

Dayton's visit to Gull Lake

I want to publicly thank Gov. Mark Dayton for visiting our lakes area last weekend. His visit showed how much he wants to learn about the concerns and needs of the citizens in Real Minnesota. He said he was very impressed and thrilled to participate in the Brainerd Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza. Gov. Dayton took the time to visit with Sherry at S&W Bait, and thanked her for her community involvement. He also attended a tourism round table and listened to many of the 60-plus participants about what we as a state can do to help our tourism industry, so vital in the lakes area. Governor Dayton left with lots of wonderful feedback from many people, but he was also impressed by so many of our local folks who volunteer their time to help make this area one of the best places to live in Minnesota.

Gov. Dayton sent me a note telling me to thank everyone who made his visit so enjoyable and valuable. I also want to thank everyone involved in making the Governor's visit so positive and productive. A very special thanks to Roberta Jay, Steve Jobe and Lisa Paxton who helped me coordinate the many pieces to his visit.

As the first governor to ever attend the Brainerd Jaycee Fishing Extravaganza, I want to thank Gov. Dayton once again for adding so much to what is always a great and special event.

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