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SUBJECT: Local Walleyes for Tomorrow Chapter donates 18 foot work boat, trailer and motor to Barron Fisheries Work Unit.

BARRON Wis: The Natural Resources Board recently accepted a donation of a new boat, trailer and motor valued at over \$14,000 by the Indian Head Chapter of Walleyes for Tomorrow to the Barron Fisheries Work Unit. The new boat replaces a smaller boat that was used for fisheries surveys, lake aeration, and fish habitat projects as well as sensitive and habitat area assessments on local waters.

Heath Benike, fisheries biologist said “this new boat will make our job much more efficient, safer and provide better fisheries management services to the public”. “The donation is greatly appreciated and will serve as the stations primary work boat for the next several decades,” he said.

The Barron Fisheries Work Unit manages waters in Barron and Polk County.

See photo below



Walleyes for Tomorrow donates New Fisheries Management Boat

Fisheries management in Barron and Polk Counties will be better served thanks to a donation of a new boat, motor and trailer courtesy of the Indian Head Chapter of Walleyes for Tomorrow. The boat was given to the Department of Natural Resource's fisheries management crew at Barron. Posing with the craft at ground level from left is Larry Sharp-Walleye for Tomorrow Chapter President, Heath Benike-WDNR-Fish Biologist, Brian Spangler-WDNR-Fish Technician and in the boat from left are local chapter board members Roger Popple, Ryan Sutton and Jerry Wilder. Not pictured Tyler Gruetzmacher.

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