



Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association

W I N T E R 2 0 0 8 N E W S L E T T E R

FROM DOUG KURTZWEIL, CHAIR

Winter wonderland greetings from the snow covered shores of the Chippewa Flowage. Yes, that's right! Snow! Almost knee-deep (on me) as of New Years Day. Folks tell me the holiday week snowmobiling and skiing has been the best in 10 years. The lakes were pretty slushy at first but as the week went on, things firmed up quite nicely. Following the fall rains, the early snows may be another signal that the drought is over.

I believe your CFAPOA has continued to move forward during 2007 in its mission to protect the Flowage and your interests in it. It is you who make this possible. The dozens of you who "patrolled" for purple loosestrife and the many who have offered to help this year are prime examples of caring, committed members giving of themselves for the good of the Flowage. The input you provided in your survey responses is being used in the water level meetings as well as to "help" the WDNR "tweak" some parts of the Fishery Management proposal. Barb Schweig and the "Tech Team" as well as the people who plan and organize our various gatherings play huge roles in keeping your CFAPOA "together."

This year we will have at least a couple of opportunities to attain long term benefits for the fishery of the Chippewa Flowage. With your support and involvement, we will make them happen. Together.

Thanks.

WISCONSIN DNR SPRING FISH & WILDLIFE GAME RULES HEARINGS

by John Kaiser & Terry Kinderman

The Spring Fish & Wildlife Rules Hearing will be held in all Wisconsin counties on Monday April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to have your opinion heard and vote on proposed regulation changes at this time. The final agenda has not been set. A proposal is expected to be on the agenda to raise the minimum size limit on musky in the Chippewa Flowage to 50". A proposal is also expected to require musky anglers to use quick-set rigs only for live bait. This would be a statewide regulation. Our local DNR Fisheries Specialists, Dave Neuswanger and Frank Pratt, urge your support of both of these changes to assist in achieving goals set in the Management Plan for the Chippewa Flowage. For more information on the hearings and to view this year's questionnaire, go to: dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/congress/calendar

Click on spring hearings. To locate a Conservation Delegate in your area and to obtain up-to-date information or discuss issues, click on Delegates at the same website.



Plans to celebrate our 25th Anniversary as an association are progressing nicely. The committee has met many times already to prepare for this special event. Silent Auction baskets filled with everything from chocolates to fishing tackle to the makings for a fireside winter evening are being assembled for you. Games for young and old plus great food and music are in the works. Souvenirs and t-shirts plus 2 publications will be available for purchase. More details are on page 4 of this newsletter and more will follow in the next 2 newsletters. Please try to join us for this event. We think it'll be a fun time for all.

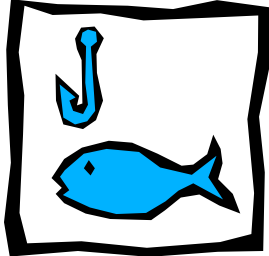
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISHERIES by John Kaiser & Terry Kinderman

Fish Surveys — Fish population monitoring took place on the Chippewa Flowage last fall for walleyes and black crappies. The WDNR has been electro fishing for young-of-the-year walleyes since 1983.



They have established an excellent data base. In 2007 they had the lowest rate ever – only 8 young walleyes per mile. If there is a bad year class, occasionally it's not a problem. But, there have been five low year classes since 1999. So, there is cause for concern. Some of the possible reasons for low year classes are weather, predation pressure, and a low perch hatch. Hopefully, we can help out by removing some of the predators and improving perch spawning habitat. It is suspected, but not yet confirmed, that an abundant population of largemouth bass may be a significant factor in declining walleye fingerling surveys. Our local DNR Fisheries Specialists will be lobbying to manage largemouth and smallmouth bass separately on the Chippewa Flowage and urge you to support this change.

They also did fyke netting for black crappies for the first time. It's understandable that they had mixed results. Some nets did well and others didn't. It may take years before they have the data to understand the movement and population of the crappie. They had an average of 10 fish per net, 5" and larger, of which 16% were 10" or larger. Also, there was a 3.8% young-of-the-year rate for all fish netted. To determine growth rates, they took scale samples. At this time the results are not back.

Early next spring they will be doing muskie and pike netting, and in early summer bass and bluegill electro fishing. This collection of data for pike, bass and bluegill will be the first ever on the "Chip."

Help Needed!!! - Perch are an essential forage for walleye pike. We have been asked by our local DNR Fisheries Specialists to assist this spring in identifying perch spawning sites on the "Big Chip." They will host a training session in very early spring to train volunteers how to identify perch spawn and locate sites on a map. Perch spawn shortly after

walleyes and one to two weeks after ice-out. Once these sites are located, we will be involved in upgrading and improving these sites with conifer trees for future spawning. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved and improve our fishery. We need many volunteers to be successful. Please contact Terry or John if you are interested.

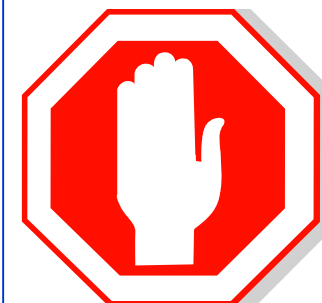
Correction — In the last CFAPOA Newsletter (Fall 2007), the website address to view the Fisheries Plan for the Chippewa Flowage contained an error. A period was left out. The correct address is: dnr.wi.gov/org/gmu/upchip

INVASIVE SPECIES by Dennis Clagett

2008 will be a year of media saturation regarding invasive species. My usual topic is Purple Loosestrife, but additional problems with other plants, creatures and viruses are on the way. One of these problems is viral hemorrhagic septicemia, or VHS, which first appeared in Wisconsin in May 2007. Beginning November 2, 2007, new emergency DNR rules took effect statewide. Taking live fish from any lakes or rivers is prohibited. The prohibition includes leftover baitfish, but excludes leeches or nightcrawlers. There is concern that bait could be exposed to VHS, if the water in which the bait is kept is changed during fishing. Not transferring potentially infected water or bait is one thing we can do to minimize the threat. Species that are the most susceptible to VHS are musky, walleye, bluegill, and yellow perch. Major fish kills have already been documented.

More information about VHS and the statewide requirements to help prevent its spread is available on the WI DNR website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/pages/vhs.html>

Remember that all boaters are now required to drain all water out of their boating and fishing equipment when leaving Wisconsin waters or entering Wisconsin from another state. No live fish or fish eggs can be moved from any water without a permit.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEW MEMBERS by Nancy Ruhlow

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

- Art & Rose BoelkeDream Catcher Rd
- Susan GrohsRiver Rd
- David & Joy StaberKelsey Lane
- John & Linda StoddartTwin Bay Rd
- Nick & Helen MangiaracinaKelsey Rd

WELCOME!

SHORELINE PROTECTION

by Donna Gilbertson

The Sawyer County Department of Lands and Waters is offering trees for sale again this year. Trees/shrubs come in packs of 10 for prices ranging from \$6.00 to \$15.00 for a mixed pack of 20 trees. Information on ordering and plant types can be found on the Sawyer County website <http://www.sawycountygov.org/CountyDepartments/LandWaterConservation/tabid/108/Default.aspx> where you can download the tree descriptions and an order form.



Orders and payment are due to the Sawyer County office by February 1, 2008.

The CFAPOA earned a mention in Wisconsin Trails Magazine, February, 2008, in the article "People Who Make a Difference". Our efforts in the Islands Project led to attempts to finance the purchase of Moonshine Island within the Chippewa Flowage; to prevent private resort development of an area historically important to the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe. The Trust for Public Lands responded to our efforts and negotiated a \$650,000 purchase price for Moonshine Island by the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe. Thanks to one and all who were a part of this project.

SOCIAL by Donna Gilbertson

The members of the CFAPOA and their guests celebrated the beginning of the Holiday Season at "DC's on CC", December 6, 2007. Dianne Collins and staff prepared a wide assortment of delicious appe-

tizers and entrees that were enjoyed by 61 people. Following dinner, door prizes provided by Treeland Resorts (built by Bill Meiser), John and Marlen Kaiser, and Carmen Sipes were given. Then a spirited gift exchange completed the evening. Donations to NHS (Northwoods Humane Society) were 42 lbs dog food, 8 lbs kitten food, 2 rolls paper towels, bag of dog treats, and \$20 cash. Donations for HCFS (Hayward Community Food Shelf) were 65 lbs food and \$10 cash. Thank you to all who were involved in the planning, execution and attendance of the event.



A reminder to ALL members of the CFAPOA and their families: Please remember to submit your recipes to Dianne Wilke as soon as possible. (See page 13 for address/website of CFAPOA.)

WATER QUALITY by Chris Jeffords

Sampling at the 24 sites on the flowage throughout the spring, summer and fall was completed in September. For those of you not familiar with this program, all these sites have been sampled every 2 weeks from May to September for Chlorophyll A, phosphorous and water clarity as measured via secchi disc. Graphed results should be available by the spring issue and efforts are being made to make the last 3 years of data (in addition to a map of the sites) available in color. Sampling for 2008 will likely be curtailed due to budgetary constraints of the grant, but a good baseline of data has been developed. These charts can now be used to determine any significant changes in the future.



www.cfapoa.org

Go on, check it out.

It's free!



WATER LEVEL by Doug Kurtzweil

The designated representatives of the recognized stakeholder groups on the Chippewa Flowage have met twice so far. The reps are calling our gathering the Chippewa Reservoir Steering Committee. (I would have called it something else.) I help set up the meetings; Dave Neuswanger—WDNR, and Rob Olson—Xcel Energy, are taking notes.

Our organizational meeting occurred on 10-9-07. We spent a little time getting to know each other and then were able to agree on the identification of several major concerns. Among them: high water levels causing or increasing problems with erosion on mainland lots, compromising spawning habitats and threatening archaeological sites; low water levels negatively impacting recreational use—both personal and commercial; threats to the fishery compounded by significant winter drawdowns (reduced dissolved oxygen levels leading to winter kill—cir. 1996-97); and possible drawdowns for weed control.

We met again on 12-5-07 for over 4 1/2 hours. As the discussion began to deal with specifics it soon became obvious that any strategy will have positives, negatives, and very likely, unintended consequences. One example—the weed people believe a larger than normal winter drawdown may reduce the amount of Eurasian water milfoil. Some fish people think this kind of drawdown might enhance walleye spawning habitat and negatively affect largemouth bass habitat. Xcel is concerned about having adequate inflow to fill the Flowage by opening day. The LCO reps and I are worried about the greatly increased chance of a major fish kill. (At this time, I will not go along with any increase in winter drawdown until the Tyner Aerator is operational.)

It's kind of like a mobile; change the weight or location of one small piece and the place and position of everything changes. Large numbers of different plants, animals, fish, and people are all functioning in their micro-systems and together make up the larger bio-system we call the Chippewa Flowage. Even minor adjustments can quickly resemble a high-wire act with no safety net in sight.

We are meeting again in February. I believe the DNR is monitoring dissolved oxygen levels. While the early snows have provided much-needed moisture and recreational opportunities, I'm getting a little uneasy. The tone and tenor of the discussion has been very cordial and respectful leading to open and honest exchange of ideas. As always, your comments and input will enhance my ability to serve your interests.

Chippewa Flowage Storage Reservoir Forecast from Xcel

Elevation as of December 3, 2007: 1312.42 ft.

Season: Winter 2007-08

Typical Winter Low Elevation: 1308.0 ft.

2007-08 Projected Winter Low Elevation: 1308.0 ft.

**Comments:**

- Based on the current reservoir level and the increase in inflow from the October rains, Xcel Energy intends to draw down the reservoir to an elevation of 1308.0 ft. this winter.
- The projected 1308.0 ft. elevation is based on an average winter snowpack and average inflows into the reservoir during the winter months.
- Discharge flows from the dam will be maintained at or slightly above minimum levels (>250 cubic feet per second) at the onset of winter with increases in discharge through the winter months to reduce the reservoir to the projected 1308.0 ft. elevation.
- Xcel Energy intends to re-evaluate the reservoir level and snowpack in late January or early February 2008 to determine if a new forecast is necessary due to deviations in snowpack or inflow changes.

Sawyer County Lakes Forum (SCLF) by Chris Jeffords

The Fall General Membership meeting was held September 22 at the Comfort Suites in Hayward. Minutes of the meeting can be seen on our website: www.sawyercountylakesforum.org If you have not seen the new website yet, take a few minutes to check it out. A summary of activities and projects from the past year were presented, a copy of which is attached on our website.



Post Office Box 20
Hayward, WI 54843

One of the main priorities coming out of our SCLF strategic planning process is to communicate more effectively. Members voiced concern about not receiving news from the Forum. They suggested greater use of the internet to communicate to the membership as well as to have someone they can contact on a routine basis. With that information the SCLF has eliminated post office mailings and started the 2-way communication plan below.

1. Each board member has been assigned a group of lake associations. The board member will ensure that their assigned lake association contact person's name, address, phone and email are accurate.
2. That board member will also attend lake association board or membership meetings as requested. A minimum of 2 times/year has been suggested.
3. All pertinent communications from the Sawyer County Lakes Forum will be sent to the emails addresses on file for each lake association.

The board member assignment list is located on the SCLF website. (I'm the CFAPOA representative.)

We intend to use this method to inform all SCLF members of important issues and concerns affecting the county and the state. VHS, NR 155, Pier Regulations, Invasive Species Alerts are important to us all and we need to better share current happenings. Grants from the DNR are now on a 25/75% basis, meaning that the cost to the association of an approved grant is only 25% versus the previous 50%. Due dates are Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 so get your grant requests in ASAP.

Northwest Wisconsin Water Resource Consortium Inc (NWWRC)

by Chris Jeffords

The first meeting of the Northwest Wisconsin Water Resource Consortium Inc. was held in Hayward at the Sawyer County Courthouse on November. 5. This new group was initiated by SCLF with the main purposes of exchanging ideas and successful concepts between counties as well as to provide a more unified voice in issues that affect the northwestern part of Wisconsin. The bylaws were approved as amended and temporary officers were appointed.

Minutes of the 11/30/07 meeting may be found on the SCLF website: www.sawyercountylakesforum.org

35th ANNUAL BIRKIE



The American Birkebeiner, is an international cross country ski race between Cable and Hayward. The magic unfolds February 21-23, when 9,000 fit, colorfully-clad skiers from all walks of life and from around the world descend on northern Wisconsin to ski some of the most beautiful and challenging trails in the world. For more information, call 715-634-5025 or visit their website at www.birkie.com. Good luck skiers and volunteers!

TURKEY BOWL

On Saturday, March 8th, Schultz's Restaurant & Bar will sponsor the 5th Annual Turkey Bowl for the Northwoods Humane Society. Whether you chose to fling a turkey (or slide a chicken) or not, this is a fun day. CFAPOA members Scott and Charlotte Schultz and their friends/family go all out for this event. There is an abundance of food, DJ music by Bob Hielsburg, raffle prizes and yes, Bowling on the Lake! People bring their dogs, kids, friends and everyone has a good time. It runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



V.H.S. by John Kaiser & Terry Kinderman

V.H.S., Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia, is a deadly fish virus that has been discovered in Wisconsin waters this past year. Fish in the Lake Winnebago system, Lake Michigan, and Green Bay have been found infected with this deadly disease. More than 25 fish species could be affected by this disease. Muskie, walleye, bluegill, and perch are among the most susceptible to V.H.S. On November 2, 2007, the Wisconsin DNR put emergency statewide rules in affect to try to contain V.H.S. and keep it from spreading to other inland lakes. As an angler fishing in Wisconsin waters, it is essential that you know about V.H.S. and the emergency rules. If you launch a boat and remove it, if you keep fish in a live well and leave a lake, and if you use any kind of live or dead bait while fishing, these rules apply to you. We urge you to become familiar with V.H.S. You can obtain information from any Wisconsin DNR Service Center, DNR fish managers statewide, or from their website: dnr.wi.gov/fish/pages/vhs_rules.html or Google up: wi.dnr vhs regulations The future of fishing in Wisconsin could be severely threatened by this disease. We owe it to ourselves, our children, and future generations, no matter how inconvenient or frustrating to comply with these emergency regulations



Facts from the past

by Nancy Ruhlow

1983	<i>1st CFAPOA Annual Meeting</i>
1983	<i>1st CFAPOA Newsletter</i>
1986	<i>1st Log Fish Cribs placed in Chippewa Flowage by DNR</i>
1987	<i>1st CFAPOA Member Survey</i>
1987	<i>1st CFAPOA Cookout with Annual Meeting</i>
1993	<i>1st CFAPOA Holiday Party</i>
1994	<i>1st CFAPOA Membership List published</i>
1995	<i>1st CFAPOA Spring Fling</i>
1999	<i>1st CFAPOA Sponsored Neighborhood Watch Signs posted</i>
2001	<i>1st CFAPOA Membership Directory published</i>
2001	<i>1st CFAPOA Sponsored Road Clean-up</i>
2006	<i>1st CFAPOA Website</i>

More *Facts from the Past* will be printed in future newsletters.

WANTED

1. Pictures of past CFAPOA events and/or project. Please contact Chris Jeffords
 2. Past CFAPOA Newsletters and/or Minutes. Please contact Nancy Ruhlow
- (Chris and Nancy are attempting to put together a pictorial and written history of CFAPOA.)*



**CFAPOA
25th Anniversary
1983 — 2008**

Sunday, August 3, 2008 @ Deer Run Resort

REGISTRATION 12:00 — 1:00 pm

For sale: Cookbooks, Life On The Edge, t-shirts & souvenirs
Displays: Photos & Invasive Species

MEETING 1:00 — 1:15 pm

Welcome & Introductions
Minutes & Financial Report
Board elections
Other CFAPOA business

PICNIC 1:15 — 2:15 pm

Pork sandwiches	Hot dogs	Potato chips
Baked beans	Cole slaw	Beer
Sheet cakes	Ice cream	Soft drinks

ENTERTAINMENT 2:15 — 5:00 pm

Contests Door Prizes Games Party Favors Silent Auction
Music (*provided by Riverside Music & Karaoke*)

STEERING COMMITTEE:

Donna Gilbertson Patti Jeffords Marl Reeder Nancy Ruhlow Carmen Sipes

SUBCOMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Volunteers welcome!

(Please contact the committee chair)

Cookbook — Dianne Wilke
Extra Equipment — Marl Reeder
Food & Beverages — Ruth Aaron
Games — Nancy Ruhlow
Logo — Marl Reeder
PA — Denny Clagett

Photo Display — Chris Jeffords
Publicity — Barb Czarnecki
Serving — Marlen Kaiser
Set-Up & Take Down — Terry Kinderman
Silent Auction & Door Prizes — John Kaiser
T-shirts & Souvenirs — Patti Jeffords

Please join the celebration!

CFAPOA COOKBOOK

The 25th Anniversary Party Committee is reminding all members that we need your help. We are hoping you will share your favorite recipes by sending them to be included in the CFAPOA Cookbook. We ask that you submit no more than 5 of your favorite recipes so more members can be represented in our collection. Just follow the instructions below and be sure to include your name so it can be printed with each of your recipes. Recipes can be submitted online (preferred) or by using the form on this page (this page may be duplicated).



We hope this cookbook will not only be useful and delicious but also a treasured remembrance of our 25 years as an association. So we are counting on you to make this possible.

To reserve your cookbook, contact CFAPOA . *See page 10 for contact information.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE SUBMISSIONS:

- Go to www.morriscookbooks.com
- Click on the **typensave online** section (*right above "COOKS CORNER"*)
- Type **your name** (*as it will be displayed in the book*)
- Group login: **cfapoa**
- Password: **52p9s**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:

- TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL, AND PLACE ONLY ONE RECIPE PER FORM. This page may be copied.
- If more room is needed, use another sheet of paper and staple together.
- List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g. 16-oz pkg., 24-oz can.
- Keep directions in paragraph form — not steps.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g. "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing time.
- Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
- Mail to: D.J. Wilke - Cookbook Committee
7230N Sandy Point Rd.
Couderay, WI 54828

**ALL RECIPES
MUST BE RECEIVED BY
FEBRUARY 10TH**

Recipe Title

Recipe Author

Circle Appropriate Recipe Category

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|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Appetizers & Beverages | Desserts & Goodies | Soups & Salads |
| Breads & Rolls | Fish & Game | This & That |
| Crock-pot Favorites | Main Dishes | Vegetables & Sides |

INGREDIENTS (use only standard abbreviations)

DIRECTIONS

SPECIAL NOTES/COMMENTS

LAKES CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS by Chris Jeffords

The Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association Board is pleased to announce the 2008 Lakes Conference Scholarship Program. Just like last year, this program is designed to assist interested members learn more about recent techniques that help protect our great resource. The Lakes Conference Scholarship Award will reimburse \$300 each to 2 lucky winners who would like to attend the Wisconsin Association of Lakes Annual Meeting on April 17, 18 and 19, 2008. This covers both the 3 day entry fee and lodging for those dates and will be reimbursed upon submitting receipts. Transportation and food are not covered. Winners will be drawn from those entry forms received by March 1, 2008.

The 30th Annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention is at the KI Convention Center/Regency Suites in Green Bay. Keynote speakers will address ways to be a force for positive change in your lake community and you will get hands-on details on how to be an effective agent of change on your lake. You will have a choice of the many breakout sessions covering many areas of lake protection. Learn how you can work with others to solve issues in your community. Discover ways to effectively reach and influence legislators and other decision-makers. Find out how other individuals and lake organizations have accomplished successful, influential projects, and how you can achieve the same results. The convention will cover a wealth of information on lakes and lake issues such as management and science, lake organization management, wildlife and fisheries, and aquatic invasives. On Thursday of the convention, workshops and field trips will be offered. Friday and Saturday will feature plenary sessions, breakout sessions, special meetings, and entertainment. Many CFAPOA Board members have attended these conventions in the past and highly recommend the informative sessions. Details can be found at the website: [http:// www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/conventions/](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/conventions/) or contact a board member. Make sure to fill out the scholarship application form and submit it by March 1, 2008.

If you are not able to attend this comprehensive 3 day convention, we are also offering scholarships for the Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference (NWWLC) on June 19 and 20, 2008. Full reimbursement for the entry fee will be given to 5 individuals who submit applications by May 1, 2008. The drawing will be held June 1. This conference is located in Cable at Telemark which is closer and can be attended on either or both days, making it more convenient for us in the Northwest. Topics covered are similar to the Green Bay Conference. The agenda will be available by April at the same website as above.

CFAPOA LAKES CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

Name(s) _____

Home Street Address _____

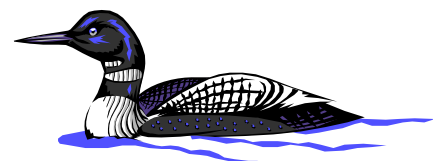
Home Town, State & Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

_____ YES! I'm interested in attending the 2008 Wisconsin Lakes Convention at the Ki Convention Center in Green Bay April 17-19th. *Scholarship application deadline: March 1, 2008.*
(Winners notified after March 6, 2008.)

_____ YES! I'm interested in attending the 2008 Northwest WI Lakes Convention at Telemark in Cable June 19 and/or 20th. *Scholarship application deadline: May 1, 2008.*
(Winners notified after May 1, 2008)

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



CFAPOA CONNECTIONS

New to CFAPOA? Or just confused about how we're connected to other organizations? Unclear about what the different associations actually do? Hopefully, the following will help.

LAKE CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE RESORT ASSOCIATION (LCFRA)

This is an organization of resorts and businesses on or near the Chippewa Flowage. We have partnered with them on numerous projects over the years, e.g. fish cribs, Chippewa Flowage Islands Project, and 75th Anniversary of the Chippewa Flowage. Their website is extensive and has many useful features like trail conditions, fishing reports and local events. Check it out at: chippewaflowage.com They even offer free screen saver downloads of our lake.

COUDERAY WATERS REGIONAL LAND TRUST (CWRLT)

This organization's mission is "protecting and promoting preservation of the natural environment of Northwestern Wisconsin through land conservancy." They were very instrumental in helping us with the Chippewa Islands Project. (The purchase of Big Timber and Moonshine Islands.) Individuals may belong directly to this group. CFAPOA Directors Doug Kurtzweil and Chris Jeffords plus CFAPOA member Sis Hale served on its Board of Directors. For more information, please go to www.cwrlt.org or write them at CWRLT, PO Box 13097, Hayward, WI 54843.

SAWYER COUNTY LAKES FORUM (SCLF) The CFAPOA is an active member of this organization. In fact, CFAPOA Director Chris Jeffords serves as Vice Chair on the SCLF Board of Directors. "The purpose of the Forum is to facilitate education, research, and sharing between organizations, individuals, governmental bodies, and the general public of Sawyer County; to maintain and improve Sawyer County's water bodies, environs, and watersheds for now and future generations, including, but not limited to: aesthetics, water quality, wildlife habitat, fisheries, and recreation. These purposes will be accomplished while respecting the rights of property owners." For more information, contact them at Sawyer County Lakes Forum, PO Box 20, Hayward, WI 54843 or online at www.sawyercountylakesforum.org

NORTHWEST WISCONSIN WATER RESOURCE CONSORTIUM (NWWRC) This is a brand new group, just formed last month. It's an organization of county level lake associations for 17 counties located in northwestern Wisconsin. CFAPOA is proud of SCLF's efforts and initiative in organizing this group for the purpose of improved communication and legislative impact. More information is available through SCLF.

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF LAKES (WAL) The CFAPOA is a member of this organization also. CFAPOA Directors and members are encouraged to attend WAL sponsored conferences to keep informed of all the issues that effect our lake and lakes around the state. WAL is a "nonprofit group of citizens, organizations, and businesses working for clean, safe, healthy lakes for everyone." If you're interested in joining this group as an individual, you can contact them at WAL, One Point Place, Suite 101, Madison, WI 53719 or online at www.wal.org

WALLEYES FOR NORTHWEST WISCONSIN—Hayward Chapter (WNWW) While the CFAPOA does not belong to this group, we do encourage our members to belong as individuals. This organization's objectives are to "promote a high quality walleye fishery in area lakes; to protect and enhance water environment quality and to maintain and improve habitat; to work with Tribal, and State agencies, area Lake Associations and area Resort Associations to maintain and improve area lake walleye populations; and to encourage the importance of catch and release programs." They have donated monies to the DNR along with CFAPOA and LCFRA for the Chippewa Flowage Crane Lake Aeration Program and CWRLT for the Chippewa Islands Project. To join, please contact them directly at Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin, PO Box 13249, Hayward, WI 54843, or contact us and we'll send you their application form.

HAYWARD COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF (HCFS) AND NORTHWOODS HUMANE SOCIETY (NHS)

CFAPOA members have been contributing to both of these groups for many years. Donations are collected at the Annual Meetings, Holiday Parties and Spring Flings. The "Shelf" is located at 16205 W Woodridge Lane in Hayward and provides food to needy individuals and families in Sawyer County. If you are interested in making a direct donation, you may do so between 9:00 & 12:00 every Monday morning or by mailing your check to HCFS, PO Box 779, Hayward, WI 54843. NHS is located off Hwy. 77 south of Hayward. You may contact them directly at 715-634-5394 or www.northwoodshumanesociety.org or by mail to Northwoods Humane Society, PO Box 82, Hayward, WI 54843.

In response to your many questions and comments regarding zoning ordinances and procedures, CFAPOA Director Chuck Block asked Bill Christman to write a series of articles for our newsletter. We thank Chuck for his initiative and Bill for these articles. We hope this information helps you.

SAWYER COUNTY ZONING DEPARTMENT — More than just pretty faces

By Bill Christman, Sawyer County Zoning Administrator

This is the first in a series of articles that will explain the responsibilities of the zoning department. This article will provide a summary of the department's overall responsibilities and give a brief overview of each of its applicable ordinances and bylaws. Additional in-depth information will be provided in future articles.

The mission statement of the department is: Within the unincorporated areas of Sawyer County—to protect and improve the quality of both publicly and privately owned lands and waters of Sawyer County and to enhance the quality of life and experiences of current and future users of those lands and waters by:

- Restricting development to appropriate areas,
- Ensuring compatibility of adjacent land uses,
- Regulating the division of lands,
- Minimizing the pollution of ground and surface waters, all
- Through the enforcement of ordinances adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors, by conducting information sessions and meetings and by soliciting public participation in the making land use decisions.

The department consists of seven employees: Zoning Administrator (Bill), Deputy Administrator (Cindy), Sanitarian (Mac), Zoning and Sanitation Technician (Eric), Zoning and Non-metallic Mining Reclamation Secretary (Kitty), Permits Secretary (Deb), and Soils & Sanitation Secretary (Kelly). During the summer, the department utilizes a part-time Field Assistant (Kathy), whose primary responsibility is to visit those shoreline properties for which land use permits have been issued and to verify the condition of their shoreline buffer zones.

The Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance encompasses both shoreland and comprehensive land use requirements. Shoreland zoning consists of regulating those land areas that are located within 1,000 feet of lakes, ponds, and flowages and those land areas within 300 feet of rivers and streams. Comprehensive zoning pertains to all other land areas. County zoning (shoreland and comprehensive) is not applicable in the City of Hayward and the Villages of Couderay, Radisson, Exeland, and Winter. While County zoning is also not applied in the Town of Spider Lake, the Town has its own zoning ordinance and zoning administrator, the Town's ordinance must be at least as restrictive as the County's ordinance. Until the adoption of a county-wide land use plan, the zoning ordinance remains the County's primary land use regulation document. It established minimum requirements for the issue of land use permits (commonly but erroneously referred to as "building permits") and the creation/location of various types of land uses. (i.e. Where is it appropriate to have residences, businesses and retail shops, recreation services, farms, manufacturing facilities, etc?)

The department also regulates the subdivision of land through the Sawyer County Subdivision Control/Condominium Ordinance. This ordinance establishes the requirements for certified survey maps (CSM) and plat and their review and approval process. Property proposed to be divided must be mapped (CSM or plat) if the result will be the creation of any lot of 19 acres or less in area.

The Sawyer County Floodplain Ordinance regulates development in the floodplain areas of the County. The floodplain is defined as "Land which has been or may be covered by flood waters during the regional flood." The term regional flood is also synonymous with "100-year flood." The ordinance prescribes the uses that are permitted within the floodplain areas (i.e. Where is it suitable to have campgrounds, agricultural activities, homes, commercial uses, etc?)

The Sawyer County Ordinance for Non-metallic Mining Reclamation contains the minimum standards for the permitting/approval and the reclamation of non-metallic mine sites. The most common non-metallic mines in

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Sawyer County produce stone, sand, gravel, and topsoil. The ordinance contains minimum requirements for such mine related activities as the protection of surface waters, ground waters and wetlands, the management of topsoil - store a sufficient amount for reclamation purposes, grading, sloping and revegetation. The ordinance also specifies mine owner/operator requirements for providing financial assurance and reclamation plans.

Department activities are overseen by the Sawyer County Zoning Committee. The Committee consists of six members (five members and one alternate member) from the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors. The Committee members are elected officials. The Committee has many responsibilities such as the drafting of ordinances, review of proposed ordinance amendments to include zone district changes, decide on applications for conditional uses and oversee the department staff. The Committee has its own set of rules (Sawyer County Zoning Committee — Rules and By-laws) that prescribe its responsibilities, duties and powers. Most property owners are familiar with the Committee through the notification that they receive from the department about applications for proposed neighborhood projects and the public hearing that is conducted by the Committee to act on those applications.

The department is also the office for the Sawyer County Board of Appeals (BOA). Like the Committee, the BOA also has its own set of rules—Sawyer County Board of Appeals—Rules and By-laws. The BOA consists of six members (five members and one alternate member), however, although the members are also appointed by the Chairperson, Sawyer County Board of Supervisors, they are not members (elected supervisors) of the County Board. The BOA's primary responsibility is to hear and decide appeals of decisions made by the Zoning Committee and department staff and to decide on applications for variances to zoning ordinance requirements.

The Sawyer County Citation Ordinance 89-1 contains the citation fee schedule for violations of department ordinances. The citation fee is determined by the nature of the violation. Citation fees range from \$186 for failure to obtain a sign permit to \$879 for failure to obtain a conditional use permit prior to opening a salvage yard. In addition to the stated citation fee, fees may also be assess daily until compliance is attained.

I hope that this article has given you a brief overview of what we do. The next article will focus on the zoning and subdivision control ordinances.

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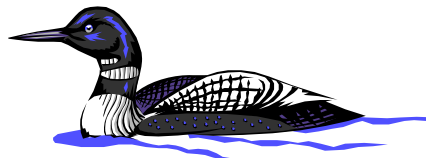
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BOARD NEWS

- The Board has accepted the resignation of Chuck Block as CFAPOA Director. Chuck served on the Board from August, 2003, until December, 2007. Thank you Chuck for your five years of service to the association.
- The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Terry Moe to fulfill the last 7 months of Chuck Block's term. Terry will be assisting with water level issues and other technical concerns. Welcome Terry!

MEMBERSHIP

We now have **390** paid property memberships for 2007-08. New and returning members are always welcome. An application is located on page 12 and it can still be found online at www.cfapoa.org Just click on "JOIN." Anyone who lives within 2 miles of the Chippewa Flowage is eligible to join.

THANK YOU

Oops ... the following names were missed in the last newsletter. Please forgive us. We'd also like to thank them for their contributions!

- Ruth Aaron — Purple Loosestrife Patrol
- Linda Fish — Purple Loosestrife Patrol
- Marlen Kaiser — Purple Loosestrife Patrol
- Marl Reeder — Annual Picnic dessert

STILL MEMBERS

Oops ... we forgot Norman & Patricia Erickson in the last directory. They are still members. If you'd like their demographic information, please see last year's directory or contact Barb Schweig.

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION

Thank you to Janet Dorazio for her generous donation to CFAPOA in memory of her husband Leonard Dorazio.

Thanks to Survey Committee members Donna Gilbertson, Marl Reeder, and Barb Schweig for their many hours of work on the recent CFAPOA survey. Thanks also to Whitey Gilbertson and Nancy Ruhlow for their assistance in tabulating the responses. Good job, everyone! The Board is working hard to answer your questions and follow your interests.

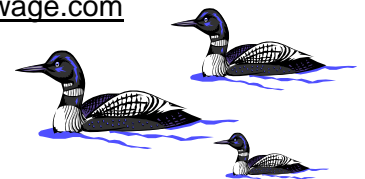
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MEMORIALS CFAPOA respectfully accepts donations in the name of members and friends of the Chippewa Flowage. To make a donation, just send your check and the person's name and address to us. The family will be notified of your donation. Current donations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

NEED IDEAS OF THINGS TO DO? For information about events in the Hayward area, visit the Hayward Chamber of Commerce website at: www.haywardareachamber.com OR the LCFRA website at: chippewaflowage.com



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| 1/3/08 | CFAPOA Board Meeting—6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 2/7/08 | CFAPOA Board Meeting—6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 3/6/08 | CFAPOA Board Meeting—6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 4/3/08 | CFAPOA Board Meeting—6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 6/7/08 | CFAPOA Spring Fling at Treeland's Resort
<i>Donations accepted for the Hayward Community Food Shelf and the Northwoods Humane Society</i> |
| 8/3/08 | CFAPOA Annual Meeting/Picnic & 25th Anniversary Party
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