

# KITCHI ISLAND OUTPOSTS

2006- 2007 Report and Outlook

Thanks to all who attended the outposts this past year. Your support ensures that I can continue to make improvements and additions to the camps to make your stay more comfortable and productive.

**Great News-** In spite of continued pressure on the economy and the dollar, Kitchi Island Outposts will not increase fishing package pricing for 2007. I encourage all interested parties not to delay in making plans for the coming year. Book early for 2007 to avoid disappointments.

**The Fishing** was excellent, once again. From the beginning of the season, through to the fall, catches were great. There were several big

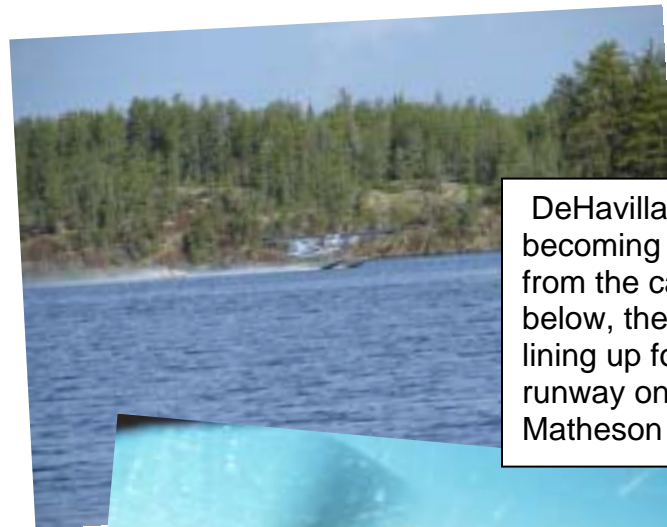


fish taken and released, walleye over 28" and pike over 40". One of my parties had difficulty one afternoon catching any walleye for supper, they were all too big! Because we are on a river system, water levels can vary. This year, water levels were low due to the warm, dry summer. There were some forest fire concerns in the area but there was no danger at the camps.

**Bear Hunt-** 2006 was the first year that a black bear hunt was offered since I have owned the outposts. I am proud to report that our spring hunts were 100% successful. We harvested some impressive animals, the largest was 450



pounds plus and was over 80 inches in length. His green score was 19 ½ P&Y. This bear was taken by Jack Thurner of Akeley MN. Jack wrote the story of his hunt which can be read on the website. Other 2006 pictures and information can also be found there. Brian Gross, Kitchi Island's head guide was most certainly responsible for our impressive success this year. His knowledge and attention to detail all contributed to the positive results. The hunt for 2007 is almost fully booked. Potential black bear hunters are encouraged to contact me ASAP for remaining dates in '07 and for '08.



DeHavilland Beaver becoming airborne from the camp and below, the Caravan lining up for the runway on Matheson Island



**Longish Lakes Outpost-** The new outpost is well on its way. The majority of the framing is completed. Longish Lakes is made up of several lakes "chained" together. The walleye fishing is unbelievable. One could easily boat a hundred fish a day. It will be important for clients to practice "catch and release" in this waterway as well as faithfully pinching down the barb so fish can be released unharmed. The camp will be available by mid June for fishing parties. Longish will not likely be bear hunted until spring 2008.



What a great view from the new cabin at Longish and how about that sunset!



Pete S. from ND with a healthy northern.  
  
Pete's bear is pictured below with Brian Gross, Kitchi's guide. Pete's bear is also on the front page



Kitchi Island Outposts will have representatives at a few trade shows in the US in the early part of 2007. If you are in the area of the shows, please stop in for a visit. The trade shows are as follows:

Kansas City MO Bartle Hall	Kansas City Sport Show	Jan 9- Jan 14 2007
St. Cloud MN St. Cloud Civic Center	St. Cloud Sportsmens Show	Feb 16- Feb 18 2007
Grand Fork ND Alerus Center	Summer Fun Sale	Feb 23-Feb 25 2007
Fargo ND Fargodome	Red River Valley Sportsmens Boat Camping and Vacation Show	Mar 1- Mar 4 2007
Sioux Falls SD Sioux Falls Conv Ctr	Sioux Empire Sportsmens Boat Camping and Vacation Show	Mar 8- Mar 11 2007

**Moose Hunt-** For those potential non-resident moose hunters, I am still trying to establish a non resident moose hunt. Stay tuned to the web site for updates. The resident only moose hunt this year was productive. Four moose were harvested among the 6 hunting parties. Well done to all involved. Longish will be available for the resident moose hunt in 2007.

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