Barron Lake Association Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2023

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We are still 1-2 weeks out for the pump install. We continue to wait patiently for movement on this project.  It was suggested that Jeff and his crew work on the installation of the discharge which will require 30’ of pipe and riff raff. We are currently running the old well 10 days on and 10 days off.

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**Fish Stocking**

Tom Hable has completed the application for the permit.

**Wake Boat Report**

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