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ICE FISHING EXTRAVAGANZA POSTPONED TO FEB. 11

Brainerd, MN – Tournament organizers have decided to postpone the charitable ice fishing contest on Gull Lake until Feb. 11 in the interest of safety. Officials have determined that ice conditions are close, but not quite enough to host the event on Jan. 21 since the 3-4 day forecast is unlikely to produce enough ice to obtain an event permit before officials would want to announce a change in the event's status. "Safety of our participants is the number one concern," said Troy Imgrund, event organizer, "We also want to give participants enough time to adjust their plans so they'll join us in three weeks."

All tickets pre-purchased will be honored on Feb. 11. Tickets will continue to be sold online, and outlets will sell tickets until the day of the event. Contestants stand to win over \$200,000 in prizes this year if they catch one of 150 fish. Refunds will not be issued but if ticket holders are unable to attend the 2012 event a voucher for the 2013 event will be given.

First held in 1991, this event has been postponed only one other time in 2002 and moved to a different lake once in 2006. Hailed as the world's largest charitable ice fishing tournament, event organizers have donated nearly \$3-million to Brainerd-area charities, most notably Confidence Learning Center, in its 21-year history. The volunteer-run event is organized by the Brainerd Jaycees who have over 140 members contributing more than 75,000 hours and \$200,000 to the community annually.

Find the most up to date event information at www.icefishing.org.