FROM DOUG KURTZWEIL, CHAIR

Simply super summer greetings from the shore of our Chippewa Flowage. With frosty mornings a few weeks ago, to 90 degrees + a few days ago; with just enough rain and a variety of breezes mixed in, it’s shaping up as another wonderful season in the greatest place on earth. Things (plants, animals, fish tales) are growing and the water level has been holding fairly steady just below 1312’. Life is good!

As most of you might have already guessed, I have some pretty strong feelings toward OUR Chippewa Flowage. I’m using the capitals because ‘OUR’ goes way beyond those of us fortunate enough to be temporarily stewarding a little place of our own within 2 miles of the high water mark. I had a talk a couple of weeks ago with a fellow who is unhappy with his Flowage experience. And that got me to thinking …

Infants and toddlers are tolerable narcissists. They get hungry, wet, soiled, uncomfortable, and in the only way they know how, they ask/demand that their needs/wants to be provided for. And we respond appropriately. As they grow and develop, they hopefully begin to realize they are not the center of the universe and all life forms do not revolve around them. Sometimes, even years later, this truth needs to be re-learned. Fortunately, there’s often someone around to remind us, like the fellow I talked to.

I get caught up in things. I care, but then I start thinking in terms of my place, my frontage, my fishing spot, my fun and enjoyment. WRONG!!! The only way a huge, complex, multi-faceted, ever-changing, ever-challenged biotic system like OUR Chippewa Flowage can be sustained is if we all embrace the fact that it’s not about ‘us’ as individuals; rather it is about ‘OURS’ as a community. Water skiers, jet skiers, pontooners, kayakers, canoers, fishing boaters all must tolerate and respect each other’s absolute right to enjoy; but each user must be aware of, understand, and accept responsibility for, the impacts of their chosen activity on the overall health of the biological community. Case in point: my 15 horse Johnson revved up in 5 to 6 feet of water will re-suspend all sorts of sediments and nutrients to the detriment of water quality and fishes reproductive success while also promoting unwanted plant growth in ways I can only begin to envision. And that would ‘reach out’ and affect everyone who ever comes into Arrow Bay, even if it’s just once a year from the CC North Landing. And you can extrapolate. It’s not ‘my’ or ‘our’; it’s OUR!!!

Muskie, walleye, bass (large or small), bluegill, crappie, northern – it doesn’t matter what your favorite is. The reality is this: some of each are going to be harvested every year. Fishers of different species and styles should tolerate and accept each other and recognize the biological wisdom of a diverse fish community in balance with its habitat potential.

Someone once said that 3 most potentially destructive words in the English language are: I, me, mine. We all have individual self-interests. Dealing responsibly with them has gotten many of us to where we are today. But, as we approach the shore of the Flowage our self-interests should mature to become common interests, community interests. Efforts to enhance the community can be epic (Runnymede – 800 years ago) or tragic (Tiananmen – 20 years ago). None are in vain.

So as we revel in the pleasures of the season and the glories of the place, let us all re-dedicate ourselves to our mission: to protect and preserve the long-term biological integrity of this magnificent resource that it may be experienced by not only our grandchildren but by their grandchildren as well.

I hope to see you on August 2nd. The meeting should be short. The food should be good. The beverage will be cold. And the company is the greatest.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISHERIES by John Kaiser

Please see John’s article on page 4 & 5 about the Double G’s Big Chip Fish Fest. It was a great event.

INVASIVE SPECIES by Dennis Clagett

Wisconsin faces many invasive species such as curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian water milfoil, hydrilla, rusty crayfish, zebra mussels, and spiny water fleas from other regions and countries. These non-native plants and aquatic creatures displace our native species, disrupt ecosystems, and harm recreational activities such as fishing, boating, and duck hunting. Because they lack the predators and competitors they face in their homelands, invasive, or exotic species can spread rapidly and aggressively. While controlling invasives is difficult, the best method is to prevent their introduction in the first place. Our boats, trailers, live wells, and minnow buckets are all potential transporters of invasives, so DILIGENCE is the operative word.

According to a source at the local DNR office, there are a number of Sawyer County lakes where rusty crayfish have been detected: Chetac, Connors, Grindstone, Lac Courte Oreilles, Nelson, Round, Sand and Whitefish. While not at problem levels yet, close monitoring is required. While collecting propagation stock Galerucella beetles at Lake Hayward in early June, I witnessed how control methods for invasives can be effective. Five years ago, Lake Hayward was heavily infested with purple loosestrife. It is now obvious that bio-control efforts using beetles do work. The plants that are present are stunted and will not flower this year. A viable beetle colony has been established.

Closer to home, I will use the propagation beetles collected at Lake Hayward to raise my crop of over 35,000 beetles to release on the Chip. During a June inventory of four previous release sites on bogs on the east side of our lake, signs are evident that released beetles from previous years are going about their business. Many plants are weak and withered, which means fewer flower heads and fewer seeds.

A special note for all Adopt-A-Shoreline purple loosestrife volunteers: When visiting a number of infested sites last year, I noticed a problem that occurs when flower heads are removed early in the season: the plant gears up and produces many more flowers. So, if possible, either revisit the site later in the summer before seed production, or after cutting the flower head, shear off the remaining plant down to the roots.

I am looking forward to visiting with you at the annual meeting and picnic and hearing tales of this season’s adventures with loosestrife. Be sure to wear your purple tee shirts!

Thanks to you all, and especially to Jerry and Nancy Johnson who have adopted a second section of shoreline. There are still a few orphaned sections up for adoption! Our efforts are producing results.

NEW MEMBERS by Nancy Ruhlow

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to CFAPOA:

John & Mary Benedett ………………. Dagget Rd
Ray Lopez………….. ……………….. Cty Hwy B

WELCOME!

SOCIAL by Nancy Ruhlow

Wow, we had a great time! 66 CFAPOA members socialized, ate, drank, and won prizes at the June 6th Spring Fling. Treelands and the Treeland staff again out did themselves. The serving table was packed with fruit and vegetable trays with dips, a variety of pizzas, nachos, and brownies. All very tasty and so good that several members were interrogating Cheryl for one of the pizza recipes.
SOCIAL (continued)

Following all the wonderful food, the raffle was held. We wish to thank the following members and businesses for their generous donations of raffle items:

- Darwin Berry, Jack & Marl Reeder
- Al & Deloris Hixson, Elly Seidel
- Mike & Suzanne Lang, Chippewa Pines Resort
- Don & Donna Lessard, Reeder's Recess Resort
- Jerry & Kathy Meyer, Treeland Resorts

Also, thank you to the following members who donated food and/or money to the Hayward Community Food Shelf and Northwoods Humane Society:

- Dennis & Barb Clagett
- Leonard & Jackie Eckerly
- Darrel & Jean Weinhert

We may have missed you this time but be sure to plan on the Annual Meeting/Picnic August 2nd from 11:15 to ???.

2009 ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

Come rain or shine, we hope you’ll join us for this event on Sunday, August 2nd at Deer Run Resort. Deer Run Resort is located south of County B on River Road. The picnic is free to all CFAPOA members and their families. It’s a great time to meet new members and reconnect with continuing ones.

We have important CFAPOA business to conduct (elections and by-law revisions) and an interesting presentation on “Purple Loosestrife and the Chippewa Flowage” by Brock Woods, DNR, planned for you.

Here’s the day’s schedule:

- 11:15 Registration begins
- 12:00 Business meeting
- 12:15 Guest speaker
- 12:30 Picnic followed by raffle

Please remember to bring your own folding chair. Dessert and raffle donations would be appreciated. Donations for the Northwoods Humane Society and/or the Hayward Community Food Shelf will be accepted. See you there.

AGENDA

- Call to Order & Welcome
- Introduction of Board of Directors & Guests
- Minutes & Financial Report
- Board Elections
- By-law Revisions (see page 7 for more information)
- Appreciations
- Adjournment

GUEST SPEAKER

Brock Woods is the DNR’s Wisconsin Purple Loosestrife Control Coordinator. He is based in Madison and works all over the state. He has presented at numerous state conventions and has a wealth of information to share with us. He’ll be working with Dennis Clagett doing field work on the Chippewa Flowage before attending our picnic, so he’ll be very familiar with our situation. We think you’ll enjoy his presentation. Please don’t miss this great opportunity to hear what he has to say.

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!
DOUBLE G’S BIG CHIP FISH FEST
by John Kaiser

The First Annual Big Chip Fish Fest was held on Sunday, June 21st, at Big Musky Resort located on Scott Lake on the Chippewa Flowage. George Greenbank of Hayward, known to most as “Double G,” spearheaded the event that he started on Nelson Lake several years ago. The event was co-sponsored by the CFAPOA and the LCFRA (Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association, along with the endorsement of the local DNR Fisheries Team.

Adult buttons ($5.00) and children 12 and under ($3.00) were all you needed for a great day of fun and fine food. Many anglers of all ages participated, some boats included three generations, and they were quite successful, donating 126 northern pike and 65 large mouth bass for the shore lunch fish fry. Anglers were awarded a raffle ticket in the fisherman’s raffle for each eligible fish they brought in. Several tables were set up for fish registration, measuring, and filleting. We had a terrific volunteer group of fileters, including two from the local DNR Fisheries Team, who put in long hours preparing the bass and northern pike for the frying pan. Three tents were set up – one for the serving line and fish preparation – and the other two for eating, beverages, and displays. In addition to the fish fry, Don Lessard prepared a traditional fish boil with northern pike and Dianne Collins prepared and served roast pork sandwiches.

Stacy Craig, an environmental educator from Northland College’s Loon Watch Program, had a very entertaining display and program that the kids took part in. Stacy had some very informative literature for the adults too. Dennis Clagett had an interesting display of invasive species information for the program he coordinates for the flowage and Chris Jeffords had a great display regarding exotic hitchhikers.

We had great participation in the first-time event. Over 400 adults and 155 children’s buttons were purchased. In addition to the fishermen’s raffle, several other raffles were held loaded with fishing equipment, gift certificates from local merchants, and a variety of clothing. The top prize was donated by CFAPOA member, Rick Marks -- a $1,500 gift certificate for Mohawk products at his Hayward Home Center. Two of the most sought after prizes were St. Croix spinning rods from Doug Tripamer’s Northland Custom Fishing Rods. They were valued at $300 each and went to some very excited winners.

The anglers sparked excitement and some cheers as they brought their catch from the waters edge to the fish registration area. Many attendees rushed to the tables to see and take photos of the fish, which were quickly filleted and iced for the cooks.

One of Double G’s passions is to get kids fishing. The first 125 kids under 12 received a free spinning rod and reel. The look on those kids’ faces was priceless as they received them. Later George gave each child a raffle ticket and they won more prizes of fishing tackle and gift certificates. It was a great day for the kids!

After the last fish were cleaned and cooked, the excitement built for the raffle winners. Double G personally secured 90% of the multitude of donated items for the raffle and called off the winning numbers to the excited participants.

This event was an educational event. The abundance of largemouth bass throughout the flowage and their predation of walleye fingerlings has put our walleye fishery in peril. It is absolutely imperative for everyone fishing the “Big Chip” to harvest largemouth bass and eat them. Hundreds at the event were amazed at how delicious the largemouth bass filets were. Many more had the opportunity to get a bird’s eye demonstration on how to remove “Y” bones from northern pike. It is pretty easy once you get the hang of it. The next time you get a nice northern pike, keep it and try it. The best way to learn is by doing it, and many prefer boneless northern pike filets to walleyes.

DNR Fisheries Team Leader, Dave Neuswanger, is working tirelessly to recommend and implement fishing regulation changes that pertain to bass. Currently bass enjoy complete protection for six weeks after the first Saturday in May opener. He is proposing the bass season to open with the general opener. Currently only bass 14” or longer may be harvested, and he is proposing to remove the length limit entirely. The last item is to recognize the two bass species (largemouth and

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BIG CHIP FISH FEST (continued)
smallmouth) and to manage them separately. Current regulations apply to both species.

What can you and your family do to help the recovery of our walleye fishery? Harvest and eat largemouth bass, serve them to friends and family, and encourage them to do the same. Our walleye fishery is depending on all of us to do our part! If you missed this year’s event, watch for next year’s event date in this newsletter. Bring your family and friends. It’s a great day of friendship, food, raffles, and fun – and all on the shores of the “Big Chip.” What could be better? See you there!

TOWN OF HUNTER PUBLIC HEARING
A Public Hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Town of Hunter has been scheduled. You may check for details and other info at: http://home.centurytel.net/huntertownship
August 18, 2009
7:00 PM
Hunter Town Hall

BOARD SEEKS CFAPOA STATUS CHANGE
In December, 2008, the CFAPOA Board of Directors authorized a committee to apply for 501(c)3 status for CFAPOA with the Internal Revenue Service. Many other lake associations in Wisconsin have already changed their status to 501(c)3 or are in the process of doing so. This change is supported and encouraged by the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL), of which we are a member.

Since December, the 501(c)3 Committee (Patti Jeffords and Barb Schweig) has been collecting information and preparing documents which will allow CFAPOA to apply for 501(c)3 status. If approved, we will continue to be a non-stock and non-profit corporation. The new classification though will allow us to apply for a wider variety of grants to help with conservation and education projects, permit membership dues and all donations to be eligible for tax deduction, and allow us to apply to be exempt from WI sales tax.

Because our founders did such a marvelous job of preparing our original Articles of Incorporation, we are hopeful that our application will pass IRS review without any problems. In order to insure a smooth review, several of our by-laws must be updated and the Board needs to adopt several policies in a more official form.

The By-laws Committee (Barb Czarnecki, Donna Gilbertson, and Marl Reeder) has been working on the needed by-law changes. All by-law changes must be approved by the membership so we will be presenting the required changes at our Annual Meeting. The changes deal with membership eligibility, expansion/clarification of our purpose, and a few other things. The Board is confident the membership will find these changes acceptable.

The Policy Committee (Donna Gilbertson, Chris Jeffords, Terry Moe, and Marl Reeder) is working with the Board to put in place all required policies. These policies deal with conflicts of interest, nominations procedures, board member expectations, donations and solicitations, and other relevant Board policies.

The process of changing status with the IRS is a complex one, but worth doing for the reasons given above. Once the by-laws have been amended, policies enacted, and all paperwork filed, it will take several months before the final decision is rendered by the IRS. We will let you know when and if our status is officially changed.

If you have any questions, please contact any Board member.
**WALLEYE VS BASS ON THE CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE**

by Barb Czarnecki

The WDNR Fisheries Management Plan for Lake Chippewa Flowage recognizes that walleyes are the number one targeted species. In the last several years many have noticed an explosion of bass. Even more recently we have seen an especially increasing largemouth population.

Dave Neuswanger, Fisheries Team Leader of the WDNR in Hayward provided an outstandingly complete presentation to the Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners and the Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association on the relationship between walleyes and bass. A wide range of studies were considered, from diet investigations to recruitment analysis and laboratory research. The shocking news is that research shows that it is unlikely to have good fishing for self-sustaining populations of largemouth bass AND walleyes in the same lake.

Largemouth bass generally engulf their prey by literally sucking young fish out of the weeds by undirected burst suction, efficiently extracting young walleyes 2-6 inches long from vegetation where they generally congregate in early to mid summer. A large number of largemouth bass can essentially arrest walleye reproduction. Though not well documented by researchers, our local fishery managers believe that walleyes in sufficient numbers can eat enough young largemouths to maintain dominance. But once largemouths get the upper hand, the situation can be difficult to reverse.

Luckily, there is no evidence that fun-to-catch smallmouth bass have any negative impact on walleye populations. They do not compete significantly for food, they often co-occur in high numbers, and the two species rarely eat each other.

Importantly, it is now recognized that bass aren’t just bass. Largemouth bass and smallmouth bass are very different fish and must be managed differently. Ultimately, the WDNR may have to decide if a lake is to be managed as a walleye/smallmouth lake or a largemouth bass lake, depending on stakeholder preference and habitat characteristics unique to each lake. Strategies might include liberalizing harvest of largemouth bass while continuing to restrict harvest of smallmouth bass to maintain a quality fishery for both walleye and bass. Local DNR staff are working on such proposals currently.

In the meantime the property owners association and the resort association of Lake Chippewa Flowage encourage anglers to keep and eat largemouth bass over 14 inches (the current legal length for harvest). One of the purposes of the Big Chip Fish Fest, a celebration of selective harvest to preserve our fishing heritage, held on June 21, was to demonstrate how delicious largemouth bass and northern pike can be.

**WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF LAKES (WAL)** by Chris Jeffords

The following updates on recent legislative activity have been taken from the lake newsletter published monthly by the Wisconsin Association of Lakes. This newsletter contains the latest information on legislative efforts, conventions, public hearings and many other topics important to the protection of our lakes.

Go to: http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/ to learn more about these updates and to sign up for the free publication.

**Aquatic invasive species transport bill (AB 162 / SB 123)**

This bill offers some technical changes to improve upon the “illegal to transport” language that was passed in the supplemental budget bill in May of 2008. All aquatic plants and animals would be required to be removed from boats or any other equipment before it is transported on public highways. Enforcement authority is also broadened under the bill.

SB 123 has already passed the full Senate. The Assembly Natural Resources Committee held an Executive Session, and voted to send the bill forward to the full legislature for consideration. The bill was referred to the Assembly Rules committee, which must schedule the bill for a vote before the full Assembly.
Shoreland policy

On June 24, the DNR Natural Resource Board unanimously approved proposed changes to Wisconsin's shoreland zoning rule (NR 115), which contains statewide minimum standards for shoreland development in unincorporated areas. (see article below for more information). The rule will now go to the Legislature's natural resources committees. If they have no objections in 60 days, the rule will go into effect.

**Shoreland zoning rule (NR 115) advances**

*The Wisconsin Association of Lakes has been closely involved with this evolving rule package since revisions were first proposed. The content of the shoreland rule (NR 115) has been markedly advanced by our organization’s work over the last eight years, and most especially over the last several weeks.*

*Since the winter of 2007, WAL has been in continuing meetings and negotiations with key stakeholders to resolve difference over the proposed drafts of the rule. There are many aspects of the proposed rule—for example, the standard for mitigation was markedly strengthened—that have been strengthened as a result of WAL's work.*

*WAL's position has always been to seek standards for local shoreland regulations that respect both the property rights of lakefront owners and the natural habitat, scenic beauty, and water quality that drew us to lakes in the first place.*

*WAL is committed to the successful implementation of the new shoreland standards and engaging in further efforts to more fully protect and restore shoreland habitat for future generations.*

NR 115 sets a baseline of MINIMUM standards applicable across the state. Nothing in the proposed rule changes the core authority of counties and other local governments to establish more restrictive shoreland regulations for the lakes and streams within their boundaries. Many counties have already developed innovative approaches to manage unique local resources within their shoreland ordinances.

**Phosphorus in dishwashing detergent (AB 281)**

On June 26, the full Assembly passed AB 281, which will reduce one of the most common causes of phosphorus pollution: dishwashing detergent. Fifteen states have such laws in place already. The bill has been sent to the Senate, where it will be assigned to a committee.

**Mercury Products (AB 299 / SB 200)**

This proposal would regulate the sale of non-essential household products to which mercury has been added during formulation and manufacture including fever thermometers, manometers (instruments for measuring pressure), thermostats, instruments and measuring devices, switches and relays, and household items. Every lake in Wisconsin is currently under a mercury advisory. This bill has been referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Collages and Consumer Protection committee.

**Personal Floatation Devices (SB-162)**

This bill would require all persons 12 years old or younger to wear a personal floatation device, be in a cabin space, or below the deck, while the boat is in operation. The Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources held a public hearing May 28, and voted in Executive Session to send the bill forward to the full Senate for consideration. The bill may now be scheduled by the Senate Organization committee for a vote by the full Senate.
Independent DNR Secretary bill (AB 138 / SB 113)

This bill would restore authority to the DNR Natural Resource Board (NRB) to appoint the DNR Secretary. Currently, the Governor appoints the DNR Secretary. This bill has been referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Senate committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

Low water levels expose lake beds: property owners can prevent lake damage

A long term shortage of rain and snow fall in northern Wisconsin has caused low water levels and has exposed shorelines and wetland areas. These exposed shores play a vital role in providing habitat for fish and wildlife, and in maintaining the watersheds of the northland. Shoreland owners help can prevent inadvertent harm to these exposed areas by minimizing “clean up” activities.

Most of the exposed shoreline areas are below what is called the “ordinary high water mark,” which is the dividing line between private property and the publicly owned lakebed. Adjoining property owners get to enjoy the use of these exposed areas but also have the responsibility of ensuring their activities do not impact the public’s resource.

Most activities conducted on the exposed lake bed including beach grooming and cutting or chemically treating vegetation are regulated by the DNR, but there are a few activities that don’t require a permit.

Some minor vegetation management (except for wild rice) and some activities done by hand do not require permits from the DNR. Manual cutting and raking will be exempt from the permit requirement if the area of aquatic plant removal is no more than 30 feet along the shoreline and any piers, boat-lifts, swim rafts and other recreational and water use devices.

Also the following non-native invasive species may be removed by hand in an unlimited area without a permit: Phragmites, Eurasian water milfoil, curly leaf pondweed, and purple loosestrife. All plant fragments must be disposed of outside of a waterway or wetland.

Please share with a friend or neighbor!

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2009-2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

Name(s) ____________________________________________

Home Street Address ____________________________________________

Home Town, State & Zip ____________________________________________

Home Phone __________________________ Local Phone ____________________________

Email ____________________________________________

Local Area Address ____________________________________________

Local Area Town, State & Zip ____________________________________________

Please return this form and your $25 check to:

CFAPOA
PO Box 555
Hayward, WI 54843-0555

2009—10 membership = $25 per property

New members joining after May 1st will have full membership benefits until July 31, 2011.

☐ Please check this box if you’d like someone to contact you about volunteering.
EARTH DAY 2009 ON THE CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE
by John Kaiser

April 22, 2009 - Today we did a shoreline erosion project at the CC Bridge South landing on the Chippewa Flowage in honor of Earth Day. The WI DNR and the Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association co-hosted the project and we had a big group of kids from the Hayward Middle School come out to do the majority of the work. The CFAPOA volunteers cooked the lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and over 150 homemade cookies baked by Marlen Kaiser. DNR personnel including Neal Kephart (Chippewa Flowage Manager), Terriyl Buchman, (Private Lands Forester), and Dave Kafura (Shoreline Regulation Specialist) provided all the material and training for the project. Volunteers for the CFAPOA were Directors Denny Clagett, Terry Kinderman, Chris Jeffords, and John Kaiser. They were joined by CFAPOA members Darrell & Jean Weihert, Jay Weigen and Marlen Kaiser for the day’s exciting activities. The guys provided instructions and supervision while Marlen & Jean set up the lunch. A lot was accomplished as you can see by the pictures. We had great weather and the great feeling of a job well done!! Thanks to all the volunteers and the kids who we hope feel they did something special to help the earth.

Teenagers and adults making a difference on the Chippewa Flowage
CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE STORAGE RESERVOIR FORECAST FROM XCEL

Elevation as of June 16, 2009: 1311.93 ft.
Season of the Year: Summer 2009
Typical Summer Target Low Elevation: 1310.5 ft. (2.5 ft. drawdown)
2009 Projected Summer Low Elevation: 1310.0 ft. (3.0 ft. drawdown)

Comments

• Based on the current reservoir level, inflow rates, and the anticipated needs for water downstream, Xcel Energy intends to draw down the reservoir to elevation 1310.0 ft. (3 ft. drawdown) this summer. An extended period of below normal precipitation will likely continue to negatively impact inflows to the reservoir through the remainder of 2009.
• If above normal precipitation occurs during the summer months, the reservoir target elevation may be adjusted slightly upward depending on whether inflows into the reservoir increase.
• Current projections are to maintain reservoir elevations above 1311.5 ft. through the end of June, if inflows to the reservoir do not decrease below the required minimum discharge flow of 250 cfs from the dam. If electrical generation needs increase in June due to hot weather, unanticipated power plant outages, or if the current drought situation intensifies, additional water could be removed from the reservoir during June to increase generation at hydro plants downstream.
• Inflows to the reservoir are currently around 350 cfs, which are below normal for mid-June and below 2008 values. Inflows into the reservoir are expected to decrease considerably if precipitation remains at or below normal levels.
• The required minimum discharge (250 cfs) from the dam will be maintained at all times with increases in outflow at times during the summer season for downstream river flow augmentation.
• Xcel Energy will notify the public in the event that reservoir levels are anticipated to decrease below the 1310.0 ft. elevation.

2009 FISHING HAS NO BOUNDARIES EVENT

This was the organization's 22nd event on the Chippewa Flowage. Below is a reprint from their newsletter about the event.

A sunny but windy Friday started out with registration and a very impressive opening ceremonies. Members of the LCO AMVETS served as color guard, the LCO Drums performed and the Banner singers from Hayward High School sang the National Anthem. Fishing was good and many fish were registered. The Friday Night Fish Fry was as delicious as always. As in the past, members of the Hayward Lions came to cook this meal for us. Lions members Bill Moebs and Tom Mansfield dished up fresh popped popcorn all day. Entertainment was provided by the Dirt Jumpin’ DJ Josh Kuster with his music and Karaoke.

Saturday brought a visit from Jack Frost and we even saw some snowflakes. The Medical Team decided it was just too cold to go out, but everyone was invited to stay or come back for the big cook-out in the evening. A group from Marshfield came prepared with plans to play Bingo and had many donated prizes. Some stayed and others went to town or back to their places of lodging to play cards, watch TV or nap. There was a very good turn out for Larry Poppe’s great smoker roasted turkey and pork roasts and all the fixings.

Presentations of donations were made by the LCO Tribal Governing Board, Rock River Valley Volunteers, Kline’s Club 88 of Beloit, Devil Dogs of the Rock Marine Corp League, Beloit Wal-Mart and Blueberry Oasis Motorcycle Riders.

The four Armed Forces Veterans attending were honored and also the eight Participants who had attended 20 or more events. The Ray Larsen Memorial Award for the Guide of the Year was awarded to long time Volunteer, Art Malin of Stone Lake.

Prizes for the Guide’s Drawing were donated by SC Johnson & Sons, Inc./Johnson Outdoors of Racine, WI. The past several years there were representatives present to award the prizes themselves, but they were unable to come this year. The very lucky winners of a Sonar/GPS Fish Locator were Mark Kauffman of Sparta, WI and Rich Theder of Hayward. A third locator is being donated to the local chapter for the Fall Fund Raiser. Josh Kuster again provided the music for the evening entertainment.

Sunday was a beautiful day and fishing was extra good, to somewhat make up for the lost Saturday. After a quick lunch of home made subs, the Award Ceremonies began. First place winners were given medals, a special 1st place hat and a wooden fish plaque made by Jerry Schick of Brillion, WI. Second place winners got medals, a rod and reel and a $10 gift card. Third place winners got medals and a $10 gift card. The medals were donated by Ken and Judy Bonser of Couderay and the gift cards were donated by John West, Friendship, WI. An anonymous donor gave a special rod and reel to go to the Participant catching the biggest crappie and that was presented to Travis Gordon, Caledonia, MN.
ARE YOU PREPARED FOR WILDFIRE?
Helping Your Home Become “Firewise”

The article below is a reprint from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - DNR-FR-284 2006

Improving your home’s chance of surviving a wildfire can seem like an overwhelming task – one that you may feel is impossible to achieve. Not So! Research shows that flying embers (firebrands) and creeping surface fire are significant contributors to the loss of homes to wildfires…sometimes hours after the fire has passed. A critical factor in determining whether or not a home will survive a wildfire are features of the structures construction and the type, amount, and maintenance of vegetation surrounding the house.

Defensible space refers to the area between buildings and an oncoming wildfire where the fuels have been modified enough to reduce wildfire threat and to provide an area where firefighters can safely work to defend the structures. With enough fuel reduction in the defensible space, your home may even be able to survive a wildfire without firefighter assistance. To begin making your home and property “Firewise,” start with the buildings on you property and work you way outward following these guidelines:

Around your home or cabin:
- Clean needles, leaves, and branches off roofs and out of rain gutters. This kind of material ignites easily.
- Clean areas that tend to be natural traps for leaves and pine needles, such as on and under decks, off window ledges, and next to foundations.
- Ensure all eaves, vents, and other openings are covered with 1/8 in mesh screen.
- Choose non-flammable ground covers like brick and decorative stone instead of bark or wood chips.
- Use tempered, double-pane glass for windows and skylights instead of single pane glass.
- As a final check, take a stroll around your home, garage, and outbuildings. If you see a place where you would not feel comfortable lighting a match, throwing it down, and walking away, you still have some Firewise work to do.

30 feet around structures:
- Keep the grass cut short, well watered, and free of leaves, needles, and branches.
- Trees and shrubs in this area should be well spaced and preferably restricted to deciduous species (those with leaves). If you have evergreens (those with needles), keep them spaced with at least 15 feet between their branches.
- Look for potential “fuses” like wooden walkways, fences, and weedy gardens that reach from the woods to your buildings. Break these up with patios or green lawn.
- Keep flammables like lumber or firewood piles out of this area.
- Make sure your driveway is wide enough and has enough overhead clearance for a large fire engine.

30 to 100 feet around structures:
- Thin trees so that the branches are at least 10 feet apart.
- Prune limbs 6 to 10 feet up the trunk. This reduces the “ladder fuels” that would allow a fire to move from the ground, to the treetops, and from tree to tree.
- Keep dead and down trees, shrubs, and branches on the forest floor to a minimum.

FISHING & BOATING VIOLATIONS
Please remember, if you see something that you know or suspect is against the law or dangerous, please contact a local DNR warden. Our eyes and calls can assist them in making the Chippewa Flowage a safer and better place for all. All calls are kept confidential.

1-800-TIP-WDNR (847-9367)
Looking for ways YOU can make a difference?
Below are some volunteer jobs
where you can help the CFAPOA help the Chippewa Flowage.

☐ **Adopt-A-Shoreline Program**— 12 volunteers are needed to survey unassigned shorelines and remove purple loosestrife in August. Please contact Dennis Clagett (715-462-4814) for more information.

☐ **Annual Picnic/Meeting Equipment** — 6 volunteers are needed to help set-up tables and chairs and 6 volunteers are needed to take down table and chairs for this event. Please contact Nancy Ruhlow (715-945-2340) for more information.

☐ **Annual Picnic/Meeting Food**—3 volunteers are needed to assist with setting out the food and 3 volunteers are needed to remove the food for this event. Please contact Nancy Ruhlow (715-945-2340) for more information.

☐ **Annual Picnic/Meeting Desserts**—12 volunteers are needed to bring dessert items for this event. Please contact Nancy Ruhlow (715-945-2340) for more information.

☐ **Beetle Program** — 6 volunteers are needed to assist with the beetle rearing and release program that helps control the growth of purple loosestrife on the Flowage. Please contact Dennis Clagett (715-462-4814) for more information.

☐ **Clean Boat/Clean Water Program** — 4 volunteers are needed to help distribute information to local residents and visitors. Please contact Chris Jeffords (715-945-3085) for more information.

☐ **New Member Recruitment Program** — 6 volunteers are needed to help distribute and/or mail brochures about CFAPOA to local property owners and renters who don’t already belong. Please contact Nancy Ruhlow (715-945-2340) for more information.

☐ **New Member Welcome Program** — 1 volunteer is needed to assemble packets of information for distribution to new members. Please contact Nancy Ruhlow (715-945-2340) for more information.

☐ **Oxygen Monitoring Program** — 4 volunteers are needed to help take oxygen readings in different locations on the Flowage in the winter. Please contact Terry Kinderman (715-462-3733) for more information.

☐ **Oxygen Monitoring Program** — 1 volunteer is needed to organize and maintain data collected. Please contact Terry Kinderman (715-462-3733) for more information.

☐ **Shoreline Erosion Control**— Volunteers may be needed to help stabilize eroding banks. Please contact Terry Moe (715-462-3033) for more information.

If you’d prefer to email the committee chair, email addresses are located in your CFAPOA Directory or email them at cfapoa@yahoo.com.

**All volunteers welcome.**
*Please feel free to volunteer for as many committees as you’d like.*
MEMBERSHIP
Our 2008-09 membership is now 380. New and returning members are always welcome. An application is located on page 11 and it can be found online at www.cfapoa.org also. Just click on “JOIN.” Anyone who owns property within 2 miles of the Chippewa Flowage is eligible to join. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us if they’re eligible and are not current members.

2009-10 BOARD OPENINGS
5 Board positions are up for election at our Annual Meeting in August. The 4 directorships are currently held by Diane Collins, Donna Gilbertson, Terry Kinderman, and Marl Reeder. The secretary’s position is currently held by Barb Schweig. A slate of nominations will be presented by the current Board of Directors to fill these openings. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact any current Board member as soon as possible. Nominations will be accepted and voted on at the Annual Meeting.

CONDOLENCES
We extend our sincere sympathies to member Gail Michalsen on the passing of her husband Bill on May 22nd. They have been long time property owners on the Chippewa Flowage (Sandy Point Road) and long time members of CFAPOA.

WINTER NEWSLETTER CORRECTION
Page 7 — Reservoir Forecast from Xcel ... Should have read “Typical Spring Full Level: 1313.0 ft.

BEST WISHES
Best wishes to Paul and Dolores Freund on their June 22nd wedding. Paul has been a CFAPOA member and owned a home on Sandy Point Road for many years. He and Dolores now enjoy this area together as much as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS
And, job well done to CFAPOA members Jim and Jane Montag, on their successful completion of the EMT Basic Class. They were required to show proficiency in all areas of patient care and ride along on ambulance runs. Thanks for being ready and willing to help us!

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MEMORIALS
CFAPOA respectfully accepts donations in the name of members and friends of the Chippewa Flowage. To make a donation, just send your check and the person’s name and address to us. The family will be notified of your donation. Current donations will be used for CFAPOA conservation projects, unless specified differently by you.

REMEMBER:
2009—2010
CFAPOA DUES ARE DUE AUGUST 2ND
8/2/09  Annual Meeting & Picnic at Deer Run Resort
8/6/09  CFAPOA Board Meeting — 7 pm at Town of Hunter Hall
9/3/09  CFAPOA Board Meeting — 7 pm at Town of Hunter Hall
10/1/09 CFAPOA Board Meeting — 7 pm at Town of Hunter Hall
11/5/09 CFAPOA Board Meeting — 4 pm at Town of Hunter Hall