



EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER



Start Seeing Northern Pike

JOIN TODAY!

The MDAA was organized to educate the public about the heritage and traditions of darkhouse spearing as well as to address any threats to our sport. We are dedicated to exposing people of all ages, genders and ethnicities to darkhouse spearing and educating them about its ancient tradition.

We work tirelessly to encourage the bond that angling and darkhouse spearing creates between our members and our natural resources. We are committed to protecting and preserving our sporting and historical rights, both now and into the future, while promoting the responsible use of our natural resources.

We promote ecological stewardship among our members. We encourage conservation and teach the discipline of "look and release" when a meal of fish is not desired.

We also encourage our members to help the young and old participate in fishing. Introducing new generations of anglers to fishing, and helping elder anglers get out to enjoy fishing again, is an important part of our mission.

Our membership is open to all fishermen and women. If you participate in any of the angling sports, you are welcome to become a member of our organization.

Membership in the Minnesota Darkhouse Association is \$15 per year for adults and \$5 per year for youth 16 and under.

Please join today!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Minnesota Darkhouse And Angling Association East Central Chapter

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Send completed application and membership fee - (\$15.00 for adult or \$5.00 for youth 16 and under) to:

MDAA - East Central Chapter PO Box 126 Cambridge, MN 55008

Or sign up and pay online at www.EastCentralMDAA.org

MINNESOTA DARKHOUSE AND ANGLING ASSOCIATION

The MDAA is a charitable non-profit organization chartered to protect the rights of Minnesota resident anglers. We aim to insure our angling rights and darkhouse spear fishing in all Minnesota waters.

The MDAA actively works to establish equality among all fisherpersons, and to promote sound conservation practices regardless of what season you fish.

Fifteen MDAA Chapters are strategically located throughout the state with a steadily growing membership of over 3,000 fishermen and women. Each chapter is deeply involved in their community by sponsoring a wide variety of conservation, education and youth programs with an

emphasis on community service.

Our State Board monitors all pending legislation which affects angling and/or spearing. It also forwards and supports legislation to further our rights to harvest fishing in a responsible manner. Preserving our angling and spearing rights, which promoting strong conservation ideals, is at the core of our organizations' objectives.

In Minnesota there are over 15,000 people who purchase darkhouse spearing licenses each year. In addition there are approximately 10,000 participants in the sport under the age of 16 that are not required to buy an additional license to spear from a darkhouse.

There is an increasing interest in darkhouse spearing as sportsmen and women learn to appreciate this historical method of fishing. Spearing is an exciting and yet very challenging way to harvest a meal of fish. It involves quite a bit of work in preparation, and then requires patience and skill to be successful.

In addition to the harvest possibilities, Darkhouse fishermen also have the unique opportunity to observe fish under the water. If you might have an interest in learning more, or would like to experience this historical sport for yourself, many of our members are willing to help.

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The East Central Chapter of the Minnesota Darkhouse and Angling Association was founded in 2012 to provide East Central Minnesota a new community based fishing organization to protect, promote, and support the rights of East Central Minnesota Fishermen and women.

We are committed to work with the fisheries division of the MnDNR and the state legislature to protect and preserve the sport of fishing and the historical rights to hunt and fish for all people for all times, while continuing to promote the responsible use of our renewable fishery resources.

We support and work hard to maintain effective fishing regulations that are truly non-discriminatory for all legal methods of fishing in Minnesota.

We promote the responsible selective harvest of northern pike and other game fish through the methods of catch and release and look and release.

We “do what we do” by

Taking other people fishing; particularly the young, elderly, women, minorities, and others who may not have the same opportunities to actually get out fishing.

Providing knowledge, equipment, and support for those interested in fishing to either get started or to continue fishing.

Protecting the rights all fishermen independent of their legal method of fishing.

Providing good fellowship among our members, their families, and the community.