



Algonquins of Ontario



Lake Trout Tagging Volunteers

We invite Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) members to join the Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries Research crew to participate with our ongoing lake trout mark-recapture and spawning surveys on Lake Opeongo in Algonquin Park. You will have the opportunity to head out onto the water with research staff in search of some of Algonquin Park's largest lake trout during the peak of the fall spawning season. All participants have the option of staying at Harkness Lab for the night and will be provided with dinner before heading out on Lake Opeongo as well as breakfast the next morning.

The dates and number of spots available are as follows: October 13th (2 spots), 17th (2 spots) and 24th (2 spots). If you are interested in joining us please contact Gary Ridout by email at gary.ridout@ontario.ca or by telephone at 613-637-2103. These spots will be left open for AOO members until two days before the scheduled outing. When signing up for a spot, please provide your contact information, any dietary restrictions, whether you will be spending the night at Harkness and which Algonquin community you are from. At a later date we will provide the participants with information about what they will need to bring with them.

The Schedule

We will do a morning weather check and contact volunteers by 9:00 am if the planned outing is a go for that day. We ask that participants arrive at 3:30 pm on the day they will be joining the crew. This will allow us to complete necessary paperwork and safety briefings. Following this, we will show you to your cabin and then have dinner. Weather permitting, the crew will be out on Lake Opeongo from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. During this time you will have the opportunity to handle a number of lake trout, set and retrieve gillnets as well as learn about the biological sampling techniques used. The following morning a small breakfast will be provided.

Largest lake trout (36 inch) caught in the fall 2015 in Lake Opeongo

