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I AM TRULY EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY.

I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE STATE'S FISH RESTOCKING EFFORTS FOR A LONG TIME AND NOW IT'S A REALITY.

THE WOODRUFF PROJECT GOES BACK TO 1989 WHEN WE FIRST BEGAN PLANNING FOR AN UPGRADE, AND IN SEPTEMBER OF 1992 THE STATE BUILDING COMMISSION -- WHICH I CHAIR -- APPROVED $3.5 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE WOODRUFF FISH HATCHERY.

IT IS PART OF THREE-PHASED EFFORT TO ASSIST NORTHERN WISCONSIN'S FISH STOCKING EFFORTS.

THE FIRST PROJECT WAS A MILLION DOLLAR RENOVATION OF THE WINDING CREEK FISH REARING STATION IN MARATHON COUNTY.

THEN WE COMPLETED A $10 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT AT THE SPOONER FISH HATCHERY.

AND NOW, AS A RESULT OF AN 18-MONTH RENOVATION HERE IN

WOODRUFF, OUR FISH RESTOCKING PROGRAM IS IN FULL SWING.

BETWEEN WOODRUFF, SPOONER AND WINDING CREEK, THE PROPAGATION OF

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MUSKY AND WALLEYE WILL INCREASE DRAMATICALLY AND IMPROVE FISHING IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN.

- **THE TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WALLEYE IN THE STATE'S HATCHERIES WILL INCREASE 75% ... AND THE PRODUCTION OF MUSKIE WILL INCREASE 82%**

- **PRODUCTION OF 8-INCH MUSKY IN THE STATE WILL GO FROM 75,500 TO 170,000.**

- **WE WILL PRODUCE 1.5 MILLION 2 to 3 INCH WALLEYES.**

- **AND PRODUCTION OF 6-INCH WALLEYE WILL INCREASE BY 320%, FROM 23,800 TO 100,000.**

THE LAST TIME A MAJOR UPGRADE WAS DONE AT A FISHERY IN WISCONSIN WAS IN 1964 -- HERE IN WOODRUFF ... THE LAST TIME

THE STATE <u>BUILT</u> A FISHERY WAS IN LANGLADE IN 1939.

SO, IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR OUR RE-STOCKING EFFORTS ... A GREAT DAY FOR WOODRUFF AND A GREAT DAY FOR THE STATE OF WISCONSIN!

(pause)

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THIS IS A SPECIAL DAY AS WELL FOR ARTHUR OEHMCKE (EM-KEY).

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, ARTHUR IS THE FATHER OF WISCONSIN'S

MUSKY PROGRAM ... A WISCONSIN NATIVE, UW GRADUATE OF THE CLASS OF 1937, LIFELONG EMPLOYEE OF THE DNR, INDUCTED INTO THE FRESH WATER FISHING HALL OF FAME IN 1982 ...

HOW WISCONSIN!

ARTHUR HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STEWARDSHIP OF MUSKY IN THIS STATE PERHAPS MORE THAN ANY OTHER PERSON.

AND EVEN THOUGH HE RETIRED AS THE DNR'S DISTRICT DIRECTOR IN 1978, ART SERVED AS A CONSULTANT TO COOPER ENGINEERING DURING THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF THE RENOVATION.

ARTHUR, TODAY I'M PROUD TO JOIN WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN RE-DEDICATING THE WOODRUFF FISH HATCHERY AS THE ARTHUR A. OEHMCKE STATE FISH HATCHERY.

CONGRATULATIONS.

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