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Rainy Lake

Spring of 2021

We are a few days away from the first official day of spring! Except for a couple of weeks of cold weather, we have just enjoyed the warmest temperatures that we can remember for the end of February and the beginning of March! It has left us with very little snow on the ground and the ice fishermen are changing over to 4-wheeler travel already. Wayne's snowmobile went on the trailer last night.

In last year's newsletter we were talking about the pandemic restrictions and worried about the effects of COVID-19...not only on the health of our guests, friends and the world as a whole, but also on the health and sustainability of businesses here and abroad.

With the border closed to fishermen, the tourism businesses in our area of Ontario have been hit hard, as many - like Campfire Island - entertained a clientele mainly from the United States. Certainly, the supply businesses have been affected as well, but the area as a whole has done ok...maybe not flourishing but definitely adjusting to new guidelines! We have had very few cases of the virus in the Rainy River district so that has helped!

We had Campfire Island cleaned and ready to roll just in case the border re-opened, but it was not be! And the border is still closed to non-essential travel. The vaccine roll-out has been a bit slow to start and the hiccups along the way aren't helping. There is some optimism that we may see some guests for the later part of the tourism season!

We will be ready!! We are really hoping to see some of you late-summer and early fall. The fish had a great summer to put on some weight and relax due to a decrease in the fishing pressure last season...should be game-on as soon as we can open!

We'd love to have you join us for a fishing trip this coming season!!

As we move toward the summer, please let us know if you have a tentative plan in mind. We can then keep you updated periodically and stay in touch.

Or just give us a call to catch up and talk fishing! The contact phone numbers are listed at the bottom of the page and the email address hasn't changed.

Take care! Stay safe!

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