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Purpose:

To promote and encourage, and educate and teach, all ages of consumers and present/future anglers, about products and services, skilled techniques, positive social/media profile building, self/brand development, by donating my time and service, when and where appropriate. My goal is to endorse companies and products I truly believe in by encouraging a following and increasing engagement, bringing in referrals, promoting and conducting sales, and everything necessary in-between.

Bio:

I hail from the beautiful State of Minnesota, "Land of 10,000 Lakes". Forty years ago, I was lucky to be born into a small family with an amazing work ethic and an endearing compassion for people. My folks were too busy working full-time jobs and taking care of my disabled brother and I to spend much time fishing, but they were and still are, always encouraging me in my pursuit for the water and woods - - something that took root in me at a young age. Some of my first fishing memories as a child include dropping corks in Fish Lake near Webster Wisconsin with my Grandpa and Uncles and taking charter boats out of Eddy’s Resort on Mille Lacs with all of my Great Aunts. From there I did not have much of an opportunity to spend focused time on fishing, as I dedicated most of my time playing various sports in school and planning for my future college degree. I became very good friends with a gentleman my senior year of high school who was a diehard angler (he & I eventually began dating (first date was fishing!), we then wed and have been together almost 22 years now!). My parents still take pride in sharing with friends, that their daughter did not buy a car as a teen, rather bought herself a BOAT!

If I have to choose, ice fishing is my favorite vs. open water, but I love them both a ton!

I have always had a passion for nature and everything that abounds within. I went to college in Ely Minnesota where I received a degree in Natural Resources Management. I spent many hours fishing area lakes after class and on weekends. Fishing on 1.5 inches of bad ice and falling through… I learned some good lessons early on. The very first ice-fishing tournament I ever entered & won was on Shagawa Lake; I caught the biggest pike and won myself a swanky “pair of choppers”! These choppers were moose leather-palmed and gorgeous until I caught another pike that did not want to breach the hole – so with my new mitten-covered hand, I stuck my whole arm down the hole to birth my slimer…. Mittens soaked with water and pike slime – they were ruined, but I got a nice fish topside! I still have and wear them!

After college, I spent quite a few years working with the MNDNR and various city municipalities in Forestry and in Fisheries. Spending time in the woods and on the water as much as possible evenings and weekends, traversing the States of MN and WI.

I currently reside in Lindstrom, Minnesota and spend many hours fishing the Chisago Chain of Lakes. Some of my favorite haunts are Lake Miltona, Lake Ida, Lake Mary, Lake Osakis, Lake Carlos, Big Sandy, Aitkin Lake, Mille Lacs, Winnibigoshish, Bass Lake (Remer), Northstar Lake, Kabetogama, Rainy Lake, Vermilion, Side Lake, Lake Athapapuskow, and many other lakes in-between. I have a fishing destination bucket list over a mile long. I also like deep-sea fishing!

Through the amazing process of gaining and growing my experience in angling, I have found joy and satisfaction in not only the pursuit, but in the camaraderie among all the lovers of this fine sport. It is all about the experience and the ability to share and teach all that we have learned with those less fortunate and less able, and also pass it down to future generations. I feel a calling and sense of purpose in sharing adventures with fellow outdoorswomen, sportsmen, and children. The fishing community is a family of dedicated people sharing the same passions, a community where I cannot help but see the truth in President Herbert Hoover’s quote, “All men are equal before fish”. The knowledge and camaraderie that abounds within the angling industry, is nothing short of amazing. I am diligent, yet patient, and am most hopeful that 2019 will be a year for the record books for all of us dreamers…

Social Media Presence:

Facebook (personal account): <https://www.facebook.com/tracy.krona>

Facebook (Fishing Page): <https://www.facebook.com/FISHnKWEEN/>

Instagram: @fishnkween

Snapchat: MNPIKE79

Twitter: @FISHnKWEEN

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCswlymwQhCJF52WoR2qntmA?sub_confirmation=1>

Acme Tackle Company: <https://www.acmetackle.com/pages/pro-staff>

Roadside Minnows: <https://roadsideminnows.com/pages/teamrm>

ProStaff / Content Contributor Assignments:

Fish Addictions TV – January 2018-February 2019; Content Contributor – Filmed S.3 Ep.8 Lake Winnie

Midwest Crappie Crew/MWCC Outdoors – April 2018-October 2018; Senior ProStaff/Admin

Eskimo Ice Fishing – May 2018-February 2019; Content Contributor (Image/Video)

Mudhole’s Outdoors/Crappie Crazy Jigs – May 2018-July 2018; ProStaff

Piscifun Fishing – July 2018-Present; ProStaff/Pro Team

Roadside Minnows – July 2018-Present; ProStaff Team

ACME Tackle Company – July 2018-Present; ProStaff

JT Outdoor Products/JTtv – August 2018-Present; ProStaff/Sales

YOLOtek – August 2018-Present; Team Affiliate

Striker Ice – February 2018-Present; ProStaff

Reel Midwest Fishing – February 2019-Present; Team Member, Editor

RAZR Ice Augers – In process of contract completion at present; ProStaff

Memberships:

NPAA (National Professional Anglers Association) 2018-Present

WAM (Women Anglers of Minnesota) 2018-Present

Tournaments:

WAM 1st Annual Ice Fishing Tournament – March 2018 – Placed 4th with Teammate Nancy Koep - $300 and plaque

Master Angler Awards:

Expert Angler – Minnesota Fishing Museum and Hall of Fame

Walleye – 29.75”

Rock Bass – 11.0”

Master Angler Program – Women Anglers of Minnesota

Walleye – 29.75”

Yellow Perch – 13.0”

Events:

Staff various trade/outdoor/fishing shows as required by prostaff agreement or voluntarily

Annual Shel Krona Memorial Toothy Critters Tournament – Host and participant – proceeds collected are donated to Let’s Go Fishing program.

Charities:

Let’s Go Fishing – East Central Chapter, Minnesota – Annual Donor and supporter

Special Olympics of Minnesota – Annual Donor and supporter

Education:

Chisago Lakes High School – Graduate – Diploma – 1997

Vermilion Community College – Graduate – Associate of Science Degree in Natural Resources and Forestry Management – 2001

Current Profession:

Chisago County Health and Human Services – January 2007-Present; Supervisor/Operations Manager/Data Security and Privacy Officer