



HONOUR THE TRADITION,
PRESERVE THE CHALLENGE,
PROTECT THE FISHERY

Attention: Eagle Lake Anglers

Help protect and preserve Eagle Lake's world-class trophy fishery.

Eagle Lake is home to a naturally reproducing, world-class musky fishery and is built on decades of successful catch-and-release. Increased use of **Forward Facing Sonar (FFS)** is raising serious concerns about fish health and long-term sustainability. Using FFS to scan and "sharp shoot" muskies in deep or open water leads to more frequent catches and handling, which increases stress and mortality—especially for large fish. Selective pressure on big fish can change the population size structure over time.

We strongly urge you to not use Forward Facing Sonar while musky fishing on Eagle Lake.

Your choices on the water matter. Follow these best practices to keep Eagle Lake thriving for generations:

- **Don't "Sharp Shoot," Deep-Water Fish.** Avoid targeting fish with FFS in deep or open water—these fish are at risk to more stress & injury such as barotrauma.
- **Don't "Road Hunt"** using a gas motor while scanning with FFS.
- **Respect Depth Limits.** Do not target muskies or other trophy fish holding deeper than 25 feet, even if you're fishing shallower areas.
- **Limit Handling.** Reduce time out of water and avoid vertical holds. As a rule, keep air exposure no longer than you can hold your breath.
- **Keep 'Em Wet.** Unhook fish while they're still in the net and in the water.
- **Be Prepared.** Have the proper tools onboard to minimize stress on muskies. These tools include: Large Net, Bolt Cutters, Long Pliers, Jaw Spreader.

Eagle Lake anglers value natural fish, a healthy fishery and the wilderness experience—help keep it that way. Your participation in these efforts to not use FFS will help to keep Eagle Lake one of the best trophy fisheries in the world.