

Roxbury Pond West Wild Fish Transfer Project Summary

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On June 15, 2015 the Newberry field crew of Eastern Lake Superior Management Unit transferred a total of 48 Largemouth Bass and 124 Bluegill to Roxbury Pond West in Chippewa County. This project is an effort to create a fishery in Roxbury Pond West for Largemouth Bass and Bluegill. Roxbury Pond West was managed as a coldwater fishery until 2005 when stocking was ceased due to poor multi-year survival of the stocked brook trout. Since then fisheries managers have decided to change management direction for this idle pond to a warmwater fishery. By way of wild fish transfers, fisheries managers are able to create fisheries and restore fisheries that have been subject to winter fish kills. Roxbury Pond West presented an opportunity to create a fishery for warmwater species with good public access. Roxbury Pond West can be found off of Lakeshore Dr. north of Eckerman along the Lake Superior lakeshore.



Largemouth bass similar this were stocked in Roxbury Pond West.



Using a pickup truck with a stocking tank, fisheries managers were able to transfer these fish successfully to Roxbury Pond West.