

Lake George fishery history

By Gordon Woodworth
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The history of the Lake George fishery, chronicled in books, magazines, newspapers and fishing journals through the decades, is not as simple as you might think.

Interesting & a little bit complicated

It is marked with repeated periods of overfishing, followed by overzealous stocking of various species, many of which never caught on in the Queen of American Lakes.

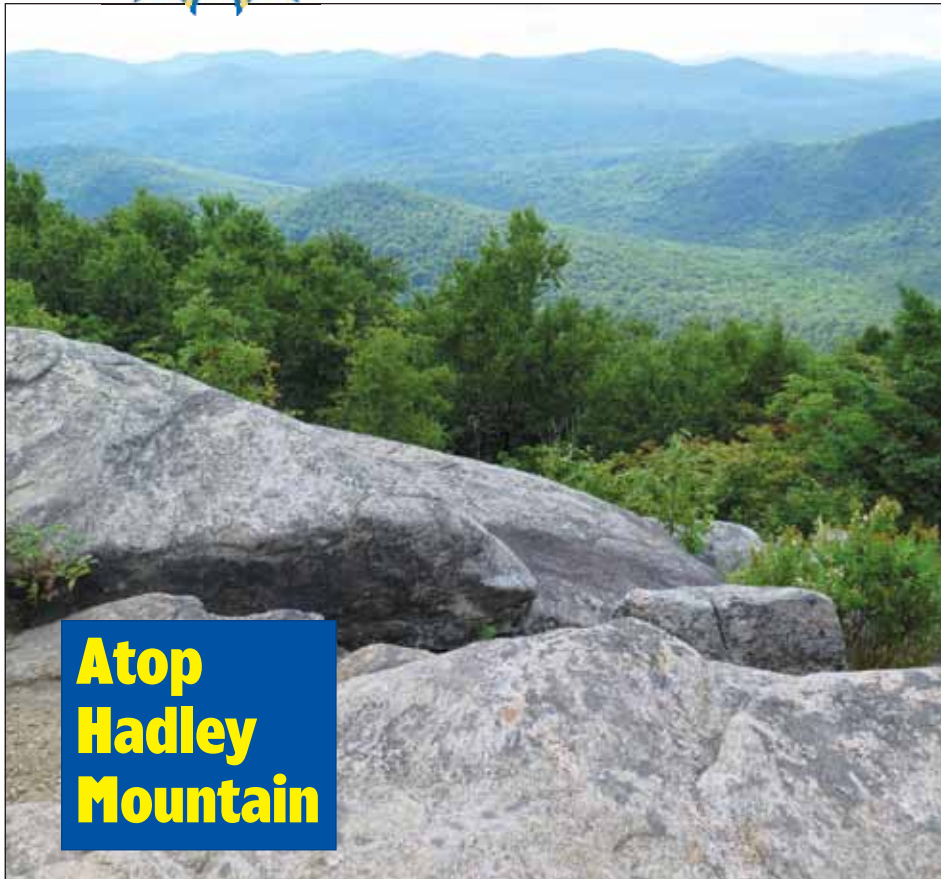
It includes warships disguised as fishing vessels, early efforts at establishing legal fishing seasons, and the stocking of millions of lake trout, landlocked salmon and something called Sunapee trout.

Crayfish were introduced, rainbow smelt were added numerous times, most recently in the 1970s as an effort to bolster the lake trout population, and twice a

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Atop Hadley Mountain

His frenzy of August activity!

Chronicle editor Mark Frost writes: I've got a lot of catching up to do. Suddenly it's mid-August. Now that my work load has eased a little, I'm in a frenzy to grab as much as I can from

the waning days of summer. So Friday night found us on the lawn at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saturday atop Hadley Mountain, Sunday on an

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Fair: She loves those contests

By Cathy DeDe
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Contests and competitions are in the DNA of the Washington County Fair, which opens next Monday, Aug. 18, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 24.

"From Day One of the Fair, it's always been that way, the chance to say, 'I've got the best hog, the best watermelon.' It's just about bragging rights," says Fair Manager Mark St. Jacques.

Last year we got a kick out of the "Best Dressed Goat" contest. (Human) kids have a certain amount of time to get their goats — and themselves — into costumes.

Entries included Tonto and the Lone Ranger, a flower and honeybee, rock and rollers, milk and Oreos, Red Riding Hood and a goat in wolf's clothing, and a pair of cheerleaders.

"We do it with sheep, goats and cows, too," says Mr. St. Jacques.

"It's a good one, where kids can have a lot of imagination. But it's hard. That's the fun part of the

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All about bragging rights, not \$\$\$



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