

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Established 1983

S P R I N G 2 0 0 9 N E W S L E T T E R

FROM DOUG KURTZWEIL, CHAIR

Absolutely awesome April greetings from the shore of the Chippewa Flowage. First robin – March 16, earliest I can remember; first heron just over a week later; first kingfisher April 7. The snow is about gone and the ice is melting. Spring is here! The Flowage seems to have wintered well. The weather is great but a bit too dry. I'm looking forward to one of the best years ever.

Balance is important. A toddler must achieve balance in order to stand and then walk upright. Balance is necessary to ride a bicycle. All of our lives our moms, grandmothers, and doctors have stressed the importance of a balanced diet. Balancing our activities is also critical to our overall well-being. "All work and no play" can do a lot more harm than just making "Jack" a dull boy. There's balance-of-trade, balance of payments, and balance of nature.

When things get unbalanced, problems arise. Depending on what's out of balance, the result can be bankruptcy, obesity, insanity, or worse. Balance is vital to the integrity of a biotic ecosystem like our Chippewa Flowage as well. Enough nutrients to supply the food chain but not to choke it with algae and other plants. A balanced pH so those nutrients can be appropriately utilized. A balanced fish community so that every angler can pursue their dreams on the Flowage – whether it's to release a 50"+ muskie or bring home a meal of bluegills, or anything in between.

There are indications the make-up of the fishery is not as well balanced as it was a few years ago. While walleye fishing/catching has been very good, reproduction/recruitment rates seem to have collapsed. Be assured your CFAPOA is committed to continue to work with biologists, agencies, and all Chippewa Flowage stakeholders to retain and/or restore the type of balanced fishery we have all come to know and enjoy.

Here's to a safe and fun-filled season on your Chippewa Flowage.

THE BIG CHIP FISH FEST!*

A Celebration of Selective Harvest to Preserve our Fishing Heritage

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 2009

FISHING: 6:00 am to 4:00 pm

EATING: 11:00 am to ??

BIG MUSKY RESORT SHORELINE

Please come join the fun!

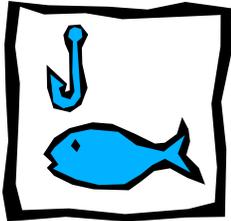


** originally announced as Double G's Hook 'Em & Cook 'Em*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISHERIES by Terry Kinderman

I am happy to report that the dissolved oxygen monitoring went very well this winter. Out of the twelve sites that we monitored, only two had low or somewhat low dissolved oxygen numbers. The data that we collected will be used by the fishery teams from the DNR and LCO as well as the Chippewa Reservoir Steering Committee. As an example, one of the sites we monitored was in the large basin between Birch Island and Sisco's. The water depth at full pool is approximately 22 feet. It was 16 feet 8 inches on 3/12/09 and monitoring showed that only the top 7 feet of water had enough dissolved oxygen for the fish (7 feet only had 1.18 parts per million). Here are two possible ways this data could be used: (1) to determine if more locations in this basin need to be monitored or (2) to discuss what might have happened if there had been a larger draw down (2 feet - 4 feet or 6 feet or more). As monitoring continues, the data collected each year will become a great resource for future decisions regarding the Chippewa Flowage.



I'd like to thank my monitoring team: Bill Janney, Dennis Clagett, Dan Harris and John Kaiser. I real big thank you to Roz Smith for putting the collected data into a spreadsheet format.

If you are interested in a complete report, please contact me at 715-462-3733.

As far as I know, the only change in this year's fishing regulations on the Chippewa Flowage is muskies now have a 50 inch size limit.

INVASIVE SPECIES by Dennis Clagett

Signs of spring abound and it is my hope that our association's purple loosestrife volunteers are willing to renew their efforts to control the purple nemesis.

I recently attended the annual Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL) convention, where I was asked to give a presentation on the CFAPOA's Adopt-A-Shoreline and loosestrife patrol programs. WAL's membership is comprised of over 450 lake organizations similar to ours, and there were many attendees interested in the details of how to establish and

maintain a volunteer loosestrife management program. They want to adopt our Adopt-A-Shoreline program! The most important point I emphasized was the need for a dedicated corps of volunteers. This is where the CFAPOA shines!

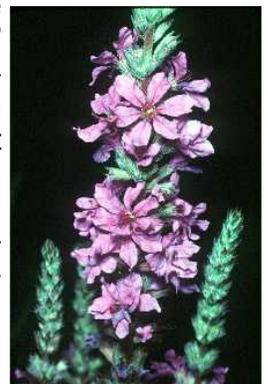
I am hoping I can count on our present volunteers to stick with their assigned shoreline sections. We are beginning to see progress in controlling the spread of this invasive plant, but the next area of focus will be to reduce its population. I plan to raise another crop of Galerucella beetles for continuing biological control efforts, but our volunteers with sharp shears are crucial for manual elimination of the flowering spikes and plants.

Now comes the bad news. There are a number of new invasives spreading throughout Wisconsin and other states. It would be wonderful if our property owners and volunteers would be on the lookout for Japanese Hops, Japanese Stilt Grass, Flowering Rush, European Marsh Thistle, European Frog-Bit, Hydrilla, and Water Chestnut. Here is a website with photos and instructions for dealing with these aquatic threats: <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/futureplants>. Being aware of these plants will help us stop their spread BEFORE they become permanent residents.

One problem area I am experiencing is keeping track of the information I receive from our volunteers. In the past, all the data was managed by Erik Olsen as part of the LCO sponsored grant program. The program has ended and has been transitioned to the sponsorship of CFAPOA. Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome! Please contact me at rclagett@centurytel.net, or at (715) 462-4814.

More information about invasive species on the Chippewa Flowage and the "Clean Boats — Clean Waters" statewide boat inspection program will be available at the Big Chip Fish Fest on June 21st at Big Musky Resort.

I look forward to seeing you on the purple patrol this summer. Thank you all for your interest and efforts.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEW MEMBERS by Nancy Ruhlow



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

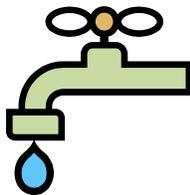
- Ron & Shari Liebly Buckley Rd
- Michael & Dori McCastland Summers Pt

And, the following returning members:

- Cal & Mo WoodCounty Rd B

SHORELINE PROTECTION

by Donna Gilbertson



At first glance your drinking water might not appear to have much to do with shoreline protection; but, the water table that maintains your lake may be the same one that provides your drinking water. A good time to check the quality of your potable water is in the spring when many of us are opening the cabin for another year of use. There are several tests that can help owners of private wells determine whether they have safe, clean drinking water. Periodic testing will confirm the quality of your well water. State well construction code requires that new wells be tested before use. You should consider testing anytime you notice a change in odor or taste.

A brochure, "Tests for Drinking Water from Private Wells" at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/forms/>

[dg023.pdf](#) will provide you with the information you need to know, a list of tests that may need to be performed and a list of testing facilities for the upper Northwestern counties. The DNR office in Spooner may also be helpful.

SOCIAL by Nancy Ruhlow

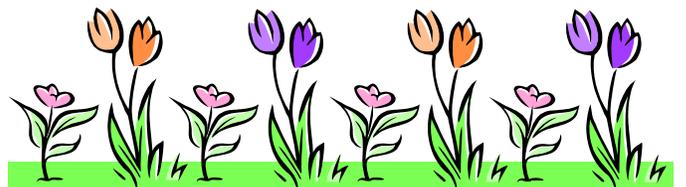
The 15th Annual Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, June 6th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Treeland Resorts off County Hwy B.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with fellow members of our organization. It's a time to get reacquainted as well as to meet our new members. There will again be a large table of those wonderful appetizers we've grown to expect. These will be covered by your \$7 reservation fee. There will also be a cash bar for your convenience.

After we've had an opportunity to "meet, greet, & eat," there'll be a few comments from the Board and then it's on to the raffle and door prizes.

We hope you'll be able to join us for this event. Reservations are due May 25th. The reservation form is located on page 11.

As always, donations of raffle items, door prizes, or items for the Northwoods Humane Society and the Hayward Community Food Shelf are appreciated.



HELP WANTED: This will be the 22nd year volunteers help give a very special experience to others who need a little extra assistance. If you're interested in volunteering for this year's Fishing Has No Boundaries event May 15th — 17th, please contact Pat Lindgren or William Annala via any of the methods below. In addition to volunteers to help with meals, fish cleaning, and many other things, they are always in need of more pontoons and boats and, of course, drivers who are familiar with the Flowage.

Address

Hayward FHNB P.O. Box 375 Hayward, WI 54843

Phone or Email

715-634-3185 or hayfhnb@cheqnet.net

Need more information?

<http://www.fhnbinc.org/chapters/hayward.htm>

BACK TO BALANCE CONVENTION REPORT

by Chris Jeffords

CFAPOA board members joined over 350 lake enthusiasts at the 31st annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Green Bay

The 2009 Wisconsin Lakes Convention was called *Back to Balance*, featuring an international symposium on aquatic invasive species (AIS). Experts from around North America gathered to discuss the research, management options, and educational ideas and needed policy changes to deal more effectively with this prevailing issue. The goal of the symposium was to share this knowledge with agency staff, lake citizens, businesses, elected officials, and others to help get our lakes “back to balance.”

Throughout the symposium, attendees examined the issue of aquatic invasive species (AIS) from a global perspective, to a state and local view, seeking out different techniques and new strategies for better controlling these aquatic hitchhikers. Some participants even identified effective elements of AIS prevention and control that they could bring back to their lake communities to bolster ongoing efforts. Dennis Clagett presented the newly established Chippewa Flowage “Adopt-a-Shore” program for helping to control the invasive plant Purple Loosestrife.

Workshops offered hands on training and discussion on many important lake topics including AIS, lake ecology, volunteer monitoring, lake district commissioner training, interpreting and using lake data, working with local partners for lake protection, and running a more effective lake group. Other speakers presented shorter sessions on a range of themes including AIS smart prevention, water law, global environmental changes, regional partnerships to protect lakes, citizen involvement, and the economic value of water.

More information as well as many of the documents presented can be downloaded at the UWSP website @ <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/conventions/2009/archive.asp>

15th Annual Spring Fling
 June 6th—Treeland’s Resort
 See pages 3 & 11 for details



LCO PROJECT UPDATE by Cindi Stiles

In August of 2007, the Lac Courte Oreille Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Tribal Conservation Department designed a project to identify cultural sites within the flowage, target the most critical natural habitat and culturally sensitive areas for shoreline protection, and develop a volunteer stewardship program of tribal and non-tribal community members to monitor eroding shoreline and assist in program efforts. The tribe consulted with a number of partners, including the CFAPOA. In December of 2007, Xcel Energy Corporation-Hydroelectric Department donated \$20,000 to assist in the first year of the program implementation. This grant was divided between the archaeological and conservation work.

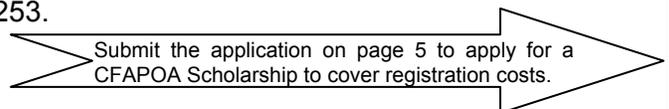
With the help of staff from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the archaeological survey began in the spring of 2008, amid curious ducks, geese, eagles, and fishermen. By fall, nine and a half shoreline miles and 250 acres were investigated. Thirty five sites were found, ranging from historic homesteads and family cemeteries to ancient campsites and burial grounds. Throughout the fall, shoreline conservation efforts resulted in 915 feet of log revetments placed along severely eroding shoreline areas. The log revetment technique was developed by the Tribal Conservation Department in 2006. Combined with willow plantings and the use of fabric (in steep, high bank areas), this method is recognized as the most efficient and cost effective way to stem shoreline erosion.

The archaeological and conservation crews plan to continue working in the flowage in 2009 and welcome volunteers. For more information, contact Jerry Smith, LCO Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at 715-634-8934, Brett McConnell, LCO Environmental Specialist at 715-634-0102 or Cindi Stiles, coordinator at 715-369-3248.

NORTHWEST WISCONSIN LAKES

CONFERENCE by Chris Jeffords

The 2009 Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference will again be held this year at Telemark Resort in Cable, WI. Topics this year include legislative updates, shoreline management, lake health and other issues focused on keeping our lakes healthy. Plan to attend this June 19 event by going to www.wisconsinlakes.org or calling WAL at 800-542-5253.



THE BIG CHIP FISH FEST!

A Celebration of Selective Harvest to Preserve our Fishing Heritage

by Barb Czarnecki

Never heard of it? It's the first ever family fun and fish festival to be held on Lake Chippewa coming on June 21, 2009.

Enjoy a select harvest straight from the lake of largemouth and northern cooked to perfection. Created by George Greenbank, Viet Nam Vet and award winning conservationist, this festival focuses on combining responsible use of natural resources and good old fashioned shore lunch fun for the family. It is sponsored jointly by the stewards of Lake Chippewa Flowage, the Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners and the Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association.

Come alone or bring your family to learn some fish species identification and methods of cleaning and cooking fish. Contribute your catch of qualifying fish, either largemouth bass 14-19" or northern pike under 32" or just come to learn and eat.

This fun is not free, but it is nearly free! Participation buttons are just \$3.00 for kids 12 and under and only \$5.00 for everybody else. *The first 125 children registered will receive a rod and reel combination and a goody bag filled with valuable gifts and coupons.*

General raffle tickets will be offered for lots of prizes and you need not be present to win. And every qualifying fish donated will receive a chance for the fisherman's special prize drawings.

Planning to come? You can purchase your participation buttons ahead of time and even purchase raffle tickets in advance at any full member of the Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association www.chippewaflowage.com starting May 2nd. Commemorative T shirts of this first time ever event will be available for only \$10.00. Order yours in advance to guarantee the correct size or for more information, call Barb at 715-462-3225 or e-mail at info@johnsonresort.com

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 21 2009

TIME: Fishing 6:00 am to 4:00 pm

EATING: 11:00 am to ??

PLACE: Big Musky Resort Shoreline

10211 W Big Musky Road

Hayward WI 54843



CFAPOA LAKES CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Name(s) _____

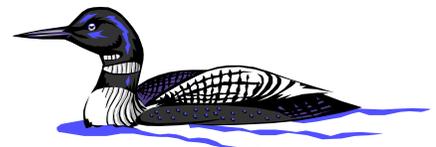
Home Street Address _____

Home Town, State & Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

_____ YES! I'm interested in attending the 2009 Northwest WI Lakes Convention at Telemark in Cable June 19th. *Scholarship application deadline: May 1, 2008.*
(Winners notified after May 1, 2008)

Return this form to: CFAPOA
PO Box 555
Hayward, WI 54843-0555



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.

Phosphorus lawn fertilizer bill passes Legislature

The Clean Lakes Bill (**AB 3**) has passed both houses of the legislature and awaits the Governor's signature to become law. Passage of this bill has made Wisconsin a national leader and a model for other states. The bill creates a statewide law regulating phosphorus in lawn fertilizer and will prohibit the display, sale, and use of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus, with certain reasonable exceptions. The Wisconsin Association of Lakes member lake associations, lake districts, and concerned citizens from across the state worked together to advance this bill, which is modeled after Dane County's existing and successful county ordinance. Nutrients like phosphorus — a common ingredient in lawn fertilizer — are degrading 90% of Wisconsin's inland lakes. Plants don't absorb more phosphorus than they can use, and excess phosphorus from lawns washes directly into our lakes and streams, causing smelly algae blooms, fish kills, and declining water quality.

Slow-no-wake bill passes Legislature!

A bill (**SB 12**) that will establish a statewide slow no wake zone for motorboats within 100 feet of a lake's shoreline awaits the Governor's signature to become law. This bill is a positive step forward to preserve water quality, prevent shoreline deterioration, and improve public safety for citizens who are fishing, swimming, and paddling on our shorelines. Boating too close to shorelines can contribute to shoreline erosion problems, reduce water clarity by stirring up lake bed sediments, release phosphorus — the nutrient responsible for algae blooms — from lake bed sediments, and harm fish habitat when propellers uproot shore land plants. A provision within the bill allows local boating ordinances to extend slow-no-wake zones farther away from the shore (for example, 200 feet as Dane County has done). Local boating ordinances may also specify slow-no-wake zones that are less than 100 feet from the shoreline. This provision recognizes that there are some locations where a more localized approach may be desirable to accommodate recreational use. An exemption is also included for water-skiers pick up and drop off zones.

Aquatic invasive species transport bill

The Legislature has introduced a bill (**SB 123** and companion bill **AB 162**) that would improve regulation of aquatic invasive species. 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. Current law prohibits "invasive species" from being transported on a highway. This bill would prohibit the transport of aquatic plants or animals on a vehicle of any kind on a public highway. This bill would prohibit the launch of watercraft (expanded to include any vehicle, seaplane, watercraft, or other object of any kind) with aquatic plants or animals attached. Authority for law enforcement officials is also broadened under this bill. This bill would give the Department of Natural Resources authority to respond to invasive species that are new to Wisconsin, or are an increasing threat to Wisconsin resources.

Independent DNR Secretary bill

A bill has been introduced (**AB 138**) that would have the appointment of the DNR Secretary decided by the Natural Resources Board rather than the Governor. The bill has broad bi-partisan support with 68 legislators signed on as co-sponsors. Many conservation groups, including the Wisconsin Association of Lakes support this initiative. Governor Doyle has publicly supported an Independent DNR Secretary both as Governor and as Attorney General, but has recently reversed his position in a March 3, 2009 letter to citizens. If this issue is important to you, we encourage you to contact the Governor's office with your opinion.



Working for clean, safe, healthy lakes for everyone

WAL continued

Wisconsin moves closer to state permits for ocean-going ships' ballast water

Led by the National Wildlife Federation, 25 fishing, environmental and conservation groups — including the Wisconsin Association of Lakes — have signed on to official comments supporting strong ballast water regulations by the Wisconsin DNR. March 2008, the DNR determined it has legal authority to regulate ballast water discharges under current law that implements the Federal Clean Water Act. The Federal Clean Water Act requires that anyone discharging “biological materials” (which can include aquatic invasive species and diseases) into Wisconsin waters have a discharge permit. The determination was made in response to a December 5, 2007 petition by 13 state, national and local conservation groups (including the Wisconsin Association of Lakes). In 2006, a Federal Court ruled that ballast water met the definition of “biological pollution”, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must begin regulating ballast water discharges from freighters under the Clean Water Act by Sept. 30, 2008. But EPA’s permit requirements developed in response, are insufficient to prevent aquatic invasive species from entering the Great Lakes (and eventually inland lakes), and weak Federal rules are not good enough to protect Wisconsin water quality standards. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is proposing a general permit for commercial vessels, which includes effluent discharge standards for ballast water. Both Michigan and Minnesota have issued state permits regulating ballast water discharges under independent state authority.

**TOWN OF HUNTER
2009 DUMP HOURS**

[<http://home.centurytel.net/huntertownship>]

Summer hours start May 2nd

Mondays & Wednesdays

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturdays

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Garbage Stickers can be purchased
At Hillman’s Grocery Store located on Cty Hwy B

(Please cut on dashed lines and post for future reference.)

**CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE STORAGE
RESERVOIR FORECAST FROM XCEL**

Elevation as of April 13, 2009: 1309.88 ft.

Season: Spring 2009 (April 1 – June 1)

Typical Winter Low Elevation: 1313.0 ft.

2009 Projected Spring Full Elevation Range: 1312.5 – 1313.0 ft.

Comments

- ◆ The extremely dry conditions that have been experienced over the past several years have continued somewhat through the winter months and into the spring in the upper portion of the Chippewa River watershed. The snowfall from this past winter was near normal, but the snowmelt did not yield much inflow from the tributary rivers and streams.
- ◆ Xcel Energy performed a minimal drawdown of 4.08 ft. (minimum elevation of 1308.92) this winter due to concerns with having to refill during the springtime months with the average snowpack and below normal river inflow. The previously targeted winter drawdown elevation of 1308.0 ft. was never reached due to concerns with refilling in the spring due to the recent trend toward below normal precipitation.
- ◆ Discharge from the dam will be maintained at or slightly above the minimum flow requirement (250 cfs) until the reservoir refills.
- ◆ Spring rains and any resulting river inflow to the reservoir are impossible to predict in advance. As such, the rate of refill or target elevations are also difficult, if not impossible, to predict with a high degree of accuracy.
- ◆ Xcel Energy will re-evaluate reservoir levels and discharge from the dam through the spring to refill the reservoir as much as rainfall and inflow dictates. Discharge from the dam will be readjusted as necessary during the spring period to try to refill the reservoir to the target level range.



CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE FISHERY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

by Dave Neuswanger
Fisheries Team Leader, Upper Chippewa Basin
Wisconsin DNR, Hayward

Thanks to strong local and statewide support, the 2009 muskellunge fishing season will open on May 23 with a 50-inch minimum length limit on the Big Chip, replacing the 45-inch length limit in effect the past several years. More changes will be needed to get 3-5% of Flowage muskies over 50 inches long, but this was a necessary first step. An updated fishing regulation sign will be posted at public boat landings and made available to resort owners via their association.

There will be no early "catch-and-release-only" season for muskellunge. A legislative initiative directed DNR to create such a season, with barbless hooks only; but there will be no such season in 2009. Unfavorable reaction to the proposal at the 2008 spring hearings of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress caused the legislative sponsor to consider withdrawing the directive in an upcoming session.

The general fishing opener will be Saturday, May 2. Similar to 2008, the size of walleyes caught by anglers should be better than usual, but we are increasingly concerned about numbers. Last year the Hayward Fish Team netted the east side of the Flowage late in the walleye spawning season and captured only 7 walleyes per fyke net – lower than usual. For the past several years, the number of small walleyes captured in fall electrofishing samples has been far below the long-term average. We believe the growing population of largemouth bass is related directly to decreased survival of young walleyes. Numerous studies show that largemouth bass are very effective predators on young walleyes 2-6 inches long. The same studies reveal that smallmouth bass are not.

DNR fishery biologists in northwestern Wisconsin are increasingly concerned about observed shifts in fish community dominance from walleyes to largemouth bass, even in historically excellent walleye waters like the Chippewa Flowage. If our hypothesis is correct, we should see even fewer walleyes in fyke nets on the west side of the Flowage this spring, and we should see lots of largemouth bass in electrofishing surveys there. Survey work begins the week of April 20. DNR buoys will mark the locations of fyke nets set to sample walleye, yellow perch, northern pike and muskellunge. Electrofishing surveys for bass and other species will occur in late May.

When all the data from spring 2008 (east side) and 2009 (west side) are summarized, we hope to have the evidence needed to justify liberalizing the harvest of largemouth bass in order to increase recruitment of young walleye. We hope to protect smallmouth bass in the process, because that highly valued fishery does not endanger the walleye fishery. But currently Wisconsin regulates the two bass species as one. We will need lots of support to break with tradition and manage the two bass species separately.

For 2009, we are encouraging Chippewa Flowage anglers to harvest legal-size largemouth bass (14 inches and longer) and to release all smallmouth bass voluntarily (even those over 14 inches long). We think we can have an excellent bass fishery without hurting walleyes, but only if that bass is smallmouth. Regardless of our beliefs, we strongly advise all anglers to abide by current laws. We have zero tolerance for wanton waste, so all sub-legal bass should be released unharmed immediately after being caught until we assemble the proof needed to liberalize harvest of largemouth bass.

We have similar concerns about the relationship between muskellunge and northern pike. In a major 2006 fyke netting survey, we captured three times as many muskellunge on the east side of the Flowage as on the west side. And we captured three times as many pike on the west side as on the east side. This probably was not a coincidence. We believe muskellunge and northern pike eat each other. The more adult northers there are, the lower the probability of survival of young muskellunge. Because local and statewide anglers rate muskellunge as far more important than pike on the Chippewa Flowage, we encourage harvest of northern pike up to the daily bag limit of 5. There is no length limit on pike. If you do not have a responsible and respectful use for northern pike, please return them alive and unharmed for someone else to harvest.

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FISHERY UPDATE continued

DNR has endorsed a major event being organized this summer called the Big Chip Fish Fest, where the selective harvest of largemouth bass and northern pike will be encouraged, and the fine eating qualities of these fish will be celebrated. We encourage everyone to participate and enjoy the event.

Fishing should be excellent for panfish on the Chippewa Flowage in 2009. Numbers of bluegill, black crappie, and yellow perch are up – yet another indicator of reduced abundance of walleyes, which are effective predators on all these species. Black crappies are particularly abundant in the 8-10 inch range, and thinning them through legal harvest (only 15 daily on the Flowage) may be desirable. Yellow perch are on the rise, and we would like to see that continue due to the importance of young perch as prey for young walleyes. So if you have a choice for a meal, please keep bluegill and crappie, and release yellow perch voluntarily.

Volunteers who wish to help make the Flowage a better place to fish will have opportunities to help with shoreline erosion control projects led by the LCO Conservation Department, and with deployment of perch spawning structures led by CFAPOA Fish Committee Co-Chairs John Kaiser and Terry Kindermann. Many thanks to those gentlemen and many other folks for working with us to achieve objectives of the Chippewa Flowage Fishery Management Plan.

CAMPING ON AN ISLAND by Barb Czarnecki

Visitors are invited to camp on 18 designated camping islands of the Chippewa Flowage. Make sure you are on these islands only. There is no charge to camp, and it is first come, first served. Please note leaving personal property, unattended, can't reserve islands. The D.N.R. may confiscate unattended property or property located on NON-camping islands. Recognize the rights and privileges of others using the same public lands and waters. If someone is actively camping on an island already, move on. Don't forget to keep your voices and music turned down; remember the unique acoustics of the lake. Be sure to take whatever you bring back with you. Never dump anything into the lake. Put litter in its proper place. Finally, don't destroy nature. Always keep campfires in the designed fire-rings. Of course it is not permissible to cut down trees and remember deadfalls are part of the natural habitat of the island. Please bring in your own firewood.



**CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE
2009-2010 Fishing Regulations**

**All Seasons Closed:
March 8 - May 1, 2009**

**General Fishing Season:
May 2 - November 30, 2009**

Walleye: Daily Bag 3 - No Minimum Size
Panfish: Daily Bag 25 - Only 15 may be Crappie
Bass: Catch-and-Release Only from
May 2 through June 19

NOTE: Anglers fishing for bass must use barbless hooks only (legislative mandate)

Northern Pike: Daily Bag 5 - No Minimum Size
NOTE: Anglers are encouraged to voluntarily harvest northern pike less than 28 inches long.

**Musky Fishing Season:
May 23 - November 30, 2009**

Muskellunge: Daily Bag 1 - Minimum Size 50"

**Bass Harvest Season:
June 20 - November 30, 2009**

Smallmouth Bass and Largemouth Bass Combined: Daily Bag 5 - Minimum Size 14"
NOTE: Anglers are encouraged to voluntarily harvest legal-size largemouth bass and to voluntarily release legal-size smallmouth bass.

**Winter Panfish Season:
December 1, 2009 - March 7, 2010**
No Fishing for Gamefish
Panfish: Daily Bag 15 - None may be Crappie

**All Seasons Closed:
March 8 – April 30, 2010**

Motor trolling is **NOT** permitted at any time.



*Provided by
Neal Kephart
Chippewa Flowage
Property Manager
Wisconsin
Department of
Natural Resources*

MEMBERSHIP

Our 2008-09 membership is now **381**. 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.

CONDOLENCES

The Northwoods lost an irreplaceable man today. Jim Garvey worked tirelessly in his retirement for the Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust serving as several different officer positions since the organizations inception. He was instrumental in helping in the Chip Islands Project as well as a donated piece of property on the south of Chief Lake.

NEW DNR WEBSITE

DNR representative Neal Kephart has informed us that they now have a DNR website dedicated just to the Chippewa Flowage. You can still find information about our flowage by going to the main DNR website OR you can go directly to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/chippewaflow/> for information. There's a good map of the Flowage there as well as links to other good information on the site. Check it out.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Here are 2 websites that can help you quickly find information about events, etc. in the Hayward area:
www.haywardareachamber.com
www.chippewaflowage.com

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**

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CONTACT INFORMATION

We're always interested in your opinions and comments. Contact us anytime at CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843-0555 OR cfapoa@yahoo.com OR www.cfapoa.org And, please remember to let us know of any change(s) in your addresses, phone numbers or email.

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.



Fertilizers that contain phosphorus promote weed growth in our lake.

Please use phosphorus free fertilizers only.

Thanks!

Please share with a friend or neighbor!

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

Name(s) _____

Home Street Address _____

Home Town, State & Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Local Phone _____

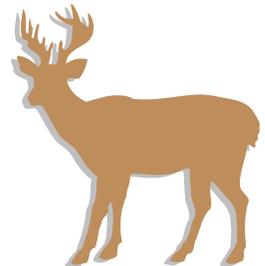
Email _____

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



2008—09 membership = \$25 per property New members joining after May 1st will have full membership benefits until July 31, 2010

* An application form is also available on our website: www.cfaipoa.org

15th ANNUAL SPRING FLING RESERVATION

Saturday, June 6, 2008 at Treeland Resort from 4:00 — 6:00 pm

(Reservation requested by May 25th, please)

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

\$7.00 per person (hors d'oeuvres only)

I (We) will bring and donate a raffle item: yes no

Donations for the Hayward Community Food Shelf & Northwoods Humane Society welcome.

Send your reservation and check payable to CFAPOA to:

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

Reservations are NOT refundable after May 25th



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Please mark your calendar

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| 5/7/09 | CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 6/4/09 | CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 6/6/09 | 15th Spring Fling at Treeland Resort |
| 6/21/09 | Big Chip Fish Fest at Big Musky Resort |
| 7/2/09 | CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 8/2/09 | Annual Meeting & Picnic at Deer Run Resort |