

2011 LOTW Annual Trip Survey Results, April 5, 2011

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Question	Response	Comments
<p>1. Do you want to meet daily during the trip to share information about what's working and what's not — like Musky University does?</p>	<p>Yes - 7 No - 7</p>	<p>Yes, make it 4 p.m. at the docks. Most guys will want to be there once they see how good it is.</p> <p>Definitely think this would be beneficial, but not sure we could get guys to come in during the day to meet. How about we meet at a different host cabin each evening for 30 minutes to share info?</p> <p>That would be a great idea.</p> <p>If we want to catch more muskies, we should share information with each other.</p> <p>Use it as a test. See if the group of guys who share information each day catch more muskies than the guys who never formally meet.</p> <p>Don't want to take too much time to do this. We could always do it at the docks before going out after the big meal of the day.</p> <p>I don't think we need to do it daily. Why are we comparing ourselves to Musky U anyway? We're pretty good. Why add more pressure on ourselves. This is vacation time.</p> <p>Great idea, let's do it.</p> <p>Would be nice, but there is not really a good space for it unless we could use the Lodge.</p>
<p>2. Do you want to have a meal at the Lodge midweek — like on Tuesday?</p>	<p>Yes - 7 No - 6 No response-1</p>	<p>I vote on having only 1 meal at the lodge.</p> <p>If we meet daily, no. But if we don't meet daily, yes.</p> <p>No, I can control my diet better with preparing food in the cabin.</p> <p>Yes – instead of Sunday.</p> <p>Yes, if we don't meet daily to exchange information.</p>

<p>3. What is your favorite meal (made by you and your cabinmates) during the annual trip?</p>	<p>Response-12 No response - 2</p>	<p>Steak, steak, steak, steak, steak</p> <p>Nachos</p> <p>Salmon</p> <p>Ribeye</p> <p>Steak on the grill is always good, but I also love pork loin and brat nachos, too.</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>Don't know.</p> <p>Spaghetti</p>
<p>4. Do you want Hot Wings? Do you want to help make them one evening?</p>	<p>Yes – 8 No – 4 No response - 2</p>	<p>I like them but I don't think the preparation should affect guys' fishing time. I would be willing to assist Chips in making them. He makes them the best.</p> <p>Yes, and I would help make them.</p> <p>The Party Cabin has done its fair share of hosting this (and cleaning up from it). It's time for another cabin to take it on.</p> <p>I love hot wings, but it seems like a lot of work to make them for everyone after a long day of fishing. Maybe each cabin should make their own.</p> <p>Yes, and I will help make them. I like it because it gives us a chance to share information about fishing.</p> <p>No, they're not healthy for you anyway.</p> <p>I like the Hot Wings. I like getting together to share them. But I don't like the bugs and I don't like the clean-up the next day.</p>
<p>5. Do you want to hire Doug Johnson for a day of musky guiding? Would you like to hire another guide for musky or walleye fishing?</p>	<p>Yes – 3 No – 10 No response - 1</p>	<p>I'd like to hire him for a day, but my budget won't allow it.</p> <p>I like to spend my time fishing with the Dogs.</p> <p>I've learned a lot from going out with him – new spots that I never would have thought about. I'd recommend it.</p>

<p>6. If you've been in the same cabin year after year, would you like to be in another cabin? If so, which one?</p>	<p>Yes – 2 No – 10 No response-2</p>	<p>Old Guys for Ever!</p> <p>I'm fine with the Video Boys, but we never watch any videos. What's up with that?</p> <p>I like good ol' Cabin 9 just fine and have had fun with all of the Video Boys over the years. I'm fine with where I'm at.</p> <p>Blind Squirrel, always a BS.</p> <p>It doesn't matter to me.</p> <p>I like getting together with the same guys every year. Years ago, I thought it was a good idea to mix it up every year, but now I like having the same cabin guys every year.</p>
<p>7. Who is your favorite Little Buddy to fish with?</p>	<p>Response-9 No response - 5</p>	<p>Griz Laun Griz Carmen Meat Suzy, when he's not a captain. I'm always a little buddy, so it's rare to fish with another little buddy at LOTW. Like them all. Me – I think I'm the best Little Buddy to fish with.</p>
<p>8. Do you think we place too much emphasis on muskies and that maybe we should have an annual trip focused on another species, like walleyes?</p>	<p>Yes - 4 No - 8 No response - 2</p>	<p>Every other year tarpon fishing trip.</p> <p>Would be open to ideas such as other locations for muskies such as Eagle Lake, Lac Suel.</p> <p>Yes, there is too much emphasis on muskies for this multi-species guy, but we always have our choice for what we do and should probably stay that way.</p> <p>No, I like the musky focus.</p> <p>I like the focus on muskies – this is my one annual adventure for a big girl.</p> <p>Guys should fish for what they want to. They're not going to be forced into a format for a particular species. Our current reward system adds sufficient diversity to the trip.</p> <p>No. Everything else is bait.</p> <p>I think what we have is great. The Slam is a way to get guys doing more than just muskies. Our cabin does its own walleye meal, so we have to get out there and get some. I think most captains are flexible enough to spend some time no musky fishing when a Little Buddy wants to do so.</p>

<p>9. Do you feel that all Little Buddies must bring a map and help navigate while in the boat?</p>	<p>Yes – 12 No - 2</p>	<p>It certainly helps, so please Little Buddies, bring your map and read it.</p> <p>I'm a little buddy and do this. Don't all the little buddies bring a map and use it?</p> <p>I think it should be up to the captain.</p> <p>While I understand the safety part of this, I frankly don't want the Little Buddies to know the spots that we're fishing – because they just tell their captains the next day. And then my spots are blown.</p> <p>To be prepared for an emergency. Know where we are, and where we're going.</p> <p>Absolutely yes, and that's as a full-time Little Buddy. It not only makes the day/trip more enjoyable to know where you are on the lake and what you are fishing, but helping the captain navigate and choose spots can be very helpful, too. It is also a matter of safety. Should something happen to the captain, the Little Buddy needs to radio other boats the position of the boat to get help fast or to navigate the boat to a place of safety.</p> <p>Must they – probably not. Should they? Yes. They are missing out on a lot if they don't bring a map.</p> <p>I think they should in case of an emergency. They should also know how to operate the marine band radio, GPS, and trolling motor. Especially if they don't own a boat.</p> <p>Not a must, but a good idea. The Swab should know where he is on the lake in case of a captain emergency.</p> <p>They should because they should be marking their own spots.</p>
<p>10. What do you think is the coolest place on LOTW? Please share — maybe it's a place that no one else is aware of.</p>	<p>Response-11 No response - 3</p>	<p>The Wall Love it all Too many to pick one. Monument Bay – lots of places to fish and plenty of big girls there Big Narrows Portage Bay Musky Alley Portage Bay is cool, but the musky fishing there sucks. It's all cool. The new spot I try every year – where I see a musky.</p>

<p>11. Do you want to search for the Geo Cache box this year, like we did last year?</p>	<p>Yes - 4 No - 9 No response - 1</p>	<p>Seemed like a fun idea even though I didn't get a chance to search for it, because I was a Little Buddy.</p> <p>Sure, but I think we were the only ones who searched for it last year. It was fun.</p> <p>Sounded like fun, but I just didn't make the time for it last year.</p> <p>It was fun, but can take or leave it.</p>
<p>12. Do you feel like we don't visit each other anymore at the end of the day? We just stay in our cabins.</p>	<p>Yes - 9 No - 4 No response - 1</p>	<p>I think it's kind of sad that we don't want to visit with each other. All we want to do is watch videos.</p> <p>It's vacation. I don't want to have to socialize.</p> <p>I think something like Hot Wings is nice for visiting. Maybe make it like a pot luck where each cabin brings something.</p> <p>Going to other cabins feels like we're intruding, unless you're visiting the Video Boys to put fish on the boards or the Party Cabin. Both of those cabins welcome visitors all the time.</p> <p>Is that a bad thing?</p> <p>Yes, however, lack of sufficient group relaxation space causes some of this.</p> <p>I know that I'm always glad to get back to the cabin at night and typically don't venture out and about after that. With the fish boards in our cabin, I do get the opportunity to see a lot of people throughout the week.</p> <p>We visit with each other enough. Stop getting all touchy, feely on us.</p> <p>Some truth to this. Are we getting old and lazy?</p>
<p>14. Do you want to have a group meal at Jerry's restaurant over at Young's Bay?</p>	<p>Yes - 2 No - 10 No response - 2</p>	<p>Angle Outpost is just fine.</p> <p>Group meal at the Lodge makes more sense.</p> <p>That would be a good idea.</p>

<p>15. Should we explore other places on LOTW or other lakes in Canada for the annual trip? Or, are you okay with keeping the annual trip at Angle Outpost for now?</p>	<p>Yes - 1 No – 12 (don't explore, stay at AO) No response - 1</p>	<p>No, I like where we are</p> <p>I'm open to other opportunities, but unless there is a compelling reason to change, the current situation works.</p> <p>It's a good area but we might learn something new by being in a different area.</p> <p>Want to stay on LOTW, but would be open to other resorts.</p> <p>I'm always up for fishing somewhere new, but I'd vote for continuing to go to the Angle Outpost – it's an easy drive, no boating to the resort, and musky fishing is world class.</p> <p>Okay with staying where we are unless there is some change that would not make the place so attractive. It is really hard to find acceptable places.</p> <p>Okay with keeping it at the Angle. How about a fly-in trip to a lake in northern Canada some day for big pike and lake trout?</p>
<p>16. Have you ever visited the old trading fort on Magnuson Island?</p>	<p>Yes – 2 No - 10 No response - 2</p>	<p>Nope. I read a few books about the history of LOTW though, and the history of the fort is interesting. I should make time to stop there one of these days.</p> <p>Yes, my first year. Carmen and I signed in. The group ahead of us was from – believe it or not – Japan.</p> <p>No, but looks fun.</p> <p>No, I always mean to, but I get musky fever.</p>
<p>17. How important is it to you to catch a musky during the annual trip — do you feel it's a successful trip if you catch at least one musky? Is it a complete letdown if you don't catch any?</p>	<p>Response – 12 No response - 2</p>	<p>Less than 3 is a letdown (for me), 4 is a success.</p> <p>Definitely a letdown if I don't get at least one.</p> <p>It's not a complete letdown. The trip is fun in of itself.</p> <p>It is a let down if I don't do well fishing, but that's never made it a bad trip for me. I enjoy the experience of being up there, on the water, in the cabins, around camp, etc. I also enjoy knowing that you are always potentially only one cast away from a giant fish. Plus, I'm not at work all week!</p> <p>I'd be disappointed if I didn't catch one, but it's not the criteria for a great trip.</p> <p>I want to catch at least one musky as it is sort of a badge of honor. But I do not personally need to catch one to have had a good trip. Just being there on the water with friends is what it is really all about for me.</p>

<p>18. Would you like to meet on an island one day for a group lunch?</p>	<p>Yes – 8 No – 4 No response - 2</p>	<p>Open to it.</p> <p>I think it's technically illegal, according to Canadian regulations.</p> <p>Too much hassle.</p> <p>Social drifting is fine. But making guys come from all over the lake for lunch is a lot of forced windshield time.</p> <p>That would be fun.</p> <p>Social drifting is fine with me. Shore lunch sounds like a hassle.</p> <p>It would be okay, but logistics seems to be an issue. At Sagaskong, we were not so spread out and did not have issues with bag limits from two countries.</p>
<p>19. What lure do you rely on the most during your LOTW fishing trip?</p>	<p>Response – 12 No response - 2</p>	<p>Nastybrax Vibrax Vibrax Believer Vibrax Spoons Vibrax Double Cow Girl Black and silver double cowgirl. Pearson's Grinders, too. Double black Vibrax Smaller spinnerbaits Vibrax I'm not going to share that. Last year it was the Cowgirl.</p>
<p>20. If you're a captain, would you like your Little Buddy to sometimes switch places and serve as captain while you're fishing?</p>	<p>Yes – 6 No – 4 No response - 4</p>	<p>I have no problem with it.</p> <p>Especially on windy days to give the Little Buddies lots of practice.</p> <p>Generally no, because of the liability. I would feel bad if a swab damaged something. So I prefer, in most cases, to run the boat and trolling motor.</p> <p>As a Little Buddy, I have sometimes been asked to do this and don't mind doing so.</p> <p>Sure, as long as they have experience or the weather/wind is good enough to safeguard the boat.</p> <p>Depends.</p>

<p>21. Do you want to continue to meet at Thorne Brothers prior to the annual trip?</p>	<p>Yes – 14 No – 0 No response - 0</p>	<p>Doesn't matter to me.</p> <p>Yes, no where else compares.</p> <p>Sure. I always need to pick up something. Meeting there becomes more convenient to shop.</p>
<p>22. Would you like to meet on a hot day for a group swim/jump in the water to cool off?</p>	<p>Yes – 6 No -- 6 No response - 2</p>	<p>Sounds fun!</p> <p>Personally, I'm not interested. I would rather fish.</p> <p>Not as a planned event. Impromptu maybe, but then Bud isn't going on the trip and I didn't see Sticky's name on the list either, so don't know if anyone else swims or not.</p> <p>We need more great photo moments for the banquet.</p>
<p>23. Do you feel other Dogs are open to sharing information about their musky fishing during the trip?</p>	<p>Yes – 7 No - 7</p>	<p>I think it would help us all catch more fish. But it has to be real sharing.</p> <p>Many of us guard our info up there.</p> <p>Some are, some aren't.</p> <p>Some are pretty tightlipped.</p> <p>It would be interesting to see if we caught more fish if we shared more information like Musky U.</p> <p>Generally yes. Changing partners every day makes it hard to keep any secrets. We share openly in our cabin.</p> <p>Yes, I think everyone there wants to see other members boating fish.</p> <p>Some are, some aren't.</p>
<p>24. If you're a captain, do you wish your Little Buddy would offer more input or ideas about when and where to fish up at LOTW?</p>	<p>Yes – 10 No - 0 No response - 4</p>	<p>I like it when the Little Buddy makes suggestions. I consider the day's plan to be a cooperative effort.</p> <p>Yes, the Little Buds could improve considerably in offering up suggestions. It gets difficult to make decisions for two all week long. It's a relief when a Little Bud makes a suggestion.</p> <p>Always open to ideas. I don't see this as a problem. The Swabs have been there many times and have some of their favorites.</p> <p>I'm not a guide. I expect Little Buddies to think about places where we can catch fish. I expect them to mark spots on their maps and that we collaborate on where to go.</p> <p>There are some captains who want to hear my ideas, and</p>

		<p>there are some who have their own game plan and don't really want my input. Regardless, as a Little Buddy, I put my focus on making the most of the spot by focusing on my casting and not getting hung up.</p> <p>I shouldn't admit this, but I like it when a Little Buddy shares the spots that were working from the previous days. I like to hear about the other spots – to confirm that I'm doing the right thing, or to learn about new spots I haven't heard of.</p>
<p>25. Do you want to get together in one of the cabins for a group event — like just sharing a beer together and sharing fishing tales?</p>	<p>Yes – 12 No - 2</p>	<p>Yes, at the docks at 4 p.m. to share fishing info.</p> <p>I like the idea of more interaction between the cabins.</p> <p>Always seems to take place at the Party Cabin, except the time the Squirrels did the fish fry.</p> <p>If there is enough room.</p> <p>We can do that now. No need for a structured event.</p> <p>Let it happen organically. Don't force it.</p> <p>Yes, at the Party Cabin with the videos running.</p> <p>I'm too tired at the end of the day.</p>
<p>26. Do you think the Party Cabin is too loud?</p>	<p>Yes – 2 No – 11 No response - 1</p>	<p>Much quieter since Bertha moved over to the Woodies</p> <p>They're just fine with me.</p> <p>Not with my hearing aids off.</p> <p>Not at all.</p> <p>No. Can't hear them from our side of the camp. They're not loud enough! We can't hear them from our cabin.</p> <p>Not loud enough. We can't hear them from our cabin.</p> <p>They're good guys and fun to hang with, but I wish they'd select more appropriate videos to watch.</p> <p>They're the Party Cabin. I expect them to be loud and be the fun cabin during the week.</p>

<p>27. Would you like to see Griz visit your cabin this year? If so, which cabin?</p>	<p>Yes – 9 No – 2 No response - 3</p>	<p>Griz is welcome at the Blind Squirrels. We'd like a visit from Shorty, too.</p> <p>Seeing Griz outside his cabin is like the great search for Sasquatch.</p> <p>We want Griz to visit the Party Cabin this year.</p> <p>Griz or anyone is welcome to visit the Blind Squirrels.</p> <p>There a lot of guys who never leave their cabins during the week. We could all get out a lot more.</p> <p>Griz takes direction from no man. Although, I'm finding that there's a certain woman whom I need to listen to.</p> <p>First year without his significant other for 7 days. Hmm. Probably not.</p> <p>Only if he wants to. We'd love it if he would visit the Blind Squirrels.</p> <p>The Griz is the Griz. He does so much for the trip with the boards and the accounting. Let's stop giving the guy so much grief.</p>
<p>28. Do you want a group meal at another resort, like on Oak Island?</p>	<p>Yes – 3 No – 7 No response - 4</p>	<p>I liked the idea of exploring new waters a couple years ago. But not any more – just to get a meal.</p> <p>It would be okay with me.</p>
<p>29. Who is your favorite Captain to fish with?</p>	<p>Response – 12 No response - 2</p>	<p>Shorty Suzy Fishdick Old Fart Perp Buick Fishdick Buick</p> <p>All of the Party Cabin captains rock. Also like going out with Fishdick and Perp.</p> <p>I enjoy fishing with everyone, but Buick and I always have a good time, work well together, and see a lot of fish. Getting those fish into the boat seems to sometimes be an issue, but that's musky fishing!</p> <p>Not a fair question.</p>

<p>30. What is your favorite trophy?</p>	<p>Response – 11 No response – 3</p>	<p>All of them. Big Musky Trophy Big Musky Trophy Milk Can – most muskies. Milk Can to me is like the Stanley Cup of musky fishing. I like the Milk Can, but there’s something about the Big Rapala. Big Musky Trophy Weenie Award A giant largemouth bass would be nice – a legitimate 7 pounder. Outland. The ice cream bowl!</p>
<p>31. Who do you think will catch the most muskies?</p>	<p>Response – 10 No response - 4</p>	<p>Fishdick Perp Fluffy has a good shot, but I think I’m in the running this year. Carmen is definitely due for a banner year. He deserves it. Buick Fishdick There are a lot of guys who are due to catch the big one. I think it will be OJ this year. Janitor – he’s over due for a high numbers trip. Banana Fluffy will be duking it out with Suzy this year for most muskies. I like it when guys out of nowhere – the ones you don’t expect – catch the most muskies. They must be doing something differently, and I want to learn from that.</p>
<p>32. What spot or area do you absolutely have to go to every year for your annual trip to feel “complete?”</p>	<p>Response-11 No response - 3</p>	<p>The Wall Falcon Island, across from Twin Island Griz Island Whaletail Stange’s Island Big Narrows Outer Bay Bishop’s Point, Big Narrows Outer Bay Damn Good Lookin’ Spot (in the trip booklet) Don’t have a spot that I have to visit every year. A new spot that I see a fish on. I like the challenge of identifying a potential new spot and adding to my marked spots each year.</p>

<p>33. Do you feel you are paired up fairly with other trip participants?</p>	<p>Yes – 12 No – 0 No response – 2</p>	<p>Definitely.</p> <p>I want to be paired up with the guys in my cabin more.</p> <p>I would like to see a day where all of the guys in each cabin are paired up with each other so we could have a true Cabin Cup Battle Royale.</p> <p>Give us more BYE days so captains can fish with other captains.</p>
<p>34. Who do you think will catch the biggest musky?</p>	<p>Response – 9 No response - 5</p>	<p>Me Banana Hopefully me this year.</p> <p>Father Yanta – has the power of prayer going for him.</p> <p>Someone in Buick’s boat. That’s where all of the big muskies are caught each year.</p> <p>Fluffy is overdue for the biggest musky, but I hope to give him a run for his money.</p> <p>Hopefully Meat, but maybe Fishdick this year.</p> <p>It’s coming back to the Party Cabin this year – either Fluffy or Carmen. They’re both due.</p> <p>Meat</p>
<p>35. What is your favorite beer to drink during the annual trip?</p>	<p>Response – 11 No response – 3</p>	<p>Corona Fat Squirrel Corona O’Duels Cold Lakemaid Fat Squirrel Cold Gin and tonic Diet Coke Miller Genuine Draft</p> <p>I think we place too much emphasis on beer drinking and partying at LOTW. That’s one of the reasons I don’t want to go on this trip.</p>

<p>36. Because gas prices will probably be higher this summer, should we put limits on how far a boat can go to go fishing?</p>	<p>Yes - 1 No – 13 No response</p>	<p>Put a limit on Shorty, Buick and Fluffy.</p> <p>No limit on boat miles. We go where the muskies are.</p> <p>If you put a limit on how far we can go, you put a limit on learning about new areas. On the other hand, I'm always amazed by how many great spots are within just 10 minutes of camp.</p> <p>Charge all boats that have a 150 hp or more an extra \$20 and take that off the bill for guys who have motors with less than 150 hp.</p> <p>No, but I think we should ask guys to be conscious of making an efficient plan. If you feel you are going beyond what is the group nor, you can make a voluntary contribution to the gas fund.</p> <p>No, we're on vacation. Guys should already be taking that into account for their trip budget and planning ahead accordingly by setting aside a little more money than usual for this year's trip.</p> <p>No, but we might want to encourage guys to pack a lunch and stay out all day to save gas.</p> <p>No, but no motors bigger than 45 hp allowed.</p>
<p>37. What part of the Lake of the Woods trip do you enjoy the most?</p>	<p>Response- 8 No response - 6</p>	<p>Heading out each morning</p> <p>Being out on the water and not seeing millions of boats like on Tonka. Catching muskies with the Party Cabin boys is great.</p> <p>The first cast to a new spot after exploring to find something you haven't fished before.</p> <p>Friday night in Warroad – drinking</p> <p>The drive up, and hanging with the guys in my cabin at the end of the day and sharing stories.</p> <p>Outer Bay</p> <p>All of they hype before the trip.</p> <p>I like coming in at night, when the water is like glass, and you're treated to a beautiful sunset.</p>

<p>38. Who would you like to hear speak about musky fishing before our annual trip?</p>	<p>Response – 7 No response - 7</p>	<p>Everyone in the club would be a great speaker.</p> <p>Open to anyone.</p> <p>No one comes to mind.</p> <p>The guy from last year. The guys from last year.</p> <p>Last year’s speaker, Rob Kimm, was great.</p> <p>I like to hear from people outside the club to get new perspectives.</p>
<p>39. As a Little Buddy, what’s your biggest gripe with the Captains? Do you feel you have opportunities to share your input about when and where to fish?</p>	<p>Response – 9 No response - 5</p>	<p>I don’t like captains who beat and torture their Little Buddies.</p> <p>As a Little Buddy, I don’t have gripes about any of the captains that I’ve fished with. I realize how tough their job can be keeping the boat in position, worrying about rocks, tirelessly raising and lowering the trolling motor, etc. Yes, I feel as though I always have had the opportunity to share my input with the captains.</p> <p>Too much time spent speed trolling and captains who can’t keep the right distance from the shore.</p> <p>Captain moving the motor while I’m trying to pee off the back.</p> <p>Slow down. Take your time on a spot.</p> <p>I feel I can share my ideas with the captains.</p> <p>No gripes. The captains I’ve fished with have all been great.</p>
<p>40. What spot or area on LOTW do you think is the most productive for muskies?</p>	<p>Response – 6 No response – 8</p>	<p>Outer Bay Monument Bay The areas that get fished the most Big Narrows Big Narrows Big Narrows Low and Betty Islands Muskies are everywhere.</p>

<p>41. What suggestions would you offer to make the annual trip even better?</p>	<p>Response- 8 No response - 6</p>	<p>Better communication while we're there. We could outfit Musky U if we shared more.</p> <p>Remodel the Party Cabin – add another bathroom.</p> <p>Tell guys to stop whining about this and that and lighten up.</p> <p>I think most guys want to put more muskies in the boat. To do this, we need to share info.</p> <p>Find someone to sponsor it and pay all of our bill!</p> <p>I think it is a great trip and can't think of any other improvements to make at this time.</p> <p>I wish the Little Buddies would arrive at the boats early like they used to, and wipe down all the seats and windows of the morning dew. They don't take care of the captains like they used to in the old days.</p>
<p>42. Do you think we should discontinue publishing the trip booklet and just make it available the Waterdogs' web site to download? And avoid the costs?</p>	<p>Yes – 9 No – 5 No response - 1</p>	<p>Yes, save money because of rising gas prices.</p> <p>Maybe publish only the items that change from year to year.</p> <p>I love the booklet. Don't stop.</p> <p>I know it's a lot of hard work, but it sure is cool to have. I like to collect them from year to year.</p> <p>I don't know what the costs are, but for \$10-\$15 a piece, we should print it.</p> <p>Save the paper. Publish electronically.</p> <p>Yes, to offset the cost of higher gas prices.</p> <p>Maybe do an annotated version of the stuff that does change, and put the rest of the stuff on the web site.</p> <p>I always enjoy reading the booklet each year. But saving the printing cost would be nice. I know that I would read it online or print out my own copy if it were available that way.</p> <p>Sounds reasonable. Maybe just print out the schedule only.</p>

<p>43. Do you think we should continue the trip CD?</p>	<p>Yes - 7 No – 6 No response - 1</p>	<p>I enjoy it and look forward to it each year, but I'd be fine with discontinuing it, if it saves costs and that's what the group wants.</p> <p>If Fluff likes making it, I think we should keep doing it.</p> <p>I start listening to it in March to get me pumped up for the trip.</p> <p>Yes, I love it. I play it all year round. Reminds me of the trip and good times with the Waterdogs.</p>
<p>44. Is there any club member that you would like to present his tips on fishing for muskies on LOTW?</p>	<p>Response - 6 No response - 8</p>	<p>Buick</p> <p>Everyone has a great tip or two to share.</p> <p>Nasty</p> <p>Buick and Janitor</p> <p>Bystrom tips are always interesting.</p> <p>How about Baggie?</p> <p>I'd like to hear from guys who experienced tremendous fishing years – like Suzy, Glenn, Banana. What did they do differently from the previous years.</p> <p>Fishdick, Griz, Duper, Banana, Meat, Janitor, Shorty, Buick...</p>
<p>45. Do you feel that there are some guys who catch all of the muskies and don't leave enough for you?</p>	<p>Yes – 5 No - 5 No response - 4</p>	<p>FD won't let us fish the Wall</p> <p>Every dog has his day.</p> <p>Yes, and they are called the Musky School</p> <p>If you feel that way, maybe you are not working hard enough. There are nearly always opportunities for both anglers at nearly every spot on LOTW.</p> <p>I think this is a bigger issue – there's a conspiracy going on in the club – the same guys seem to catch all of the fish. Look at the pairings! I think the board should look into this.</p> <p>Absolutely.</p> <p>What kind of a question is this to ask. Are you serious? Are there some guys who really think this?</p> <p>It's a dumb question, but there's some truth in it. Why do some of the same guys catch all of the muskies. As someone</p>

		who only catches a couple every year, it's very frustrating. I'd like to catch more muskies. I've been going up there for a number of years and I don't understand why I'm not catching more.
46. Do you think Shorty is a Richard Cranium?	Yes - 11 No - 1 No response-2	Sure, but not sure who Richard is? Isn't he? That goes without saying. No shit! Absolutely! He's a Ricardo Cabesa.
47. If there was one thing about the club's annual trip that you could change, what would it be?	Response-8 No response - 6	Better communications while we're on the trip. More interaction. None that come to mind. It's fine as it is. The big money pots – it seems there are only a few guys who go after walleyes. We should eliminate that category. Would like a cabin with a screened in porch. I'd like to catch more muskies. I want to catch more muskies.
49. Are you willing to wear the hat camera to get some video of musky fishing for the annual banquet?	Yes – 13 Maybe - 1	Sure. I might have to swap out my signature Griz hat for a baseball cap for the day, depending on how it attaches to the hat, but I think it's a cool idea and I look forward to seeing what we can do with the camera.
50. Do you have anything else you would like to share about the trip?	Response – 1 No response - 13	Nothing that immediately comes to mind.

<p>51. By the way, why do you like to go on the LOTW trip?</p>	<p>Response-13 No response – 1</p>	<p>Being with my buddies far away from the every day grind</p> <p>Many reasons: spend time doing something I enjoy with guys I enjoy bring around on world-class muskie waters that are absolutely beautiful.</p> <p>The sites of LOTW</p> <p>Love the lake, love the company, love the fishing.</p> <p>Great group of guys to go fishing with each year.</p> <p>I love hunting muskies and I love the Party Cabin!</p> <p>It's the one time of the year where I can really concentrate on fishing. It's different from a tournament or fishing on my own.</p> <p>For the relaxation, the lake itself, the fishing opportunities/chance at a trophy fish and for the cabin/camp life.</p> <p>Fishing and camaraderie.</p> <p>Being on the water with my friends, away from all contact having to do with business and the everyday life.</p>
<p>52. How many years have you gone on the annual trip?</p>	<p>Average: 23 18 12 5 7 18 7 14 20+ 11 14 15 6</p>	<p>Average of: 12.6 years</p>
<p>53. If you haven't gone on the annual trip, why not?</p>	<p>Response-4 No response - 10</p>	<p>Too much emphasis on boozing and partying.</p> <p>Family events.</p> <p>Splitting time between family and fishing.</p> <p>My kids are young and it's hard to devote a whole week to fishing when I could be using my vacation time to be with my family.</p>

<p>54. Are you satisfied with the week we've chosen — last week of July — that we've selected to conduct the annual trip? Are there other dates that would be better?</p>	<p>Yes - 11 No - 3</p>	<p>One week earlier.</p> <p>I think it's a good week to be there. The fishing and weather will always vary slightly year to year, but I think that week we've chosen gives us good odds in general.</p> <p>Like it. Don't move it.</p> <p>Yes. Don't want to compete with Musky U, which goes the week before.</p> <p>Date doesn't matter to me. I will arrange my schedule to make it.</p>
<p>55. Should we bring back the Little Stinker signs?</p>	<p>Yes - 4 No - 7 No response - 3</p>	<p>What's the Little Stinker?</p> <p>Yes, I've always liked them. I consider them fun and I don't feel any pressure to fish anything differently whether they are there or not.</p> <p>Yes. I don't care.</p> <p>Yes, it's fun.</p> <p>I don't like it. It says you're not a good enough fisherman if you don't shoot the skunk. This is vacation time. It's more than just the fish. We shouldn't put more pressure on ourselves.</p>
<p>56. Who do you think is the best musky angler in our group?</p>	<p>Response- 13 No response - 1</p>	<p>Nasty Buick Griz Fishdick is pretty good. Baggie, if he were going on the trip. Whoever catches the biggest fish of the year. Banana Fishdick Buick Fishdick Fishdick Not sure. Felix Janitor The guys who have caught the most muskies over time.</p>