

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Established 1983

F A L L 2 0 1 0 N E W S L E T T E R

FROM DOUG KURTZWEIL, CHAIR

First week of October, perhaps last week of summer, greetings from the shore of your Chippewa Flowage. Blue skies, orange and red and golden leaves, gentle breezes, temps in the 70s — oh my gosh — summer was never more beautiful! As every year, too many different things to do and so little time to get them done. But, I am pausing for a bit every once in a while to just — take a breath, look around, and, soak it all in. I hope you are too. It IS the best time of the year.

Is everything great? Coming up roses? Don't I wish! The challenge we currently face is the biggest since the creation of the Flowage. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has been managing the best self-sustaining walleye fishery in northwest Wisconsin's history INTO a high density, low quality, largemouth bass pond! Now, I can't say why — indolence, ignorance, arrogance, bad intents, or just a lack of common sense — but the scientific results should convince even the non-fisherpersons. A portion of my remarks to the Natural Resources Board are printed inside. The Chairman's suggestion was that we work with DNR fisheries staff. We've been doing that for decades! It seems as if the Madison fish czar forgot to tell them that I first broached this matter with him, personally, over 5 years ago at the Lakes Convention in Green Bay.

We have held back for years to give our local DNR biologists a chance to work through the 'system.' But the 'system' was prostituted and bastardized by a former Governor back in the mid 1990s. In a power grab at 11:45PM the 'switch' to appoint the Secretary of the DNR was slid into a budget bill. Natural resource management, and the hunters and fishers of Wisconsin have suffered ever since — and — it keeps getting worse. These politically appointed heads of Bureaus postulate that we are too stupid to tell the difference between a smallmouth bass and a largemouth bass. It seems they believe all of us are as clueless as they are. If you can see, OR feel, OR smell, you can tell the difference—and, if you're not sure, just throw it back!

They want regulations the SAME everywhere! They try to ignore the reality that every body of water is different, unique. Sure, some are similar; but, ours IS SPECIAL in so many ways that it should be a 'no-brainer' that special regulations would be the norm — as they have been for well over 50 years.

So, are we, the members of the CFAPOA, as significant active partners in the Chippewa Flowage community, special? Unique? Fortunate? Blessed? Elite, even? You bet we are!! And darn proud of it! Proud of what we have accomplished, and, ready and willing to do whatever we must to restore some common sense to the fishery management activities of our 'public servants'!

I do wish you all a blessed and joy filled holiday season. I hope to see many of you at the Christmas party. I plan to behave this year.

And as always, questions or comments or concerns, please do not hesitate. This is YOUR Flowage. This is your CFAPOA. "I'm only in it for the beer."

2010 — 2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2010-11 CFAPOA dues (\$25) were due August 1st. If you haven't paid yet, **NOW** is the time. Checks should be made payable to CFAPOA and sent to us at:

PO Box 555
Hayward, WI 54843-0555

*To be included in the 2010-11 directory and to continue receiving newsletters,
your dues must be received by November 1st.*

2010 ANNUAL MEETING/PICNIC

by Donna Gilbertson

It just keeps getting better!!! Over 200 members and guests attended the CFAPOA 27th Annual Meeting/Picnic at Deer Run Resort. Registration began at 11:15 and at noon, Doug Kurtzweil (chair) welcomed the group, starting the annual meeting. After the business meeting and election of new board members, Jim Montag gave an informative presentation on our new Clean Boats-Clean Waters Program and Dennis Clagett reviewed invasive species materials and Loosestrife Patrol directions.

After our picnic dinner, the raffle prizes were drawn and the cash raffle prizes were awarded. Please see the pictures of 3 of our happy winners below.

\$70.00 in cash was collected for both the Hayward Community Food Shelf (HCFS) and Northwoods Humane Society (NHS). HCFS also received 42 pounds of food and NHS was given bleach, paper towels, dog and cat food and treats . Wholehearted thanks were sent from those organizations for the continued generosity of our members.

Many thanks to our hosts Denny and Ruth Aaron for providing us such a nice facility and organizing the food and beverages. Below please find the lists of the raffle donors, set-up workers, grill masters, and sweetest of all, the dessert team. If we accidentally omitted anyone, our apologies; and sincere thanks to all who helped make this event a success

DESSERT CONTRIBUTORS: Jim & Carolyn Berg, Ron Bergman, Barb Clagett, Jackie Eckerly, Kathy Eppers, Donna Gilbertson, Mary Haas, MaryLou Hosler, Nancy Johnson, Holly Kaiser, Marlen Kaiser, Jane Klimcke, Suzanne Lang, Donna Lessard, Mike & Dori McCastland, Mary Mannigal, Nancy Martinka, Eleanor Nauseda, Marl Reeder, Joan Schieffer, Ellie Siedel, Marcia Suchy, Jean Weihart, & Sheri Woroby

CAR PARKERS: Whitey Gilbertson, Jack Reeder, & George Sipes

COOKS: George Griesmer, Jim Naylor, & Jack Schlipper

SERVERS: Mary Haas, Judy Brodsky, Barb Clagett & Carmen Sipes

RAFFLE DONORS: Darwin Berry, Chief Lake Lodge, Deer Foot Resort, Deer Run Resort, Jenk's Bait, Johnson's Resort, Ron and Jane Klimcke, Pat's Landing, R & R Bayview, Schultz's Restaurant, Treeland's Resorts, & The Landing



Donna gives Carmen Sipes a little extra potato salad.

A HUGE "Thank You!" to all who took the time and effort to clean the site after all was done— while you remain largely unknown, you are not unappreciated!!

And the winners are ...



Nancy Ruhlow celebrates winning a \$500 gift certificate to Hayward Home Center.



Judy Brodsky & Barb Salomon with big smiles after winning the cash raffles.

CFAPOA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2010 - Deer Run Resort

OPENING & INTRODUCTIONS: Chair Doug Kurtzweil called the meeting to order at 11:05 pm. with approximately 200 members and guests present. Doug introduced the CFAPOA officers and directors.

MINUTES: Gerry Brodsky moved and John Kaiser seconded the approval of the August 2, 2009 CFAPOA Annual Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Dianne Wilke asked if the money in the certificates of deposit has been earmarked for any projects. Doug Kurtzweil explained that these funds have been collected over many years beginning with selling the *Spirit of the Eagle* prints to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Chippewa Flowage. Additional money has been added over the year through other fund raisers and, of course, the interest from these funds. Every few years, the general membership has discussed different options for these funds but has always decided to "let it ride" until an appropriate project is found. Dianne then asked how much money was raised by the Big Chip Fish Fest (BCFF) and why it wasn't listed on the Financial Report. Doug explained that approximately \$11,000 had been raised by this recent event but final figures were still being developed. He then explained that the BCFF is jointly sponsored by the CFAPOA and LCFRA (Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association) and is a separate entity from CFAPOA.

Dave Moss moved and Jackie Eckerly seconded the acceptance of the 2009-2010 Financial Report as presented. Motion passed.

501(c)(3) STATUS ANNOUNCEMENT: Doug announced that 501(c)(3) status for CFAPOA has been received after more than a year of investigation followed by another year of the application process. This new status will allow CFAPOA to be exempt from federal taxes, possibly be exempt from state taxes, permit us to apply for numerous state and federal grants, and may provide tax benefits to some donors and/or members for donation made to CFAPOA. More information will be forthcoming in our newsletter over the next year.

ELECTIONS: Doug explained that a special committee of the Board has been working with potential candidates to fill the open positions on the Board. At least one member of the committee has met with each person to explain the expectations, duties, and time commitments of being on the Board. Each candidate has also been asked if he/she would sign a Conflict of Interest statement as required by our new 501(c)(3) IRS status. And, each candidate has received the recommendation of the Board.

For the office of secretary, an annually elected position, the Nominating Committee and the Board slated Jackie Eckerly. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Gerry Brodsky moved and Dianne Wilke seconded that nominations be closed. Jackie was unanimously elected secretary for 2010-11.

For the 3 year directorship openings, the Nominating Committee and the Board slated John Kaiser, Chris Jeffords, and Kris Treland-Neuman and for the 2 year, they slated Steve Kelsey. There was a 1 year term without a nominee. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Gerry Brodsky moved and Marl Reeder seconded that nominations be closed. All were elected unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Larry Kirby invited everyone to join the Wisconsin Waterfall Association. He briefly described its purpose and asked that those interested contact him for more information.

ADJOURNMENT: Gerry Brodsky moved and June Kucia seconded the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Schweig, Secretary



COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS (CBCW)

by Jim Montag

The minimum penalty is \$200.50 for failure to remove all aquatic plants or aquatic animals attached to any vehicle or drain all water from any boat, trailer or other equipment or gear immediately after their removal from the water bank or shore and before leaving a boat launch area or associated parking area.

**Our CBCW inspectors
noted 30 violations ... so far.**

The minimum penalty is \$169.00 for launching or placing a vehicle, boat, boat trailer, equipment or gear of any type into waters of the state, which has an aquatic plant or aquatic animal attached.

**Our CBCW inspectors
noted 91 violations ... so far.**

Our CBCW program is making a difference. As of 9-30-2010, our CBCW inspectors have made 976 contacts. 272 groups disposed of their bait in the garbage at the landings, eliminating the possibility of spreading invasive species. 444 groups learned that all water must be drained from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells and bait containers before leaving the water access. Boaters were informed of the "Slow No Wake" laws. The list goes on....

CBCW inspectors have put in 288 hours monitoring our boat landings. Our surveys show that people would prefer to learn about aquatic invasive species (AIS) in person at the boat landings. This means that people are most receptive and want to learn how they can prevent the spread of AIS when it is most relevant to them ... when they are at the landing. We must be diligent and continue to educate, inform and lead by example. Our CBCW inspectors were at the landings this past weekend (10/1-10/3/2010) and we will continue to monitor landings this fall.

We can use your help! Please join your Clean Boats Clean Waters program. Our CBCW inspectors are now paid. Sponsored by your Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association (CFAPOA), our CBCW program offers training on how to identify AIS, how to inspect boats and equipment, and how to interact with the public.

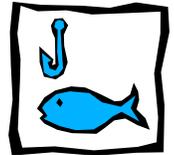
Controlling invasive species is difficult and costly, and eradicating them is often impossible. Preventing



invasive species from arriving in the first place is the best option. Please join us in our Clean Boats Clean Waters Program. Contact Jim Montag, CFAPOA Director and Clean Boats Clean Waters Coordinator 715-266-2990 or e-mail me (Jim@haywardoutfitters.com).

FISHERIES by John Kaiser

Please see page 7 for the complete story on the Walleye Restoration Project.



INVASIVE SPECIES by Dennis Clagett



The summer's tropical weather has created the classic good news/bad news situation for the Chippewa Flowage. The good news: the rivers and streams are flowing closer to normal ranges, raising the lake level. This increased flow from rivers and streams carrying tannins from swamps and wetlands has darkened the waters of the eastern Chip. Consequently, we are seeing a decrease in the amount of Eurasian water milfoil.

Now for the bad news: the early spring precipitated a banner year for purple loosestrife. The higher water levels have helped germinate seeds from previous years. If conditions are right, seeds remain viable for up to ten years. The early spring also allowed new plants to mature, flower, and spread to new areas in one season.

While evidence of beetle damage has been reported in almost all surveyed locations, a number of volunteers have expressed dismay at seeing a second and third round of flowers to be picked. This phenomenon has also been reported statewide. Brock Woods, the Purple Loosestrife Control Coordinator for the DNR and University of Wisconsin-Extension, has stated that "new plants this year could have sidestepped biocontrol by beetles in May and June by germinating later. Flooding in June and July may also have decimated some beetle control populations, reducing their effectiveness on all loosestrife, both now and in the future." It is important that we renew our appeal for property

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INVASIVE SPECIES — continued

owners and volunteers to continue efforts to help protect our shoreline and wetlands from this prolific invader. Barb and I will continue to raise beetles for next spring's biocontrol program. This year we placed 36 pots containing beetles. Due to the movement of many bogs, some of our pots have gone astray. If you see any of them, or stakes with spray painted green tips, please pick them up.

I have not received all the survey reports, but a good estimate would be 250 to 300 thirty gallon trash bags of flower heads and plants removed from bogs and shorelines. This work is truly a labor of love! Thank you to all our volunteers, and especially to the new names on the list: Sue Baron, Marion Dier, Lynda Fish, Whitey Gilbertson, Gary and Mary Lou Hosler, Roger and Kathy Kisch, Rick Marks, Kay Moe, Steve Richardson, Kay Ryan, and Karen Terry. The full list of names and corresponding adopted sections appear elsewhere in this newsletter. I respect your perseverance and dedication to the Adopt-A-Shoreline program.

MEMBERSHIP by Carolyn Fritsch

Over 300 members have paid their dues for the 2010-11 CFAPOA year. That's the good news! The bad news is that nearly 100 members have not yet paid their dues, which were due on August 1st.

In order to remain a member, receive the quarterly newsletters and be listed in the CFAPOA Membership Directory, dues must be received by November 1st. Annual dues are \$25, and your check should be sent to: PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843-0555.

If you have moved, changed your e-mail or telephone, etc. within the last year, please notify us without delay. Your help is needed to maintain a current membership listing and complete our 2010-11 Membership Directory.

Please welcome the following CFAPOA new members:

Jerry Aughenbaugh Conger Road
 John & Mary Ann Soleim ... North River Road
 Jim Stortzum Indian Trails

WELCOME!

SOCIAL by Donna Gilbertson

 The **16th Annual Spring Fling** was celebrated on June 12th at Treeland's Resort! A near capacity crowd of 72 members and their guests were able to attend this year's event and were treated to a sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and pizza buffet. A welcome from our president, Doug Kurtzweil, and an invitation to the Big Chip Fish Fest (The Landing, June 20) by John Kaiser opened the festivities. Renewal of old friendships and introductions to new members along with interesting conversation were followed by a cash raffle and many wonderful raffle prizes.

There were 2 cash winners of \$47 each and 42 other raffle prizes. Thanks to the following members who donated raffle prizes to the Spring Fling this year: CFAPOA (gift certificates to The Landing, Deerfoot, Deer Run, Treeland's, RayJay's, R & R Bayview, Schultz's Restaurant, Pat's Landing, Chief Lake Lodge, and Jenk's Bait Shop), Darwin & Verla Berry (hand carved standing bear with fish), Katie and Steve George (framed original water color), Larry & Deloris Gilmer (Loon plaque), Al & DeLores Hixson (4th of July pillow), Gary and Mary Lou Hosler (2 bottles of wine), John & Marlen Kaiser (homemade strawberry rhubarb pie and a sweet snack basket), Mike and Suzanne Lang (rain gauge), Ron & Eilly Seidel (handmade afghan), "Anonymous" (hurricane lamp), Treeland's Resorts (6 gift certificates to Treeland's Friday Night Fish Fry), Ray Jays (2 gift certificates), R& R Bayview (2 gift certificates), and Deer Foot Lodge (\$20 certificate).

Members also donated dog and cat food, a bag of mixed dog/cat treats and toys and cash to the Northwoods Humane Society. Also, money was collected for the Hayward Community Food Shelf plus various canned and boxed groceries. Thank you for your generosity to our community.

Thanks to everyone who attended.

Make your reservation now, for the **18th Annual Holiday Party**, December 11, 2010. The invitation and information for this year's party are located on page 10 and we greatly encourage you to submit your RSVP right away to give Santa's Helpers an idea of how many guests to expect.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCIAL — continued

The CFAPOA extends an invitation to Ray Jay's Restaurant for an "Open House" mixer; featuring a cash bar and a wide variety of hors d'oeuvres served buffet style, at last year's cost of \$12.50 per person (\$9.95 + tax and tip). We hope to encourage more of you to take part in the festivities while getting better acquainted with other Association members.



Some traditions do not change, however!! We will be having 2 raffles this year. One will be a card raffle (one deck of cards - \$5 per card - with the possibility of a second deck if needed) and the other will be the usual ticket raffle for cash, gift certificates, and any door prizes donated by members. (Don't forget to bring a donation!! Last year, everyone left with something — oops! except Terry.)

Donations to the Hayward Community Food Shelf and the Humane Society will be accepted the night of the party.

Hope to see you there!

SHORELINE PROTECTION

by Donna Gilbertson

Please see pages 8 & 9 for the complete story on the Importance of Septic System Maintenance.



2010-11 COMMITTEES

Clean Boats, Clean Waters Committee

Jim Montag, Chair Chris Jeffords Jane Montag

Fisheries Committee

John Kaiser & Rick Marks, Co-Chairs
Steve Kelsey Terry Kinderman Terry Moe

Fund Raising Committee

Rick Marks, Chair John Kaiser

Invasive Species Committee

Dennis Clagett, Chair Barb Clagett

Membership/Recruitment Committee

Carolyn Fritsch, Chair Jackie Eckerly Patti Jeffords

Nominating Committee

Rick Marks, Chair Chris Jeffords John Kaiser

Shoreline Protection Committee

Donna Gilbertson, Chair Dennis Clagett

2010-11 COMMITTEES—continued

Adopt-A-Shoreline Volunteers

Dennis Clagett, Chair

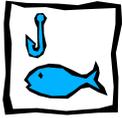
<u>Member</u>	<u>Section(s)</u>
Sue Baron	T
Ron & Jan Bergman	1
Dennis & Barb Clagett	M,P,Y,7,13,X
Tony DeJoode	T
Jim & Marion Dier	S
Karl & Kathleen Euler	U
Alan & Lynda Fish	17
Whitey & Donna Gilbertson	2,18
Larry Gilmer	10,14A,14B
Gary & Mary Lou Hosler	E1,E2
Chris & Patti Jeffords	4
Jerry & Nancy Johnson	6,9
John & Marlen Kaiser	11
Michael & Lisa Kemp	H
Terry Kinderman	O
Larry & Sharon Kirby	10,14A,14B
Roger & Kathy Kisch	W
Rick Marks	T
Tom & Laura Marquardt	12
Al & Nancy McElroy	J,O
Terry & Kay Moe	A
Jim & Jane Montag	R
Rick & Linda Olson	I,Z
Jack & Marl Reeder	5
Don & Sue Reinardy	E1,E2
Steve Richardson	W
Nancy Ruhlow	15,16
Paul & Kay Ryan	A
Barb Schweig	15,16
George & Carmen Sipes	3
Jack Sweeney	8
Dick & Karen Terry	Q
Terry & Debra Wall	D
Darrel & Jean Weihert	E1,E2

More committees will be announced in the next newsletter.

Please contact the appropriate committee chair if you're interested in getting involved.



A top notch fillet crew cleaned fish at the Big Chip Fish Fest on June 20th. See page 11 for more pictures and details about this event.



WALLEYE RESTORATION PROJECT

Report and photos by

John Kaiser, Co-chair Fisheries Committee

This Walleye Restoration Project for the Chippewa Flowage is a joint effort between the Big Chip Fish Fest, LCO Conservation Department, LCO Tribal Council, Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association, Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association and Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin. The CFAPOA, LCFRA, and Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin contributed \$9000 for minnows to raise walleyes at the LCO hatchery this year. In exchange for the minnows LCO conservation stocked their rearing ponds with walleye fry, raised the fish and captured and released them into the Chippewa Flowage in mid September. A total of 13,000 extended growth walleyes were stocked. The average size was 8.2", the largest measured was 9.7", the idea behind releasing extended growth walleyes is to reduce predation by other species because of their larger size. Another 4000+ extended growth walleyes will be purchased by the BCFF committee and will be released into the Flowage around mid October. Below is a story about capturing, counting, transporting and releasing the LCO raised Walleyes.

Today the LCO Conservation Department started netting their rearing ponds for the Walleyes they raised for us. I went and helped, it was very interesting and educational. The first process is to spread out with the 100' seine and pull it to the opposite shore.



There is a lot of skuzzy weed that has to be pulled off the fish before removing them.



They are then concentrated in the net and dipped out and transferred to buckets.



WOW!! Look at those beautiful walleyes!!

WALLEYE RESTORATION PROJECT (continued)

Transferring the little walleyes to buckets.



The bucket on the scale has ten pounds of water in it, the walleyes are poured out of the buckets from the pond into a net and then transferred to the bucket on the scale. The fish are counted by pounds, averages are calculated by counting each fish in several different buckets. The fish are then transferred to an oxygenated tank for transporting.



They measure lots of twenty-five walleyes and record the length of each one.

Of the twenty five counted here, 18 were over 8" and two over 9", I believe the smallest of the twenty five was 6 3/4". Keep in mind that these fish were hatched this spring. It sure proves the value of what a large quantity of premium food can do.



The walleyes are then transported by oxygenated tank in a truck to the release sight, this is at the "CC" South Landing, other sites will be Hay Creek, "CC" north, Lake Chippewa Campground, The Landing, and James Slough. Here LCO Fisheries biologist Paul Christel lets them



fly out the tube that is connected to the tank.

Boy, do they come flying out of the chute, we never lost a one and they dispersed quite rapidly!!



Here's a sample.

— SHORELINE PROTECTION — THE IMPORTANCE OF SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

by Donna Gilbertson

Oh Poo!! Many of us recently got a postcard from the State of Wisconsin reminding us to have our septic systems pumped; some complied right away, some had already met the once every 3 years recommendation and a some bragged they'd never had their system pumped! For many of our members, having come from areas with community sewer and water systems, this is a first encounter with self contained waste treatment. For that reason, we offer the following insights into managing your Septic Systems!



A Septic Tank is a large, watertight container, sized to fit the expected loading of wastewater. It is designed to hold wastewater while some treatment takes place. Three types of treatment happen while wastewater is being held in the Septic Tank. The first type of treatment is that some of the solids in the wastewater settle to the bottom of the tank by gravity and form a sludge blanket (sedimentation). The second type of treatment is that some solids float to the top of the tank and form a scum layer (floatation). In addition to these two physical processes, a third type of treatment, that of biological reactions, are also taking place. The biological reactions are mainly caused by microorganisms that can live without oxygen. This process is called anaerobic decomposition and results in some of the organic materials in the wastewater being broken down into simpler substances. Byproducts of anaerobic decomposition can be methane gas, hydrogen sulfide gas, and an absence of oxygen.

Septic Tanks are designed to accumulate sludge and scum, and it is essential that they be emptied periodically. As the sludge and scum accumulate, they lower the capacity of the tank to hold wastewater long enough for anaerobic decomposition to occur and the wastewater is not adequately treated. The frequency of pumping depends on the size of the tank and the loading to it. Typically, a single family residential Septic Tank should be pumped once every two to three years.

The wastewater that flows out of the Septic Tank is only partially treated and receives additional treatment as it is released and absorbed into the soil. **It is illegal for a Septic Tank to discharge directly to the land surface or into surface waters.**

There are four common types of soil absorption systems:

A. Trench System

Many absorption fields consist of a series of trenches. Each trench has a distribution pipe near the bottom surrounded by a bed of gravel. The wastewater flows by gravity through the distribution pipes and into the gravel bed. From the gravel it is absorbed into the soil.

B. Seepage Bed System

A seepage bed is similar to a trench system, except instead of trenches the distribution pipes are laid in a bed of gravel in a large square or rectangular area. The bed of gravel is covered with a one to three foot layer of soil. The wastewater seeps through the gravel and is absorbed into the soil.

C. Pit System

A pit system is also commonly called a drywell. It consists of a deep excavation with the sides of the excavation lined with blocks or some type of porous material. The wastewater seeps into the soil on the bottom or sides of the pit. Many of these systems are still in use in Wisconsin, but they are generally not as desirable as the other three types of systems. They are more likely to fail and they do not provide as much protection to groundwater.

D. Mound System

A mound system is the newest method of soil absorption. It consists of built-up areas of sandy material with the distribution pipes near the base of the mound. They allow septic systems to function on soils that are not suitable for the other three types of absorption systems. Mound systems require a pump to lift the wastewater from the Septic Tank to the distribution pipes in the mound.

When was your septic pumped last?

The Importance of Septic System Maintenance continued — Many of the septic systems on the Chippewa Flowage are old undersized systems that would not meet current standards. Many seasonal cabins and homes have been converted to year round use or have been expanded/remodeled to accommodate more people, but the septic systems have not been improved. If you live on lake or stream property you have a special responsibility to prevent pollutants from entering the water. An undersized septic system is stressed when the amount of household wastewater exceeds the systems capacity. The increased load on the septic system may cause contaminants to enter the lakes or streams. Under these conditions, suspended solids may also enter the drain field and clog drain lines, this can cause system failure and backups into the home.



Even a properly designed and installed septic system cannot treat wastewater if the system is not used and maintained properly. Here are a few tips:

1. Reduce household water use. Household water use directly controls how quickly waste travels through the septic system. Wastewater that enters the tank requires time to allow the solids to settle to the bottom. The higher the volume of water that is introduced to the system, the less opportunity the wastewater has to settle in the holding tank and the less opportunity the bacteria have to break down the solids. Therefore, limiting the use of water in the home will go far in prolonging the life of the system.

- ◆ Use water-saving showerheads and faucet aerators; limit showers to less than ten minutes.
- ◆ Install low-flow toilets.
- ◆ Repair leaking toilets and fixtures.
- ◆ Make sure sump pumps, roof drains, yard drainage and water softeners are not connected to the system or are not allowed to drain over the system.
- ◆ Space out time between laundry and dish loads.
- ◆ Have full loads with washing.

2. Watch what goes down the drain.

- ◆ Do not flush non-biodegradable material such as plastics, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins and applicators – they rapidly fill up the tanks and will clog the system.
- ◆ Restrict the use of your kitchen garbage disposal – it increases the amount of solids in the tank, making them slower to decompose.
- ◆ Do not pour grease or cooking oils down the sink drain because they solidify and clog the drain field.
- ◆ Don't allow paints, motor oil, pesticides, fertilizers or disinfectants to get into your system. They can pass directly through the system and contaminate groundwater; kill the microorganisms which decompose wastes; and can damage the soil in the drain field.
- ◆ Do not use caustic drain openers for a clogged drain. Instead use boiling water or a drain snake to free up clogs.
- ◆ Clean your toilet, sinks, shower and tubs with a mild detergent or baking soda.
- ◆ Do not use powdered detergents. These build up in the tank and are difficult to remove.

3. Protect your drain field. The drain field is an often overlooked aspect of the septic system, yet it is more important than the tank for proper operation of the entire system.

- ◆ Never park vehicles or place other large objects on the drain field, as this will compact soil and reduce its ability to treat wastewater. It may also damage the network of pipes within the field, causing them to need to be replaced.
- ◆ The area over the drain field should be left undisturbed, with only a mowed grass cover. Roots from nearby trees and shrubs may clog and damage pipe.
- ◆ Do not plan any building additions, pools, driveways, or other construction work near the septic tank, drain field, or the replacement drain field area.

Please help reduce pollutants in our water.



***You are cordially invited to attend the
18th Annual CFAPOA Holiday Party
Saturday, December 11th
at Ray Jay's on County B***



6:00 pm cocktails (cash bar) ~ 7:00 hot & cold appetizers

Party Buffet

<i>Jumbo chicken wings</i>	<i>Pizza</i>
<i>BBQ pulled pork sandwiches</i>	<i>Coleslaw & potato salad</i>
<i>Riblets</i>	<i>Assorted veggie tray</i>
<i>Nachos</i>	

\$12.50 per person charge includes tax & tip

Advance reservation, Please!!!

Reservation deadline — December 5th

Non-perishable donations for the Hayward Community Food Shelf and the Northwoods Humane Society will again be accepted at this event.

In advance, thank you.

This is a non-smoking party.

18th Annual CFAPOA Holiday Party Reservation Form

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

YES, I'm bringing a door prize!

Please return this form and your check for \$12.50/person made payable to CFAPOA by December 1st to:

*CFAPOA
PO Box 555
Hayward, WI 54843-0555*



2010 BIG CHIP FISH FEST

This year's BCFF, co-sponsored by CFAPOA and LCFRA, was held on June 20th at The Landing. Over \$11,000 was raised to help stock extended growth walleyes in the Flowage. An estimated 450 people attended, ate a delicious lunch, visited with friends and neighbors, and participated in numerous raffles and many different silent auctions. Thanks to everyone who made this event such a huge success!



130 rod & reel combinations were given to children 13 yrs and under.



Director Terry Kinderman helped fillet the catch.



Tiana Lozano, Dan Tyrolt and Jodi Jorczak with Jodi's niece Northern Pike



Local DJ Gary Hesel from WRLS kept the music going, gave information about what was happening at the event, and interviewed guests like Guide Ron Bergman and DNR Fisheries Tem Leader Dave Neuswanger about fishing on the Flowage. WHSM held the Art Malin Fishing Show live which included many interviews.



CFAPOA Director Dennis Clagett answered questions about different invasive species and explained our Purple Loosestrife Program.

Many volunteers were needed to run this event. A heartfelt thank you to each one of them for their hours of work!



Fishermen of all ages donated largemouth bass and northern pike to the event. Their catches were expertly filleted by volunteers and then cooked to perfection by Cheryl Treland and her assistant Connie Peterson.



Sue Reinardy, Bobbie Kinderman & Mary Lou Hosler welcomed guests at the registration table.



Gary Hosler & Don Reinardy served beverages.



Jane Montag sold raffle tickets.

REMARKS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

by CFAPOA Chair Doug Kurtzweil

Introduction

I am Douglas Kurtzweil. I am a native lifelong resident of rural Wisconsin. I grew up on a small family dairy farm in Marathon County and have lived and worked year-round in Sawyer County for the last 34 years. I have been hunting in Wisconsin for 50 years; fishing for 55. I am beginning my 8th year as Chair of the nearly 400 member Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association (CFAPOA).

Founded in 1983, the CFAPOA has continually sought and found new challenges to meet in pursuing its mission “to protect” the Chippewa Flowage experience not just for our members and neighbors, but, “for all peoples.” We have eagerly and consistently partnered and co-ventured efforts with other members of the Flowage community including, but not limited to, the Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association (LCFRA), the United States Forest Service (USFS), the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe (LCO), and Xcel Energy, as well as the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). The Chippewa Islands Project and the Purple Loosetrife Patrol are just 2 examples of our work that have been used as models for other lake communities.

The Chippewa Flowage is fairly well known. While being Wisconsin’s 3rd largest inland body of water, it is the 9th most heavily used in spite of being over 100 miles away from any significant population center. It is easily Wisconsin’s largest semi-wilderness water and Sawyer County’s only non-river ‘Legacy’ water. With a well deserved reputation for trophy muskies, slab crappies, and fabulous walleye fishing, it has been one of the big engines of Sawyer County’s tourism economy year after year. The conversion of ownership of most of the shoreline that occurred in the late 1980s has pretty much assured the basic aesthetic character of the Flowage will remain uncompromised. The miles of unspoiled shoreline, the eagle nests, the loons, herons, bears, furbearers, waterfowl...the list goes on and on. It is truly remarkable to have this huge, unique, high quality resource intact in this day and age!

While just about everyone who uses the Flowage appreciates and embraces the great semi-wilderness ‘amenities’, the overwhelming majority are drawn to the Flowage by the fishery. And the fish most of them seek is the walleye. Whether resident, tourist, or day-tripper, the most sought after catch is the walleye. The subsistence fisher, whether tribal or non-tribal, prefers the walleye. And, rightfully so. It makes sense. They’re easy to clean, they’re delicious, and the Flowage has of them.

The Challenge

In 1971, the walleye population was estimated at around 20/acre, one of the highest densities ever recorded in North America. In those days fall shocking surveys never found less than 30 young of the year (yoy) walleyes per mile surveyed. In boom years the rate exceeded 200/mile! These high densities resulted in poor growth rates so the Flowage was exempted from the minimum size limits in 1979. Population estimates from 1990 and 1999 are in the upper normal range of 5+/acre. During that decade fall surveys continued to yield an average of over 100 yoy/mile with 1998 and 1999 (2 years after the winterkill) exceeding 100 each. As the Fisheries Management Plan was being written in the summer of 2007, it was noted that 4 of the 5 poorest recruitments since 1990 had occurred between 2000 and 2006 including the lowest on record — 14/mile in 2004. In 2007 the fall surveys yielded less than 8/mile and 2008 less than 2/mile. The 2009 survey produced 1 fish TOTAL for nearly 30 miles surveyed. The greatest self-sustaining inland walleye fishery northwestern Wisconsin has ever seen is teetering on the brink!

Largemouth bass have always been present in the Chippewa Flowage, being less uncommon in the shallower western basin. You would catch one once in a while. That has changed rapidly in the last few years. The population has exploded! Current estimates run from 10 to 20 per acre, densities that are considered detrimental to a quality size structure even in a typical, historical largemouth bass fishery. The population is bottle-necked in the 9” to 13+” range. Scientific analysis shows the average 5 year old largemouth bass is only 11.3”. Subsequent growth rates are less than 1 inch per year. Current regulations virtually guarantee that before an over-abundant largemouth bass can be harvested from the Chippewa Flowage, it has been sexually mature for several years and very possibly is unsafe for our daughters and grandchildren to eat!

I am not contending that the largemouth bass are directly causing the impending crash of the walleye fishery. However, the different experiences of Nelson Lake and Big Sand Lake (both in Sawyer County) seem to indicate a super abundance of largemouth bass can both increase the cost and reduce the chances of success of a walleye restoration effort, exponentially!

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REMARKS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD — continued

Regulatory Relief

The current largemouth bass regulations were imposed on the Chippewa Flowage over 20 years ago with little, if any, scientific basis. Both the size limit and the season framework are arbitrary and capricious. There are bodies of water 10 miles north of the Flowage that are in the 'Southern Zone', right in Sawyer County!

Increasing numbers of members of Chippewa Flowage user groups have been trying to navigate the labyrinth of regulatory change for over 5 years. Now, WDNR personnel have invested many hours, days, sampling, analyzing, researching, reviewing, and compiling. They have assembled an array of compelling evidence to support their request for regulatory relief per NR 20.35 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. This request has the support of our local wardens and their supervisors. This request has the support of Regional Fisheries Supervisor Steve Avellement. This request has the support of Regional Director John Gozdziwski. This request was submitted to the Bureau of Fisheries Management Director in June. To date there has been no response.

On behalf of the Chippewa Flowage community I ask that you direct Secretary Frank to order Bureau Director Staggs to approve the request for regulatory relief per NR 20.35 at once. And, if the 2010 fall survey results yield less than the minimum sustainable fishery rate of 12/mile, I ask that the necessary procedures be implemented to open the 2011 harvest season for largemouth bass on the first Saturday of May.

Thank you.



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Please let us know if you've changed any of the following during the last year:

- √ *Address(es)*
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- √ *Email address(es)*

See page 15 for how to contact us with your new information. Thanks.

**CFAPOA
RECEIVES IRS STATUS CHANGE**

by Patti Jeffords, Treasurer

Our association has recently received status as a 501(c)(3) organization. After the CFAPOA Board voted in favor of seeking this status, our secretary (Barb Schweig) and treasurer (Patti Jeffords) began working on this process and spent from December 2008 to June 2010 gathering the pertinent information needed for the Internal Revenue Service to grant eligibility. Prior to the vote, the Board considered the pros and cons of this. We sought information from other area 501(c)(3) lake associations, had several speakers talk to us about the pros and cons, and received the support of the Wisconsin Association of Lakes before applying.

The benefits of having this status include CFAPOA exemption from federal income tax and eligibility to receive potentially tax-deductible charitable contributions depending on the donor's or members tax situation. All are advised to check with their tax advisor for applicability. It is also recognized and accepted for other purposes. For example: state officials may grant exemption from state income taxes and the U.S. Postal Service offers reduced rates to certain organizations. This status also helps in obtaining grants from the state and federal government entities, such as the DNR, because it assures that our association is a permitted beneficiary and a qualified lake association.

Now that we have obtained this 501(c)(3) status, we will be adding different levels of membership for payment of dues. A committee is currently working on this and we will be putting this information in the newsletter as it is developed. Since our inception, the Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association has continually grown and changed to meet the needs of our members and our purpose of preserving and protecting the lake and its surroundings. This is one more important step in insuring that we can continue to fund the efforts of preservation, conservation, and education of our Legacy Lake for the future.

REMINDER:

If you haven't paid your 2010-11 CFAPOA dues yet, this will be your last newsletter.

Please don't let that happen!

WISCONSIN LAKES

by Chris Jeffords

Recently, Wisconsin Lakes (Formerly Wisconsin Association of Lakes — WAL) revised their bylaws to include 3 key standing committees. Their names and description of objectives and activities are:

1. Membership and Fundraising - As the name implies this committee has a focus to increase membership and acquire funds to help sustain the organization for the long term. The recent legislative session successes to protect our lakes statewide have been well publicized, from the phosphorous fertilizer control to aquatic invasives transportation and many more. The need to keep protecting our lakes is continuous and WL is committed to this effort. A new pilot plan to increase individual membership is in the process of rolling out. Remember, WL usually takes on the lake protection issues that local associations and individuals don't for whatever reasons. Without the WL leadership, would we have the successes of last session? Probably not.

2. Regional Engagement & Outreach- This new committee will be organizing regional groups to help increase communication to and from each of the 6 regions in the state. 2 regions are now being piloted to help determine the best way forward in this effort. The main structure being piloted includes a key contact, approx. 10 - 15 team members, and unlimited number of pool members. Each level has distinct activities in which they will engage. A priority for all is to advocate for future key legislative activity as it develops either as local ordinances or statewide legislation.

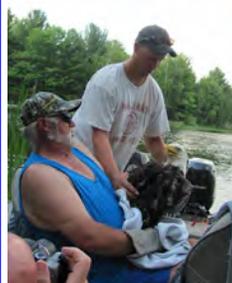
3. Advocacy and Public Policy- This new committee has 2 priority objectives.

(1) The first one is for the new legislative session 2011-2013 to develop platform issues that will continue to protect the lakes of Wisconsin and effectively communicate those issues to our constituency for support. Since the legislature may change after the November elections, a new list of priorities will need to be developed depending on that outcome. If you do not get the WL elake monthly emails, now would be a good time to sign up in order to stay updated on this important activity. Everyone can take an active role in supporting both the WL Platform Issues and Policies that will be published there. Sign up at www.wisconsinlakes.org.

(2) The second objective is to mobilize citizens to support local and statewide policy and legislative platform issues as they occur. In order to do this the regional groups will be utilized to support efforts via phones, emails and attending public hearings. Through the pilots, members are being recruited, educated, given support materials and then deployed to voice their support for key policies and legislation.

BALD EAGLE SAVED ON FLOWAGE

CFAPOA members Ron & Jan Bergman were enjoying a wonderful 4th of July this year on the Chippewa Flowage with their family, friends, and 6 dogs when their daughter Heidi spotted a bird struggling in the water nearby. As their boats carefully approached the bird, they figured out it was an eagle. With the help of others in their party, Ron cautiously caught the eagle in his musky net. The bird was exhausted from the struggle and was bleeding from both wings where some of its' feathers had been damaged. Ron put his sweatshirt over the bird and headed home. A call to the Sawyer County Sheriff's office yielded the telephone number for the Raptor Center in Minocqua. Since the Center was unable to drive to the eagle, the Bergman's put the eagle in a large cardboard box and took the eagle to them. Fortunately, no bones were broken. Following a week of recuperation at the Raptor Center, the eagle was returned to the Chippewa Flowage and released from the Bergman's backyard.



Thanks to the Bergman family and friends AND the Raptor Center for a job well done!

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CFAPOA BOARD CHANGE

In August, the CFAPOA Board also said goodbye to **Director Barb Czarnecki**. Barb served on the Board for almost 3 full years. She finished 11 months of a previous director's term (2007-08) and two years of her three year term (2008-2010). In addition to her many hours of meetings, she served on the Bylaw Committee, Policy Committee, and Big Chip Fish Fest Committee. She also assisted with the Recruitment Committee.

We thank her for giving so freely of her time, talents, and skills to our organization. Barb's energies and efforts have demonstrated her deep commitment to the Chippewa Flowage.

Thank you!

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October 2, 2010—April 25, 2011

Saturdays only
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CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2010 — 2011

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*2010 — 2011 membership = \$25 per property
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| 11/5/09 | CFAPOA Board Meeting — 7 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 12/3/09 | CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 12/11/09 | 18th Annual Holiday Party at Ray Jay's |
| 1/7/10 | CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |