



CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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FROM DOUG KURTZWEIL, CHAIR

Happy New Year from the icy shore of your Chippewa Flowage. Officially winter is barely a month old and already we have had a taste of just about everything — heavy snow, 25 below, 'December thaw', freezing rain, good ice, then slush, then good ice again. All the change does keep it interesting.

This past year did see some progress toward your CFAPOA's mission on a number of fronts. We were granted Section 501(c)3 status by the IRS. A Clean Boats, Clean Waters program was launched under the energetic leadership of Jim Montag. The Purple Patrol continues to work, and grow. The Lac Courte Oreilles Band's acquisition of the western portion of Church Island in December accomplishes the final goal of the Chippewa Islands Project at a level beyond even my hopes and dreams. The Big Chip Fish Fest (BCFF) was a huge success and promises to be even better in the future. That event, combined with the efforts of other members of the Flowage community, resulted in the stocking of nearly 20,000 extended-growth walleye fingerlings this fall. This is a partial list and, in my opinion, not bad at all for a bunch of loosely organized volunteers!

I'm confident the new year will bring new challenges — every year seems to. As we eagerly await their arrival we will continue our work in the battle to maintain/restore balance in our Chippewa Flowage ecosystem. While the rains last year have begun to alleviate the drought, higher water levels were great for sprouting loosestrife seeds that had been 'high and dry' for several years. More help is always needed and appreciated. The movement of 'alien' life forms from lake to lake by boat (ballast, live well, trailer) continues to pose a lethal threat to every fishery in the state. The 'Clean Boats...' campaign is a multi-level effort to prevent the introduction of anything else to our Flowage. More help is always.... The BCFF is another example of multi-tasking. We harvest some northern and largemouth bass. (There are too many of both — that's why the size structure is so poor.) We show folks how delicious they can be. Lots of people win prizes. Everybody has a great time. And we raise some funds to put at least a few fish into the 'gap' created by the bureaucratic mismanagement of the Flowage fishery. More help....

I want to ask a favor from each and every one of you. Please attend the Conservation Congress meeting on April 11 in whatever county you happen to be in that evening. In 6 years the WDNR has done nothing to help restore historical balance to our fishery. There should be some proposals on the ballot that night that could finally force them to begin to do their job. It would be impressive if we could have someone speaking up for the Flowage in 8 or 10 or more counties. This bass problem has spread all over northwestern Wisconsin and is heading east. It is the result of regulatory retardation. Hopefully, we the people, can get it fixed in our lifetimes.

It's always good to hear from you. Again, have a wonderful new year! Stay warm, and, enjoy!

2011 LOON COUNT ON THE CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE

by Jerry and Nancy Johnson

We will conduct a loon count survey on the Chippewa Flowage this summer on Saturday, July 16, 2011. This will coincide with the official post-oil spill Wisconsin Loon Population Survey. The lake will be divided into 20 to 25 sections and assigned to volunteers. It is estimated the survey will take one half hour or more of each volunteer's time sometime between 5AM and 10AM on the designated day. Be watching for more information in the spring newsletter. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jerry and Nancy Johnson at ncy-joh@aol.com or call 608-486-2880. In the meantime, learn about loons at the Loon Watch website: www.loonwatch.org. Under "links" try Loon Migration Studies to view routes of migrating loons through the use of implanted satellite transmitters.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS (CBCW)

by Jim Montag

A year ago we submitted an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control Grant Application to the WI DNR. Our grant proposal to the DNR included 5 objectives. The DNR approved 4 of the 5 objectives and the CFAPOA was awarded almost \$26,000 to be spent over a 2 year period. (2010 – 2011)



The 1st objective of the AIS grant was to develop and implement a Clean Boats Clean Waters program for the Chippewa Flowage. Our first year was successful and we have plans to make the 2nd year even better. We can use your help! Please join your Clean Boats Clean Waters program. Our CBCW inspectors are now paid. The CBCW program offers training on how to identify AIS, how to inspect boats and equipment, and how to interact with the public.

The 2nd objective of the AIS grant was to conduct a Boat Landing Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Survey. During October and November our crew was out on the water identifying, mapping and obtaining GPS coordinates of all landings on the Chippewa Flowage. The boat landings were surveyed for the absence or presence of EWM at the landing or within the boat landing corridor. The results of the survey reflect a total of 54 landings located, photographed and recorded. 23 landings or 43% were free of EWM. (EWM was not seen within 200 feet of the boat landing). 31 landings or 57% of the landings had EWM in the boat landing corridor. These findings clearly show that boats leaving our Chippewa Flowage must be thoroughly inspected and cleaned of all aquatic vegetation. If not, there is a good chance that the boats will leave with EWM to be spread to other waters.

The 3rd objective of the AIS grant is part education, part signage. Resort owners will be educated on AIS issues through educational materials and on-the-ground changes to AIS signage at boat landings. All boat landings on the Chippewa Flowage were surveyed during the boat landing survey for appropriate AIS signage. This year, in addition to putting up DNR AIS signs where needed, the CFAPOA will be providing signs for landings that inform people about

the CFAPOA and the CBCW program.

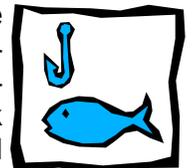
The 4th objective of the AIS grant is Purple Loosestrife Control. Dennis Clagett continues to head up this program. Read more about Purple Loosestrife in Dennis' column.

The 5th objective that was not approved was to develop a test plot to determine effectiveness of herbicide control on EWM in boat landing areas. Because the Chippewa Flowage does not have an approved aquatic management plan, this objective was not approved by the DNR.

Controlling invasive species is difficult and costly, and eradicating them is often impossible. 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 at Jim@haywardoutfitters.com

FISHERIES by John Kaiser

Hello from the frozen shores of the "Big Chip." It continues to be an active time with your Fisheries Committee. If you had the opportunity to look at the Fall Newsletter, you will recall that the CFAPOA, LCFRA and the LCO Conservation Department coordinated to raise and release 13,000 extended growth walleyes into the Chippewa Flowage in September.



After the Fall Newsletter, more exciting news ... The BCFF Committee used proceeds from their very successful June Father's Day event to purchase 6,000 extended growth walleyes. (See photos and story on page 8. The walleyes were purchased from Gollon Bait & Fish Farm in Dodgeville, Wisconsin. They were transported via tank truck and released at The Landing Resort on County Road CC. Some of the walleyes exceeded 12" and none were lost in the planting. We are proud of combining our efforts with those of the BCFF, Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin (WNWW), Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association (LCFRA) and the LCO Tribal Conservation that resulted in stocking 19,000 extended growth walleyes in the "Big Chip" in 2010.

Nearly everyone enjoys a walleye dinner; but, in the 2011 fishing season on the "Big Chip," regardless of

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bag or size limits for walleye, **we urge you to impose a personal size limit of 15" and over** and release the smaller walleyes and give them a chance to grow.

Ice Fishing

Effective December 1, 2010 ice fishing regulations changed dramatically on the Chippewa Flowage. (See regulations on page 7. Musky and walleye are still closed, but northern pike and largemouth and smallmouth bass are open. The pan fish limit, including crappie, has increased to 25 daily year-round. The bass and northern pike season closes March 7th. Ice conditions have been terrible. Shortly after freeze-up we had considerable snow, insulating the ice and then more snow. All area lakes had a big slush problem, which made it near impossible to walk or ride snowmobiles or ATV's to access desired fishing areas. A late December thaw with rain melted all the snow to the point that everything above the ice was liquid. An arctic blast sent temps below zero just after January 1st, so now conditions are excellent except for single digit highs. We support the DNR's recommendations for harvesting northern pike under 28", largemouth bass 14" or over, and the release of all smallmouth bass.

Bass Regulation Proposals

Dave Neuswanger, Area Fisheries Team Leader, has submitted to DNR Fisheries Management Leaders a proposal to exempt largemouth bass, but not smallmouth bass, from the current 14" size limit. Dave will solicit signatures from local organizations and the public supporting this regulation change on the Chippewa Flowage only. If approved by DNR management, he will impose a little-used Statute (NR20.35) that allows for species-specific regulation changes due to stunted growth. If successful, the new regulation would go into effect on July 18, 2011. We will keep you informed.

Big Chip Fish Fest (BCFF)

Mark your calendar now for the BCFF event to be held Sunday, June 19th, at The Landing Resort on County Road CC. This is a family event, and we urge you to spend Father's Day with us. There will be special events for the kids, and what better way to spend Father's Day than fishing with the kids! Watch for all the exciting details in the Spring Newsletter. Proceeds from this event will again be used to pur-

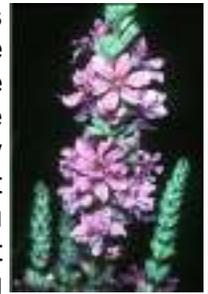
chase extended growth walleyes for the "Big Chip."

Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin (WFNW)

WFNW is locally based and supports the walleye fishery primarily in Sawyer County. Upon our request, this year they matched CFAPOA funds of \$4,000 for minnows to feed walleye fingerlings at the LCO Hatchery. Without their help production would have been reduced drastically and size of fingerlings would have suffered. WFNW deserves our support. Their major annual fundraiser is their annual family ice fishing event on February 12, 2011. For information on this event and membership go to www.wfnw.org

INVASIVE SPECIES by Dennis Clagett

To our Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers who may suffer what I call "purple burnout" come late summer: you are not alone! Barb and I know the symptoms well. Our philosophy when burnout strikes is just do what you can, and don't feel guilty if you just can't get in and out of the boat one more time. Thanks for fighting the good fight. Use the winter to recharge and to renew your spirit, and perhaps avoid the color purple. I feel that this is a worthwhile project, and unlike many other invasive species, we can make a difference in controlling the spread of purple loosestrife.



An example of an invasive volunteers cannot control is Eurasian water milfoil (EWM). This is a true villain for the Chip, and it can only be controlled (not eliminated) by vast amounts of expensive man-made chemicals. EWM has a look alike cousin called Northern water milfoil, which is native to Wisconsin. It IS NOT an invasive species. Its presence is a good thing, as it impedes the growth and spread of EWM; its leaves and fruit are a food source for a variety of waterfowl; and beds of it provide shade, shelter and forage for fish. Xcel Energy anticipates an increased draw down this winter, which should help control EWM in the shallow areas. Time will tell.

The WI DNR's rules regarding ice fishing are intended to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and the VHS virus. The VHS virus is most active in water temperatures below 60 degrees, and

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the disease can spread fish to fish, or through water contaminated with VHS:

- Don't move live fish away from the water. Keep the fish you want to take home on the ice until you leave at the end of the day, or carry them away in a dry bucket.
- Drain all water from your equipment. That includes all buckets and containers of fish. When you're leaving the ice, you may carry up to 2 gallons of water in which to keep your minnows. Follow bait rules. Buy the bait from Wisconsin bait dealers. If you take minnows home after a day fishing and you've added lake water to their container, you can return with them only to that water body the next day.
- Preserve bait correctly if you catch your own. If you use smelt or other dead bait, preserve it in a way that does not require freezing or refrigeration.

An article titled "Nature's Marauders" in the December 10, 2010 issue of The Week states that "scientists estimate that the damage and control costs of invasive species already amount to \$138 billion per year in the U.S. alone;" but invasive species are a problem for ecosystems worldwide "due to modern transportation technology and economic globalization." The increasing appearance of articles dealing with invasive species in national media highlights the importance of our vigilance as property owners in protecting the welfare of our lake and local economy.

MEMBERSHIP by Carolyn Fritsch

The 2010-2011 Membership directories were mailed in December. If you did not receive your copy or you have a change in any information, please let us know at: www.cfapoa.org.

Your Board is currently working on a new membership format. Because we are now a 501(c)3 organization, the CFAPOA is looking at the possibility of two types of memberships going forward with optional contributing levels. A portion of your dues may be applicable for a tax deduction.

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Watch for information and detailed explanation of new membership levels in the Spring and Summer newsletters. Your CFAPOA dues are owed on August 1st annually. For those of you who have paid your 2010-11 dues, you will be receiving a receipt for that and any other donations you have sent.

Hope to see you all at the Spring Fling! Look for the date in this newsletter and mark your calendars now.

SHORELINE PROTECTION

by Donna Gilbertson

For those of you interested in the Sawyer County Tree Sale

- Orders and payment are due by February 1, 2011. Quantities are limited for some species; orders are reserved based on the date your order is received. New this year: Apple trees! Choose from an eating, cooking or wildlife variety! Tentative distribution dates are Friday, April 22nd, & Saturday, April 23rd, at the Courthouse Maintenance Garage. For order forms, pictures and more information on the species offered visit the "2011 Tree Sale" link under the Sawyer County - Popular Links at: www.sawycountygov.org. Make checks payable to: Sawyer County LWCD.



Piers - Piers are a popular focus for boating and waterfront recreation. It seems like a simple topic, but, if you have been involved in a dispute over "pier rights" with your neighbor or have seen shorelines filled with piers and boatlifts; you understand why regulations are important. In an effort to treat all shoreline and easement owners fairly, legislation enacted in 2008 created a system to grandfather piers placed in use before 2004 that no longer meet today's shoreline standards. Most new and existing piers are exempt and do not require a permit or fee from the Wisconsin DNR.

An exempt pier:

- is a maximum of 6 feet wide. If the pier is NOT located in an Area of Special Natural Resource Interest, an 8 feet long by 8 feet wide loading platform or deck is allowed at the waterward end of the pier.
- The length needed to moor your boat, use a boat

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lift, or reach a 3 foot water depth, whichever is greater, constitutes the allowable length of the pier.

- The pier's location does not interfere with the rights of other riparian owners.
- The number of boats that can be moored at an exempt pier is 2 for the first 50 feet of frontage and 1 for every additional 50 feet.

An existing or new pier can be placed without a DNR permit or fee, if it meets the standard dimensions and a few other requirements. All exemption requirements along with a full description of all of the details concerning exempt and non-exempt piers are described in the DNR's brochure "Pier Planner" (DNR Publication #FH-017) available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/waterways/factsheets/pierplanner2009.pdf>

If your pier is not exempt, but you had the pier before 2004 ... go ahead and enjoy your pier again this summer. Keep doing what you've been doing - just don't expand or modify the pier you had before 2004. Most piers that are not exempt (see description above) are eligible to be grandfathered through a one-time free registration process. To be eligible for registration piers must:

- Have been in place before February 6, 2004.
- Have a main stem that is a maximum of 8 feet wide.
- Have a loading platform at the end of the pier that is a maximum of 200 square feet or a maximum of 300 square feet if it's 10 feet wide or less.
- Not interfere with the rights of other riparian owners.

All existing piers that meet these criteria must be registered with the DNR by April 1, 2011. The registration form can be downloaded at the DNR website. <http://dnr.wi.gov>.

A DNR study showed that around 10% of all existing piers that are not exempt already meet the grandfather (registration) requirements, so most waterfront owners that do not have an exempt pier will need to complete the registration process.

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Please contact the appropriate committee chair if you're interested in joining any of these committees. Volunteers always welcome.

FISHING REGULATION CHANGES

by Dave Neuswanger, Fisheries Team Leader, Upper Chippewa Basin



Anglers should be aware of some changes in fishing rules for the Chippewa Flowage beginning in 2011. Formerly, the daily bag limit for panfish was 25, only 15 of which could be crappie. This has now been simplified, such that the daily bag limit for all panfish combined (including crappie) is 25 daily.

DNR also expects to start experimenting in 2011 with a regulation that treats largemouth bass and smallmouth bass differently on the Chippewa Flowage. Assuming the proposal is approved overwinter, anglers will be permitted and encouraged to harvest largemouth bass of all sizes starting the third Saturday in June. But the 14" minimum length limit will remain in effect for smallmouth bass, and anglers will be encouraged to voluntarily release all smallmouth bass, regardless of size.

This new twist to bass management is based on the belief of local DNR biologists that predation on young walleye by over-abundant, slow-growing largemouth bass has been at least partially responsible for uncharacteristic failures in the survival of young walleyes over the past 5 years. Biologists believe fast-growing smallmouth bass have a different lifestyle and food preferences that allow them to coexist well with walleyes, and Flowage anglers want a good bass fishery in the form of smallmouths. DNR will conduct a creel survey on the Chippewa Flowage in 2011, so anglers can expect to be interviewed to determine degree of compliance with the experimental rule. Signs at access areas and area businesses will help anglers to distinguish between largemouth and smallmouth bass. But the best advice is, "If you don't know it, throw it (back)."

The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Conservation Department teamed up with Chippewa Flowage property and resort owners associations to raise and stock over 13,000 large (6-10") walleye fingerlings in fall of 2010 in order to jump-start the walleye fishery. Walleye fishing can still be quite good on the Flowage, but with reduced survival of young over the past several years, DNR biologists encourage anglers to voluntarily release all walleyes less than 15" long (currently no size limit in effect). Voluntary restraint will help maximize the investment made by local partners to provide better walleye fishing for everyone in the future. Anglers who seek a quality fish fry can still expect to catch and enjoy good numbers of tasty, quality-size bluegill, black crappie, and even largemouth bass in 2011. Largemouth bass, especially those less than 14" long, are excellent table fare.

The Chippewa Flowage also boasts excellent fishing for northern pike, which anglers are encouraged to harvest at will. With a relatively new 50" minimum length limit and less severe winter drawdowns, the adult muskellunge population continues to improve. There are more trophy-size fish than ever in the Chippewa Flowage, but for natural reproduction to continue, northern pike and largemouth bass (both predators on young muskellunge) must be harvested liberally.

WE'RE LISTENING — BOARD MINUTES NOW AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

by Kris Treland-Neumann

NEW IN 2011! The CFAPOA Board meets on a monthly basis and, starting in 2011, the minutes from these meetings will be available to all members. There are three ways in which you can obtain minutes of the monthly board meetings:

1. Email a request to Jackie Eckerly, CFAPOA Secretary, at cfapoa@yahoo.com.
2. Visit the CFAPOA website at www.cfapoa.org. To make a request, go to "CFAPOA Update" then select "Contact Us". These links will bring you to a form to fill out – please complete the appropriate fields and indicate that you would like a copy of the board minutes and hit submit.
3. Send a written request via mail to: CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843.

The CFAPOA Board looks forward to hearing from and strives to meet the needs of all of its' members. By providing minutes of the Board meetings to interested members, it is our hope that all members will be even more engaged and informed in the various happenings of CFAPOA. We would welcome any feedback, ideas on the issues we are pursuing, suggestions for our Board to work on or just comments about how we are doing.



CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE

2010-2011 Fishing Regulations

(New Winter Rules Effective December 1, 2010)

Walleye Fishing Season: May 1 - November 30, 2010

Walleye: Daily Bag 2 - No Minimum Size

NOTE: Walleyes (and muskellunge) caught incidentally while ice fishing after November 30 must be released immediately after being caught.

Musky Fishing Season: May 29 - November 30, 2010

Muskellunge: Daily Bag 1 - Minimum Size 50"

Bass and Pike Fishing Seasons: May 1, 2010 - March 6, 2011

Bass: Catch-and-Release Only from May 1 through June 18

Northern Pike: Daily Bag 5 - No Minimum Size

NOTE: Anglers are encouraged to voluntarily harvest northern pike less than 28 inches long.

Bass Harvest Season: June 19, 2010 – March 6, 2011

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.

All Gamefish Seasons Closed: March 7 – May 6, 2011

Panfish Season: Open All Year - Daily Bag 25

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



EXTENDED GROWTH WALLEYES PLANTED

Pictures and story by John Kaiser

On October 20, 2010, a truck loaded with 6000 extended growth walleyes from the Gollon fish & bait farm in Dodgeville, WI. arrived at LCO's The Landing Resort on County CC for planting into "The Big Chip". The walleyes were purchased with the proceeds from last summer's very successful "Big Chip Fish Fest" held at The Landing.

The special truck has 24 insulated & oxygenated chambers that hold the water temperature at 50 degrees.



Each chamber has a drain port with a valve, large PCV pipe is attached to the chamber and when the valve is opened the fish travel down the tube into the lake. Pictured are Randy Newmann from Pat's Landing above the pipe and Rick Mark's below from the CFAPOA fisheries team.

These fish were fat and robust, some of the walleyes were 12".



The walleyes really fly out of the tube, not one of the 6000 walleyes was lost in the planting.



Left to Right: John Kaiser, Ruth Aaron from Deer Run Resort and Rick Mark's admire a net full of soon to be residents of the "Big Chip."



Denny Reyes from "The Landing" shows off one of the beautiful walleyes.

CFAPOA CONNECTIONS

New to CFAPOA? Or just confused about how we're connected to other organizations? Hopefully, the following will help.

LCFRA — LAKE CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE RESORT ASSOCIATION

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: www.chippewaflowage.com They even offer free screen saver downloads of our lake.

CWRLT — COUDERAY WATERS REGIONAL LAND TRUST

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 serve 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.

SCLF — SAWYER COUNTY LAKES FORUM

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

WL — WISCONSIN LAKES (formerly Wisconsin Association of Lakes or WAL)

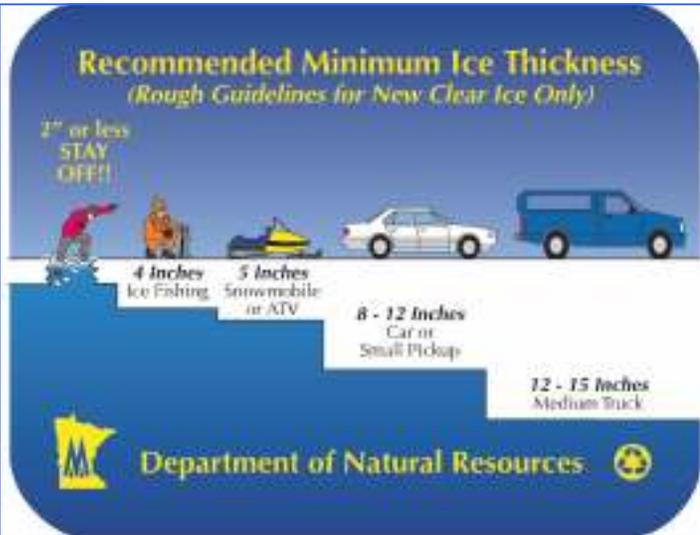
The CFAPOA is a member of this organization also. CFAPOA Directors and members are encouraged to attend WAL sponsored conferences to keep informed of all the issues that effect our lake and lakes around the state. CFAPOA Director Chris Jeffords also serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for this organization. WL 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.wisconsinlakesl.org

WFNW — WALLEYES FOR NORTHWEST WISCONSIN—Hayward Chapter

While the CFAPOA does not belong to this group, we do encourage our members to belong as individuals and they were instrumental in our recent walleye stocking efforts on the Flowage. 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.

HCFS & NHS — HAYWARD COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF & NORTHWOODS HUMANE SOCIETY

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 contact them directly at 634-4237 or www.haywardfoodshelf.net or by mailing your check to HCFS, PO Box 779, Hayward, WI 54843. NHS is located off Hwy. 77 south of Hayward and provides assistance to abandoned and/or rescued animals in our area. You may contact them directly for more information at 634-5394 or www.northwoodshumanesociety.org or by mail to Northwoods Humane Society, PO Box 82, Hayward, WI 54843.



- ▶ Many ice drownings involve children. When your child is near the ice, you should be near your child.
- ▶ Avoid alcoholic beverages when you're on the ice. They can make you feel colder and slow down your reaction time in case of an ice emergency.
- ▶ Carry two large nails to use as ice picks to pull yourself out if you fall through thin ice.
- ▶ Never drive on the ice at night.
- ▶ Avoid pressure ridges and areas with current, if you do choose to drive on the ice.
- ▶ Drive with your windows down and doors partially open to avoid becoming trapped if your car breaks through.

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Contact these representatives directly for more information about CFAPOA & these organizations.

8th ANNUAL TURKEY BOWL



On Saturday, March 12th, Schultz's Restaurant & Bar will sponsor this event for the Northwoods Humane Society. Whether you chose to fling a turkey (or slide a chicken) or not, this is a fun day on the Flowage. CFAPOA members Scott and Charlotte Schultz and their friends/family go all out. There is an abundance of free food, 2 bonfires, music, 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. Call 715-945-2223 if you have questions.

Check out the newsletter in color at ...

www.cfapoa.org

2011 SNOW PIN TOUR by Barb Czarnecki

The Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association (LCFRA) invites you to join the 2011 Snow Pin Tour. Stop at any participating area business and pick up your free Tour Card and start getting STAMPED. After you collect 10 stamps, turn in your card for a free limited edition lapel pin. But that's not all. Your Tour Card also enters you into a drawing for one of 8 \$25 gift certificates, to be drawn in April. These gift certificates can be used at any LCFRA member business. Members are listed on our free map. Need a map? Just go to www.chippewaflowage.com to request a map. In the meantime – ***Think SNOW ***



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Chippewa Storage Reservoir Forecast

Elevation as of December 6, 2010: 1312.48 ft.



Season: Winter 2010-11

Typical Winter Low Elevation: 1308.0 ft.

2010-11 Projected Winter Low Elevation: 1307.0 ft.

Comments

- ▶ Based on the current reservoir elevation and the high inflow rates going into the winter season, Xcel Energy forecasts to draw down the reservoir 6 feet to an elevation of 1307.0 ft. this winter. The drawdown last winter was only 3.35 ft. (elevation 1309.65 ft.) due to severe drought conditions.
- ▶ The projected 1307.0 ft. drawdown elevation is based on an average winter snowpack. The projected drawdown depth may be increased if significant snowpack accumulates and inflows into the reservoir during the winter months remain high.
- ▶ Discharge flows from the dam will be maintained well above the minimum level (>250 cubic feet per second) at the onset of winter with some changes through the winter months to reduce the reservoir to the projected 1307.0 ft. elevation.
- ▶ Xcel Energy intends to re-evaluate the reservoir level and snowpack throughout the winter season to determine if a modified forecast is necessary due to deviations in snowpack or inflow changes.
- ▶ Concerns with the drought conditions that have prevailed over the last 7 or 8 years have been alleviated with the substantial rainfall that fell from mid-June until the time of freeze-up. A substantial drawdown will provide some flood protection for downstream locations in the spring when the snow melts.

Definitions of Seasons of the Year for Operating the Chippewa Storage Reservoir:

Winter: December 1 – March 30	Summer: June 2 – September 30
Spring: April 1 – June 1	Fall: October 1 – November 30



For information on current reservoir level and discharge from the Chippewa Reservoir dam, please go to the Wisconsin DNR's website at the following address and click on the link to water levels:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/chippewaflow/index.html>

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that CFAPOA and WI DNR are partnering this winter to keep the wash-rooms at the Winter Dam Landing open for snowmobilers, ice fishermen, and other winter enthusiasts.



TOWN OF HUNTER DUMP HOURS

WINTER HOURS

Now until April 25, 2011
Saturdays only
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Garbage stickers can be purchased at Hillman's Grocery Store located on County Hwy B

*For more information, go to the Town of Hunter's website:
<http://home.centurytel.net/huntertownship>*

Wisconsin Lakes

by Chris Jeffords

With the 2010 Wisconsin Legislative Session ending just last month, let's look back and summarize some of the major successes that were accomplished throughout the year.

1. The new aquatic plant transport law. Any law enforcement officer can now cite anyone transporting any aquatic plant or animal attached to their vehicle/boat/trailer on any roadway. Since some invasives can be difficult to differentiate from acceptable native species, this new law prohibits transport of all plants and animals and will go a long way to help curb the spread of unwanted species.
2. Phosphorous free fertilizer. It is estimated that 1 pound of phosphorous can cause 500 pounds of algae. This new regulation will help to decrease the algae blooms happening in many Wisconsin Lakes.
3. Phosphorous free household cleaning products. As mentioned above, many efforts nationwide have been targeted on reducing this unneeded ingredient to help eliminate pollution and algae blooms.
4. Slow-no wake zone 100 ft. from shore. This law passed in 2009 became effective spring of 2010. While helping to promote the safety of swimmers near the busy shores of many lakes, plants and animals that depend on the near shore waters will benefit by minimizing erosion.
5. The Great Lakes Compact. This compact signed by 8 lakes states and 2 provinces allows any governor to veto any plan to divert water from the great Lakes out of the region.

The details of these and other laws enacted in the last legislative session have been published in the monthly Wisconsin Lakes e-lake emails. Don't get one? Go to <http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/>

Now on to the new 2011 legislative session. This new legislative session promises to be a challenging one given the economic situation in Wisconsin and nationwide. Changes in the legislature, DNR and some in Wisconsin Lakes are occurring.

Although the various committee leadership and membership assignments in both the senate and house are being finalized as this goes to press, it is clear that our successes in the last session will also be a challenge to duplicate. All the committee leadership positions will change in 2011. Monthly updates can be followed via the e-lake emails also.

In addition to the new legislative leadership, top posts at the Wisconsin DNR are being filled. Known to date are the new DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp and her appointments of Matt Moroney serving as Deputy Secretary and Scott Gunderson serving as the Executive Assistant. Further details of their prior experience can be found on the DNR website.

Wisconsin Lakes is in the process of determining how to better maximize their bipartisan roots and leverage resources more effectively. One way to do this is by using in-house staff and a contract lobbyist in an integrated effort to have a voice for lakes in public policy. Further details of this improvement effort will be published in the next Lake Connection. Don't get it? Go to the website and sign up. <http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/>

With all that you have seen Wisconsin does for our lake and all the lakes in the state, please consider joining as an individual member. But you might ask "why should I join Wisconsin Lakes when my lake association is already a member?"

- It is only through individual and personal attention that we will be able to work toward our commitment to protect and preserve our treasured lakes.
- Wisconsin Lakes is the only statewide agency working on behalf of lakes.

Wisconsin Lakes is the organization which can work most effectively to lobby for our waters across the state. Yes, you can join at the website! (<http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/>)



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Speaking for Lakes
 2011 Wisconsin Lakes Convention
 April 12-14 Green Bay, WI



HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

There's still time to sign up for the Wisconsin Lakes Annual Convention in Green Bay. The Wisconsin Lakes Convention, the annual gathering of lake enthusiasts and advocates put on by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership, will once again be held at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. This year's convention will run April 12-14. You can also sign up at the UW Extension Lakes Convention website (<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/conventions/default.asp>) and scholarships are available for attendance from Wisconsin Lakes Association AND CFAPOA!

Please contact Chris Jeffords for more information today.

Please share this with a friend or neighbor!



CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA
 PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
2010 — 2011
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
 (Please print or type)



Name(s) _____

Home Street Address _____

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*2010 — 2011 membership = \$25 per property Please return this form and your \$25 check to:
 CFAPOA
 PO Box 555
 Hayward, WI 54843-0555*

Please check this box if you'd like someone to contact you about volunteering.
An application form is also available on our website: www.cfapoa.org



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CFAPOA is committed to keeping the Chippewa Flowage area clean and safe for all peoples; to protecting the environment; to providing a forum for the collection and exchange of ideas and to pursuing any other lawful objectives that may benefit this pristine reservoir.



Please mark your calendar

- 3/3/11 CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall
- 4/7/11 CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall
- 5/5/11 CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall
- 6/2/11 CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall
- 6/4/11 17th Spring Fling @ Trelands Resort**
- 6/19/11 3rd Big Chip Fish Fest @ The Landing**
- 8/7/11 28th Annual CFAPOA Meeting & Picnic @ Deer Run**