to make this happen. I know the Three Lakes Fish & Wildlife Improvement Association has donated to our District in the past and we are forever grateful. But I reach out to you today to see if future donations to our cause would be possible. With your past assistance, Thunder Lake has been rehabilitated into one of the better fishing lakes in our area. This no doubt trickles down to our local community, restaurants and other businesses as well. And will continue to do so with the cooperative effort of both our organizations and I am hoping we can count on the Three Lakes Fish & Wildlife Improvement Association to help us do just that.

Kindest Regards,

Greg Weinfurter
Secretary
Thunder Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District