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CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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by Mike Gardner CFAPOA Chair

The Value of Volunteering

Sawyer County communities and organizations rely on volunteers to achieve world class events and activities. This has always been and is now more important than ever to CFAPOA as we work with others to steward a world class resource. Our efforts are enhanced by those that lead our Clean Boats Clean Water Program, monitor invasive species, loons, and organize our annual

events. The Board of Directors recognizes that this year has shown a marked increase in the number of individuals and families stepping up to fill vacancies to monitor or serve on the Board.

The value that volunteering brings to organizations served is well known, but the impact of volunteering doesn't stop there. Although many people are motivated by a sense of altruism, volunteers walk away with

benefits. Research has shown that volunteering is associated with improved health and well-being, including increased longevity, adoption of healthy lifestyles and reduction of depression and stress.

There is always more to do. Are you asking yourself what you can do in the coming months or year to play a role? Watch for developments and opportunities as we plan for next year with your support and renewed membership.

CFAPOA Needs Your Help

With your membership, you can volunteer and help us with our mission by:



Join CFAPOA. See Pages 6-9 for membership information.



Meet the Board Members



CFAPOA Board of Directors

L-R: Dave Koenings, Dustin Pyykola, Terry Herder, Tony Shubert (Vice Chair), Dennis Clagett, Doug Kurtzweil, Randy Hulke (Treasurer), Terry Wall, Kevin Flesch, Mark Zich, Kristin Elmer (Secretary) and Mike Gardner (Chair).

Mike Gardner, Chair

My home town is Hayward, Wisconsin and I have had a lifelong connection to the Flowage.



I have been a full time resident for 7 years. I'm married to wife, Phyllis, have one grown son (Joshua / Laura) and two grandchildren (Liam, Owen.) I am the owner of Northflow LLC

and consult on natural resource management, grant writing, renewable energy solutions and climate adaptation.



January 1, 2023 is the start of a new membership year. You can renew online at www.cfapoa.org or use the form found in this Newsletter.

Tony Shubert, Vice Chair

I live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and have a vacation home on the flowage. In Cedar Rapids I have worked the last 42 years at my own business, Contract Exchange Corporation. Now I work part-time at it with my two sons.

I have been coming up to the flowage for family vacations and family fishing trips for about 40 years. In 2010 Laurie and I built a vacation home on Summer's Point Lane. We and our 4 adult kids use the house as much as possible, usually about 100 days per year. We enjoy fishing, cross country skiing, hiking, boating, dining, shopping and exploring the wildlife on the flowage. The wilderness of the Chippewa Flowage is always attracting us back here.

I have been on the CFAPOA board for a couple of years now. I enjoy working with some very knowledgeable people and learning more about our great lake. We are all lucky to share the beauty of the Chippewa Flowage.



Tony Shubert

Randy Hulke, Treasurer

My home town is Plymouth, MN. I started vacationing on the Flowage in the late 1990's at Golden Fawn due to my wife's brothers-in-laws' ties to Bill and Barb McMann. Was able to purchase a cabin at Golden Fawn 2004 which solidified our ties to the Flowage. In 2010, we sold the cabin and purchased land on Summers Point Lane where in the summer of 2011 our new cabin completed construction. Our cabin on Summers Point allows us to enjoy entertaining friends and family and to introduce them to the wilderness wonders of the Flowage.

I am married to wife Diane and have 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren which are ages 1, 2, and 3. The older 2 grandkids love to throw rocks into the lake off the end of our dock. I retired from Best Buy in 2018 but re-joined the work force this year. Covid, allowed me to work from home so that I can still enjoy the serenity of our place on the Flowage and friends we've met in the area.

I joined the Association Board in 2018, to serve out the remainder of Tatum Treelands' term and was confirmed for my 1st full 3 year term in August 2019. Recently, at our last annual meeting, I was confirmed for my 2nd term. In 2019, I became the chair of the Finance Committee and have been your Treasurer since 2020. My wife, Diane, has been actively engaged in running the highly successful Clean Boats Clean Waters program for several years.



Randy Hulke

Kristin Elmer, Secretary

My hometown is Grand Haven, Michigan and my connection to Flowage is that my husband, Dean, spent many summers camping at the Chippewa Flowage Campground with his grandparents in the 70's. After Dean and I were married in 1995, he took me camping to the Chippewa Flowage Campground, and I decided this is where I wanted to live some day. We made Couderay our full time residence in 2018 when we moved from Madison, WI.

I am married to Dean Elmer and we became foster parents to my nephew, Joe, in 2018. We adopted my nephew in 2020 and now have an amazing 15 year old!

My occupation is an Instrument Sales Specialist for BD Biosciences.



Kristin Elmer

Terry Wall, Director

My wife Debra and I are originally from southeast Wisconsin just north of Milwaukee. We started vacationing on the Chip around 1985 and fell in love with the wilderness setting and remote nature of the lake. After owning a trailer at a local resort and spending all free time there for a few years we purchased a lot on the Chief River in 1993. We broke ground on a retirement home in the spring of 2024 and moved up here full time in 2006 after I retired from my job at Briggs & Stratton Corp.

I am currently on my third term as a board member and have been involved with various activities including Fisheries committee, Invasive Species, Loon watch and Clean boats clean water projects.



Terry Wall

Terry Herder, Director

My hometown is Couderay, Wisconsin and my connection to Flowage is that I started vacationing on the Flowage in the late 1960's at Sandy Point Resort. My parents purchased a cabin at Sandy Point in 1976, which is still family-owned today. In 2018 we purchased another cabin at Sandy Point and started living here full-time.

I am married to wife Karen and have 2 grown children and 2 grandkids. I am a retired Vice President from BMO Harris bank since 2018 and have been a fishing guide (Sandy Point Guide Service)

Mark Zich, Director

My hometown is Couderay, Wisconsin and my connection to Flowage is that I grew up two hours south of Chippewa Flowage and started fishing lakes around the Flowage in 1960's. My wife Joni introduced me to the Flowage in the mid 80s. We currently live full time on the Flowage on Sandy Point Road.

I am married to wife Joni and have two married sons and four 2 to 4 year-old grand children. My boys work for Presto Industries and Xcel Energy both in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

I am retired presently but worked at an engineering firm for 15 years, a Geographical Information Systems business manager for 10 years and before retiring 5 years ago I spent five years managing Focus on Energy efficiency programs and clients for schools and government.

since 1997. Retirement from banking has allowed me to guide full time.

I joined the Association Board in 2021 and became a member of the Finance and Fisheries Committees.



Terry Herder



Mark Zich



Dennis Clagett, Director

My family vacationed on the Chip (Clements Resort) in 1951-1954 and we lived in Chicago. When I was 16, we moved to Hayward in the spring of 1955, and with a partner our family purchased Herman's Landing. Graduated Hayward High School, then a couple of years of college. Some military. Married Barbara in 1968 and moved to St Paul for 30 years. We both retired and moved back to the Chip in 1999.

I Joined the CFAPOA board in 2004 as chairman of the just formed Invasive Species Committee. 18 years later- still at it.



Dennis Clagett

Doug Kurtzweil, Director

I am Douglas Kurtzweil. I was raised on a small family farm in central Wisconsin and have lived north of Highway 10 all my life. I have a son and a daughter and 3 grandkids. I have been a full time, year round resident of rural Sawyer County for over 46 years. Soon after arriving here in 1976, I fell in love with the Flowage ‘at first bite.’

I have been self-employed as a contract Assessor for multiple rural municipalities in northwest Wisconsin for 42 years and have served the taxpayers of the Town of Hunter for 38 years.

I was on the CFAPOA board from January 2001 to August 2017, with 12 years as Chair from 2003 to 2015. In spite of me, due to the wisdom and experience of engaged Board members, some really great things were accomplished.

As I settled into my 24X30 house (in 2000) I quickly realized that any and all of my personal and financial interests were easily trumped by the necessity of protecting the long term vigor, vitality, and viability of this, at the time, semi-wilderness paradise. I regret we were not more successful. I still wonder how they convinced me to come back on Board.

I will paraphrase a passage from the best selling book of all time. No person can serve 2 masters-both creation and money. As for me, I will serve....



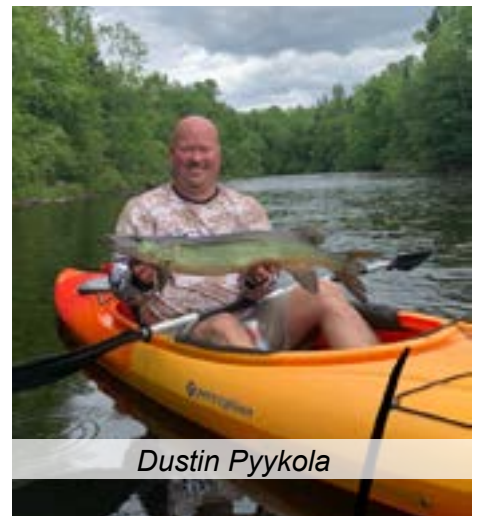
Doug Kurtzweil

Dustin Pyykola, Director

My hometown is Park Falls, Wisconsin and my connection to the Flowage is that I spent many years camping and hunting in the areas around the Flowage.

In 2015, we purchased our cabin on the Flowage and have spent more than half the year on the Flowage since. I absolutely love this area and will someday retire on the Flowage!

I am married with two grown kids and 2 dogs. My wife Stephanie and our kids Josh and Ryele are very avid outdoors people as well! I am a Sales Engineer and I’ve been in the machining industry for 30 years all working in the Midwest. I was newly elected to the Board this Fall.



Dustin Pyykola

Kevin Flesch, Director

My hometown is Denver, Colorado and my connection to the Flowage is that I grew up in Southern Wisconsin and started fishing the Flowage in High School in the mid 80s. I have vacationed and grouse hunted the area for the last 15 years. Now I own a place off of Woodland Drive.

I am married to wife Janet and have three daughters--all in college. The oldest is at Gonzaga in Spokane, twin daughters Addie at St. Olaf and Kendall is at Gustavus Adolphus.

I am an attorney with my own practice in Denver specializing in criminal defense and personal injury matters.

Dave Koenings, Director

My hometown is Waterford, Wisconsin and my connection to the Flowage is through hunting property and a cabin north of Winter since 2007. We built on the Flowage last year (East sider.)

My wife Shelley and I have two grown kids with spouses and two new granddaughters. I am semi-retired, and do some consulting work for Harley dealers. I was newly elected to the Board this Fall.



Dave Koenings



Kevin Flesch

Membership Update

by Patty Swaffield

Dear Members:

2023 is fast approaching, so now is the time to renew your membership.

CFAPOA is a community that is attempting to preserve and cultivate the entire resource of the Chippewa Flowage. Our organization has achieved many successes in the past, such as the Chippewa Islands Project, regulatory changes for walleyes, bass, and panfish, the Big Chip Fishfest, Clean Boats/Clean Waters, the Purple Loosestrife patrol, and improved coordination with LCO, DNR and other groups that have a say in management of the Flowage.

Moving forward, we plan to continue this track record of success with a focus on:

- Controlling invasive species
- Improving the quality of our fishery
- Encouraging safe recreational activities
- Educating people on how they can preserve the quality of our shoreline
- Monitoring and promoting wildlife health, such as the Loon population
- Providing opportunities for our members to connect with one another

Your membership dues (still \$25 per property) and additional contributions help pay for these focus areas along with operating expenses that cover activities such as this newsletter, our website, and the clean boats, clean waters program.

The number of members in our organization also increases our voice when working with other organizations or applying for grants. With your continued support our collective voice will be heard.

Please renew today and consider taking advantage of our gift selection by increasing your membership level to \$125 or greater.

Just complete the Registration included in this newsletter and, along with your check, mail it to CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843.

Or you can renew via PayPal on our web page - www.cfapoa.org.

Welcome New Members

Dave & Debbie Besenhofer
Dave & Michelle Koenings
Wayne & Kathy Kroeplin
Chad & Wendy Lauterbach
Bradley & Monica Near
Dustin & Steph Pyykola*
Alan & Julie Rembos**
Rick Santi
Shannon Uttech
Jeff & Kelly Wolf

Contributor

James & Rozamond Hemberger
Wayne Young

* Contributor

** Steward

*** Lifetime



Membership Levels

\$25: Individual/Property |
\$26 to \$124: Contributor –
newsletter recognition. | \$125
to \$999: Steward – newsletter
recognition and a gift. | \$1000 and
up: Lifetime Conservationist –
newsletter recognition, a gift, and
lifetime membership.

CFAPOA Christmas Party

To get everyone in the Holiday Spirit, we are having the Christmas Party again this year! If you can, please bring a door prize. Everyone will get a ticket for a chance to win. Plus, we will have the 50/50!



Please complete the invitation below and return by November 28 to:

CFAPOA
PO Box 555
Hayward, WI 54843

at the

Rusty Hook

on County Road B & CC

12/3/22-

5:00 Happy Hour – 6:00 Dinner

Price: \$22.00 per person (includes gratuity)

Dinner includes: Ribs – Chicken – Brisket – Muffins – 3 Sides



Name(s): _____

Number Attending: _____

(If you can, bring a door prize or a donation to the Humane Society or Hayward Food Shelf)



PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843
 E-mail: cfapoa@gmail.com Web: www.cfapoa.org

CFAPOA Member Registration/Membership Renewal

January 1st through December 31st

Member Name(s): _____

Member Information: (New Members please compete; Returning Members complete if information has changed)

MAILING Address			FLOWAGE Address (if different)		
City	ST	Zip	City	ST	Zip
Phone			Phone		
E-mail (for CFAPOA use only)					
Please send my Newsletter by email: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Do NOT publish email in Directory: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Note: Each paid membership receives one vote and one quarterly newsletter. Shared property owners wanting separate votes shall pay an additional membership fee. The CFAPOA is a 501(c)(3) organization and dues may be tax deductible.					

I am interested in Volunteering: (Please indicate choices)

Social Events
 Membership
 Invasive Species
 Loons
 Website
 Newsletter
 Other: _____

Membership Levels: (Based on TOTAL CONTRIBUTION)

- \$25 **Individual/Property**
- \$26 - \$124 **Contributor**
- \$125 - \$999 **Steward**
- \$1000 and up **Lifetime Conservationist**

Contribution Designations:

\$ _____ Membership Dues (Must be \$25 or greater - for General Operational Expenses)
 \$ _____ Additional donation to General Operating Expenses
 \$ _____ Additional donation to Conservation Project Fund (for Board approved projects)
 \$ _____ Additional donation to Conservation Trust Fund (Endowment retained for long term support)
 \$ _____ **TOTAL CONTRIBUTION/PAYMENT**

Send check to: CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843

Contributions of \$125 or more are eligible for a gift, please complete Page 2.

CFAPOA Member Registration/Membership Renewal, Page 2

Gift Selection: (Note: All items will have the CFAPOA logo)

Members making a total contribution of \$125 - \$499 may select **ONE** of the following gifts:

Men's Port Authority Silk Touch Polo **OR** Ladies Port Authority Silk Touch Polo
Size: (S through 10XL) and (LT through 4XLT) Size: (S through 6XL)

Men's and Ladies Polo Colors: (Please choose)

Red Pink Burgundy Maroon Lavender Light Blue Navy
 Teal Green Kelly Green Coffee Bean Steel Gray Black Marine Blue

OR Poly/Fleece Travel Blanket

Colors: Black Grey/Black Red/Black Royal Blue/Black

Members making a total contribution of \$500 - \$999 may select **ONE** of the gifts above or **ONE** of the following gifts:

Men's Midweight Fleece Hooded Jacket **OR** Ladies Midweight Fleece Hooded Jacket
Size: (XS through 4XL) Size: (XS through 4XL)

Men's and Ladies Jacket Colors: (Please choose)

Black Grey/Blue Grey/Citron

Members making a total contribution of \$1,000 or more may select **ONE** of the gifts above or **ONE** of the following gifts:

Men's 3 in 1 Jacket **OR** Ladies 3 in 1 Jacket
Size: (S through 4XL) Size: (S through 4XL)

Men's Colors: (Please choose)

Black Insignia Blue/Navy

Ladies Colors: (Please choose)

Blue/Black Berry/Black
 Red/Black Black

Mission Statement: The Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association, Inc. (CFAPOA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, formed to generally promote, encourage, and foster the interests of all property owners. Its major objectives are: to keep the Chippewa Flowage area clean and safe for all people; to protect the environment; to provide a forum for the collection and exchange of ideas; to support acquisition of land for protection and conservation and to pursue any other lawful objectives that may benefit this pristine lake, its wetlands, wildlife and tributaries.

What does a habitat drawdown do for the Chippewa Flowage fishery?

by Max Wolter – DNR Fisheries Biologist

Those who closely follow Chippewa Flowage happenings know “the drawdown” plays an important role in how the waterbody is managed. Of course, water level on The Chip is always fluctuating as a result of its functional role as a water storage reservoir for hydroelectric production. As such, there is some sort of drawdown each and every winter. Looking back over 50 years, the smallest winter drawdown that occurred was still 2.77 feet (1988). Even before the recent era of the “habitat drawdown”, discussed more in a moment, the average winter drawdown has been around 8 feet.

“The drawdown” that folks refer to currently is what the Chippewa Flowage Partners Group has termed a “habitat drawdown”. The overall magnitude of a habitat drawdown is not that different than the winter drawdowns that have happened commonly in the past, the major difference is the timing. Habitat drawdowns begin earlier in the fall, allowing for dewatered areas to dry and then freeze more thoroughly than if the drawdown happened later in the winter.

There are a variety of “habitat” benefits associated with the “habitat drawdown” that were hypothesized by myself and other resource managers. I’ll stick to discussion of the fisheries benefits here, and leave the discussion about aquatic



Dan Yankowiak, former DNR property manager for the Chippewa Flowage, with a spawning walleye in 2015. Note the low water and exposed spawning areas from that spring. There was not a large walleye year class produced in this year, but other years where habitat drawdowns have been performed have produced walleye year classes.

plants and other resource types to those professionals.

Within the fish world, drawdowns are a powerful tool, often with far greater impacts than fishing regulation changes or stocking. The major appeal within the Chippewa Flowage when the habitat drawdown was being designed (around 2013) was to jump start the stagnating walleye recruitment that had become a major concern at that time.

We now have almost 10 years of history with habitat drawdowns on the Chip, including 6 years out of the last 10 where a habitat drawdown was conducted, and 4

where one was not. What’s changed in the fishery in that span of time? What have we learned about the use of habitat drawdowns? What might the future look like? Let’s get into it!

Walleye

Walleye were the fish species we expected to have the most to gain from habitat drawdowns, since much of the drawdown design was intended to create better walleye spawning conditions. We have ample data to evaluate whether habitat drawdowns have achieved

better walleye spawning success and recruitment, and the answer is a clear “yes!”.

Since 2012, years with a habitat drawdown have produced walleye year classes that are twice as large (28.5 young of year walleye per mile surveyed), on average, as years without a habitat drawdown (13.6 per mile surveyed). Additionally, significant year classes have been produced in every year a habitat drawdown has been conducted except for 2015. Our experience from 2015 is important. That year it took longer to refill in the spring and the reservoir was still low when the walleye wanted to spawn. This demonstrates the importance of a quick spring refill for walleye spawning success, and the need to choose drawdown years carefully (i.e. years where refill is more likely).

There’s another positive trend buried a little deeper in the data. Since 2013, the size of the year classes in drawdown years has been increasing. Interestingly, while smaller than in drawdown years, the trend for non-drawdown years has been positive as well. Additionally, the year classes from 2021 (drawdown year) and 2022 (no drawdown year) were very similar in size (43, and 42/mile respectively) and are approaching the long-term average for walleye year class size on the Chippewa Flowage (49/mile).

Muskellunge

There are always all kinds of caveats when it comes to muskellunge survey data. They are rare and more difficult to capture. Any conclusions for muskellunge

need to be taken with a grain of salt, but there is an indication that the habitat drawdowns have benefited their spawning success to some degree. In the last 10 years, we have captured natural-born muskellunge in 5 of the 6 years where a habitat drawdown has been conducted. We have not captured any natural born muskellunge in years where a habitat drawdown was not conducted. To be clear, the amount of reproduction we are seeing in drawdown years is still low (which is why we also stock muskellunge), but it appears we do get a small bump for musky in habitat drawdown years.

Bass and Bluegill

Bass and bluegill have a different mode of spawning than walleye and muskellunge, so impacts of the drawdown on these species are more likely to be related to their survival than spawning success. Abundance of both largemouth bass and bluegill was high between 2010-2013 (pre-habitat drawdowns). Abundance of both species declined after habitat drawdowns started being conducted. That might sound concerning, to some, but abundances of both species from 2010-2013 were actually higher than desired, leading to smaller size. There may be some confounding factors here as well. Larger walleye year classes started showing up around this same time (as a result of the habitat drawdowns). It is difficult to say whether declines in bass and bluegill abundance are a direct result of the drawdown, or an indirect result because other factors like walleye abundance

were changing too. Regardless, I am more comfortable with the abundance of both species during the “habitat drawdown era”, and we’ve seen corresponding increases in size of both bluegill and largemouth bass.

Conclusions

I am sure there are other species folks would like to see discussed in this analysis, but at this point it’s difficult to make conclusions for species like crappie or northern pike based on the data we have available. Perhaps those analyses could be completed in the future. Still, the benefits we are seeing for other important species certainly point to the power and potential of collaborative water level management to benefit the fishery of the Chippewa Flowage. Drawdowns will always be a little controversial, and there are undoubtedly trade-offs for recreation and even within the fishery, but we are fortunate that we have a tool like this at our disposal. While walleye recruitment in many area fisheries has remained very low, we have been able to fully reverse the trend on The Chip. We can learn more about effects on musky, bass, and bluegill, but the initial indications for those species are also positive.

The Partners Group is committed to a data-driven approach to managing these important resources, and using analyses like these to feed into water level management decisions. I look forward to sharing more results like these with CFAPOA in the future.



Invasive Species Update

by Dennis Clagett

<https://cfapoa.org/invasive-species>

Name	East	West
Ron & Jan Bergman		1
Mike & Lynn Muench	M, P	
"Needs Adoption"		12, 13
Gary & Lind Crank		3, 5
LCO Conservation Dept.	H, I, Z	
Brian & Juliane Novak	S	
Alan & Lynda Fish		8, 17
Whitey and Donna Gilbertson		2, 18
"Needs Adoption"		10
Roman Rowen	U	
Chris & Patti Jeffords		4
Jerry & Nancy Johnson		6, 9
"Needs Adoption"		14
Roger & Kathy Kisch	W	
"Needs Adoption"		7
Rob and Rebecca Nesse	J	
Dustin & Steph Pyykola	O	
Chris & Jess Conrad	A2	
Rick & Linda Olson	R	
Tony & Laurie Schubert	T, U	
Dave Carland Family and Friends	X	
"Needs Adoption"	E1	
Steve & Jane Richardson	W	
Mark and Joni Zich		15, 16
Bruce and Gina Dingman	D	
"Needs Adoption"	E2	
Greg and Amy Sanders		11
Mike & Phyllis Gardner	Q	
Dennis Clagett	Y	
Linda Treland	A1	

This summer's end brought good news that no new invasive species were discovered in the Chippewa Flowage--at least nothing that was brought to my attention. I see this as a win for our Clean Boats Clean Waters program (CBCW). This is another success for our organization we can be proud of and credit should go to Diane Hulke & Shelley Lamoreaux, our CBCW Coordinators. Also, this summer brought retirements of long-time volunteers Jim & Marion Dier, Don & Sue Reinardy and Darrell & Jean Weihert from our Adopt-A-Shoreline program after 10 + years of dedication controlling our number one invasive species--purple loosestrife. Its folks like these that have contributed to the successful reduction of this plant. They should be commended for their dedication to our Adopt-A-Shoreline program.

New members that have volunteered include Chris & Jess Conrad section A2, Dustin & Stephanie Pyykola section O, Brian & Juliane Novak section S, Mark & Joni Zich sections 14 and 15 and Jerry & Nancy Johnson continue to include other west side trouble spots to their original sections 6, 9. It's great that new members are stepping up and volunteering. Some are using this as a way to introduce the family to the natural world around us.

This program continues to be the envy of many other lake organizations for both its success and longevity. These 40+ members deserve our appreciation. There are sections on both the East and West side that need adoption. Please consider joining this program--our shorelines and waters need you.

Our other problem invasive species: Eurasian water-milfoil (EWM) has had a banner year. The worst I have seen in a decade. Last fall the lake was down about 3 feet when it froze over. This was a bit more than typical, but not the more effective 5 foot "habitat drawdown" Xcel Energy agreed to the previous two years. Xcel Energy has a difficult task working with the CFAPOA/ Partners Group to use drawdowns as a method to both improve fish spawning habit and controlling EWM. This is made all the more challenging by our changing weather patterns that have resulted in less water in "the system" (swamps, wetlands and runoff) that has to be accounted for before decisions are made. It's a complex system to both manage and explain. The bottom line is that we need more rain and snow.

Please keep in mind using water levels to control EWM in the Chip is a powerful tool that many our neighboring lakes don't have, and they have lost what little control they had using chemicals and mechanical harvesters. In some instances, it has negatively affected property values.

I am always available. My contact information is in this issue, and again thank you to all our great volunteers.

Eurasian water-milfoil (EWM) has had a banner year. The worst I have seen in a decade.

Chippewa Flowage 2022 Drawdown

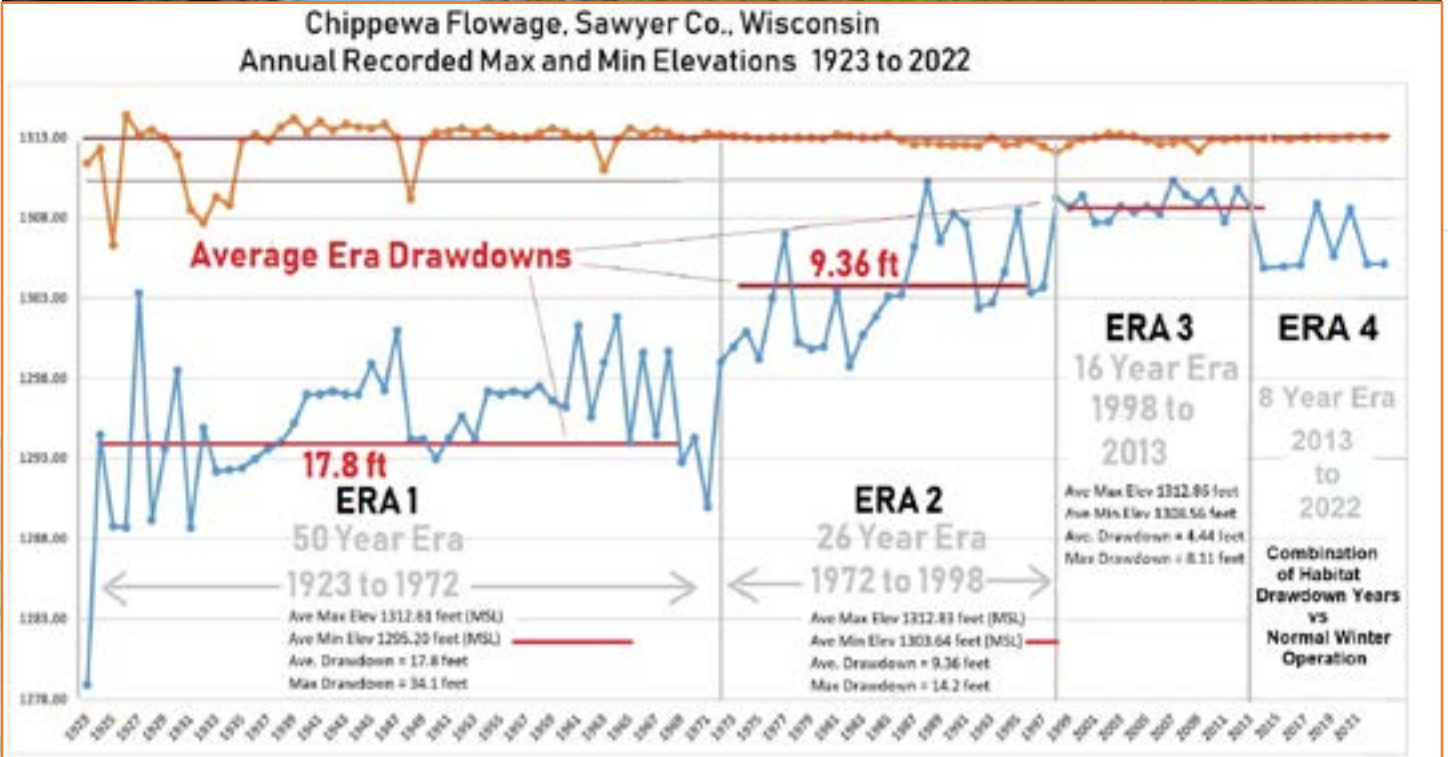
The Chippewa Flowage Partners Group held its quarterly meeting on September 29th at the Hayward DNR Ranger Station. The consensus decision is to conduct a Habitat Manipulation Drawdown for the 2022 – 2023 winter months. The drawdown involves a continuation of the summer drawdown (some of which is attributed to drought conditions) into the fall months until a 5-foot drawdown (elevation 1308.0) is achieved in mid-November. The reservoir elevation would then

continue to decrease during the winter months until an 8-foot drawdown is achieved in early -March.

Lowering the water before ice formation is less harmful to reptiles, amphibians, and furbearing mammals and allows for the dewatering of shoreline which increases the eradication of invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil. The hypothesis is that the deeper drawdown would benefit the fishery as well as provide control for the exotic plant species Eurasian Water Milfoil.

The Partner’s Group has developed a Drawdown Recommendation Guide to direct

the decision process utilizing the best available information. Considerations are given to history, aquatic plants, fisheries, special projects and tourism concerns. In addition, the Partner’s Group is always working to improve the Habitat Drawdown Decision Guide and will meet again on December 1, 2022 to collaborate on any recommended changes to the document. Also Xcel Energy’s goal is to always restore the Chippewa Flowage to full pool by at least early May 2023 prior to opening fishing; however, this is dependent on snow pack and other factors.



— Maximum Yearly Water Level
— Minimum Yearly Water Level

Spring Fling

June 5, 2022 @ Treelands



It was great to get back to having Spring Fling in person this year. Thanks to Treelands for wonderful appetizers and of course, Doug had to win the 50/50 again. A good time was had by all.



Another in-person event happening this year was the Annual Picnic held at Deer Run on Sunday, August 7 where new board members were nominated and members enjoyed brats and beer.



Annual Picnic

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 555
HAYWARD, WI 54843-0555

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

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**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

**BOARD MEETINGS
AND EVENTS**

November 3, 2022
December 1, 2022
Christmas Party, December 3
January 5, 2023

Board meetings are currently held at 6:00 p.m. in person at the Town of Hunter Hall and/or on Zoom. Visitors are welcome to join. Contact Mike Gardner at mgardner@northflow.net

CFAPOA Board of Directors

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