

CFAPOA

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Established 1983

Spring 2026

The Big Chip News

Keep Wildlife Wild

by Mike Gardner CFAPOA Chair

There are 11 species of turtles in Wisconsin. The semi-aquatic painted turtle is our most abundant species. The state-endangered ornate box turtle is Wisconsin's only fully land-dwelling terrestrial turtle. The months of May and June are peak nesting seasons for Wisconsin's turtles. All turtles lay their eggs on land, most in nests they dig with their hind feet. Once the eggs are laid, the female turtle buries the eggs and leaves them to hatch on their own. After hatching, young turtles are entirely independent and self-sufficient.

Tip: Turtles that are about to lay eggs often cross roads to find suitable nesting soil. These turtles are often hit by motor vehicles on the roadway by drivers who don't see them in time to avoid them. Be on the lookout for turtles on the roadway, especially during May and June. If it is safe for yourself

and others to do so, you can help a turtle cross the road. Be very mindful of your own and other drivers' safety, and do not attempt to stop traffic.

When assisting a turtle across the road, move it in the direction in which it is traveling. If you turn it around, the turtle will likely try to cross the road again. Also, do not move the turtle to a "better spot" or a different location. Turtles have a familiar home range, and females often return year after year to the same general area to lay their eggs.

If you find an injured turtle, call the Wisconsin DNR or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator as soon as possible. Do not put the injured turtle in the water. The turtle may not be able to keep its head above water and could drown.

For more information about how you can help Chippewa Flowage turtles, visit the [Wisconsin Turtle Conservation Program](#).



See Pg. 9 for details.

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CFAPOA Needs Your Help

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



Membership Update

by Patty Swaffield

New Members

Mark Follenweider
Joel & Penny Jurss
Don & Polly Kahler
Shaun & Lisa Ullrich Koenig

Contributor

Dennis & Ruth Aaron
Jerry & Donna Thompson Bechard
Angie & Pat McCain Bowe
Tom Bruseth
David & Michelle Casten
Curt & Pat Chaon
Rusty & Pat Chesmore
Bryan & Julie Christy
David & Patti Conley
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Ed & Carol Dutton
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Mike & Phyllis Gardner
Ryan & Jennifer Gaveske
John & Gail Grumbos
Bill & Maureen Grzelak
Jim & Roz Hemberger
Steve & Connie Kelsey
Jeff Korsmo
Eric & Susan Locher
Tom & Debbie Malloy
Mark & Brenda Mantey
Gerald & Erica Mason
Steve & Jeanne Migliacio
Randy & Kris Treland- Neumann
Kim & Cindy Neurohr
Maurice & Sue Noonan
Kelly & Sheila Ries
Paul & Karen Schanfield

Chris & Tatum Treland Schlapper
Jeff & Rebecca Schreiner
Royce & Stacy Schulz
John & Heidi Traxler
Tyler & Mallory Treland
Harold & Jan Treland
Kevin & Barb Whelan
Darren & Esther Winkler
Wayne Young

Steward

Mike & Ann Albert
Gary & Holly Becker
Richard & Angela Busch
Bob & Pam Cummings
Brent & Jeanne Drapeau
Charles & Anita Halbleib
Bob & Debbie Hart
Warren & Gretchen Hensel
Steve & Connie Kopecky
Norm & Carol Linnell
John & Brenda Long
Bill & Mary Ludford
Bryan & Kristen Mock
Brian & Erin Obert
Steve & Brittany Palme
Joe Reker
Pete & Sarah Ross
Tony & Laurie Schubert
Gary & Tami Varilek
Bill & Sulvia Nasla Whealon
Amanda Wilson
Teresa Winkler

Lifetime

Mark Follenweider

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.

Lifetime

Conservationist

Thank you for your Lifetime Conservationist donation. Your support and investment in our organization helps to promote our mission to keep the Chippewa Flowage clean and safe, to protect the environment.

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Tom & Tia Clark
Chris & Jessica Conard
Dean & Kristin Elmer
Mark Follenweider
Joe & Lora Garceau
Scott & Erin Hartman
Chris & Patti Jeffords
Karl & Stephanie Kann
Brad Krizan
Douglas Kurtzweil
John & Shelley Lamoreaux
Cheryl Treland & Betz Latsch
Mike & Kris Maly
Pablo & Renee Miranda
Mike & Lynn Muench
Kyle & Sara Nemetz
Brian, Juliane & Tyler Novak
Brian & Sibley Pauling
Gene & Pat Schubert
Barbara Sealy
Tucker Silberhorn
Michael & Shirley Singer
Barb Schweig
Phil and Mary Stanfield
Mike & Jennifer Toutant
Linda Treland
Richard & Lisa Uihlein Jr.
Mark & Joni Zich

The Year of the Musky

by Terry Wall

The Resort Association hosted a “summer kick-off get-together” at their meeting on April 15 at Treelands Resort. The meeting centered on the 2026 DNR Musky stocking plan and the resort association musky stocking fund raiser. The meeting was open to the public and was live-streamed on Facebook.

DNR fish biologist Max Wolter was on hand and delivered a power-point presentation that detailed results from past musky stockings and the plans for this year. Historically the DNR stocked muskies in the flowage every 2-3 years and the last time muskies were stocked was 2023. That year the DNR stocked 3,799 extended-growth fingerlings. The goal for this year is to stock around 5,000 fingerlings if they are available.

One key point Max stressed was that the fish they will stock this year will be hatched from eggs taken from fish captured on our lake during the spring population survey. This survey will be conducted over the entire lake during April of this year. This will be the most comprehensive population study ever undertaken on our lake and will cover the entire lake rather than alternating between the east and west side like other years. Results will be tabulated to determine just how many muskies are swimming in our lake.

As mentioned earlier, Max put in a request for up to 5000 fingerlings for stocking this fall. Due to budget issues and what is available at that time, the actual number of fry we get will not be determined until later in the year. With that fact in mind, the Resort Association with the support of the CFAPOA and LCO launched the 2026 musky stocking fund raiser.



The goal is to purchase additional fingerlings and boost the number of fish stocked this year and perhaps meet the 5000 fish goal. The LCO hatchery has agreed to raise the fry in their ponds after they are hatched at the Spooner hatchery which is more favorable than buying from a private hatchery.

Stocking fish is very expensive and our lake isn't the only lake on the list this year so there is no telling how many fish we will actually get. To jump start the fundraiser the Resort Association has stepped up and agreed to match cash donations up to \$30,000.00. In addition to donations they also plan to have merchandise available to purchase at the resorts during the summer season. Watch for posters advertising the fund raiser and ways to donate using the QR code on the poster.

Another way we all can help make this program a success is to harvest more Pike this summer. Pike prey on the small muskies and other young of the year when they are most vulnerable. The PIP is now in full swing for a seventh season and we strongly encourage

the harvest of the small pike. The less pike in the lake the better the survival rate of the stocked muskies as well as Walleye young of the year. Pike are not native to our lake and may have contributed to the decline in Walleye populations over the past 20 years. Pike taste great and once you learn how to get around the Y-bones they are easy to clean. Each season the PIP has a goal to remove 10,000 pike but we average under 3,000 fish registered in the contest. So harvest and register your pike to be entered in the drawings for cash prizes in October. Be safe on the water, be respectful of others and have a fun summer.

CFAPOA has updated Max Wolter's Chippewa Flowage PIKE Fishing Cheat Sheet Map and the new web map includes the original pike fishing areas along with where the aquatic plants reside in the flowage based on the 2016 and 2025 aquatic plant surveys, the depths of the survey points, and the 5 and 10 foot contours.

[Chippewa Flowage Pike Fishing Cheat Sheet](#)

Invasive Species

by Dennis Clagett



Name	East	West
Kris Koehnen & David Jordheim		1, 2
Mike & Lynn Muench	M, P	
Jim & Jan Evenstad		12
Gary & Linda Crank		3, 5
Christine and Jayson Grams		13
LCO Conservation Dept.	H, I, Z	
Brian & Juliane Novak	S	
Alan & Lynda Fish		8, 17
Up for Adoption		18
Greg & Amy Sanders		10, 11
Chris & Patti Jeffords		4
Jerry & Nancy Johnson		6, 9
Dave Szymanowski		7, 14
Roger & Kathy Kisch	W	
Rob and Rebecca Nesse	J	
Dave Carland & Family	O	
Chris & Jess Conard	A2	
Rick & Linda Olson	R	
Tony & Laurie Schubert	T, U	
Dave Carland Family and Friends	X	
Brent and Jeanne Drapeau	E1, E2	
Mark and Joni Zich		15, 16
Bruce and Gina Dingman	D	
Mike & Phyllis Gardner	Q	
Dennis Clagett	Y	
Pete and Sarah Ross	Y	
Phil & Mary Stanfield	A1	
Clayton Wanta & Kurtis Burton	E1	
Mark Mantey		1

The Chippewa Flowage has been fortunate (so far) to have avoided a number of new aquatic invasive species (AIS) called Aquatic Vertebrates like fish and mussels that have infected lakes in southern Wisconsin. These new species of invaders are fish and mussels that have traveled as passengers in the ballast tanks of ocean-going freighters destined for the Great Lakes where the ballast and its passengers are pumped out.

This is why Wisconsin law requires that at a lake boat ramp all water must be drained from bilges, minnow buckets, live wells, and coolers before leaving the boat ramp, and must be dry when arriving at the boat ramp. It states “You must drain all water from boats, containers and fishing equipment when leaving any state waters, banks, and shores, or entering Wisconsin over land”. This may involve “pulling the plug” to drain the water from the bottom of the boat.

But what about some smaller recreational boats that have ballasts like the shipping freighters? Wake surfing has become popular with some. This boat used to generate a large surfing wake has a “ballast tank” of 150 to 350 gal. built into the back and sides of the boat that increases the size and shape of the wake. Unfortunately, these tank(s) cannot be completely pumped or drained, leaving anywhere from 2- 30 gal. of water on board, and potentially passengers from Asia coming to your lake for a vacation.

Of particular concern are the quagga mussel and round goby—both now at our doorstep in the Great Lakes and advancing north from southern Wisconsin, just as Eurasian watermilfoil did. The Round Goby is a small, but aggressive bottom-dwelling fish that grows rapidly and reproduces several times in one spawning season. It is a threat to aquatic ecosystems as it causes declines in native species of fish and poses a threat to health as it can harbor contaminants such as heavy metals, PCBs, harmful bacteria, and toxins in its fatty tissues. Gobies routinely thrive at the expense of native fish populations by out-competing them for food and breeding habitat. It feeds on aquatic macroinvertebrates, small native freshwater mussels and the eggs and young of native fish species. The Round Goby poses a particular threat to Smallmouth Bass, as it often feeds on their eggs and fry. The Round Goby has a competitive advantage over native fish because it can feed in complete darkness and aggressively defends prime spawning areas.

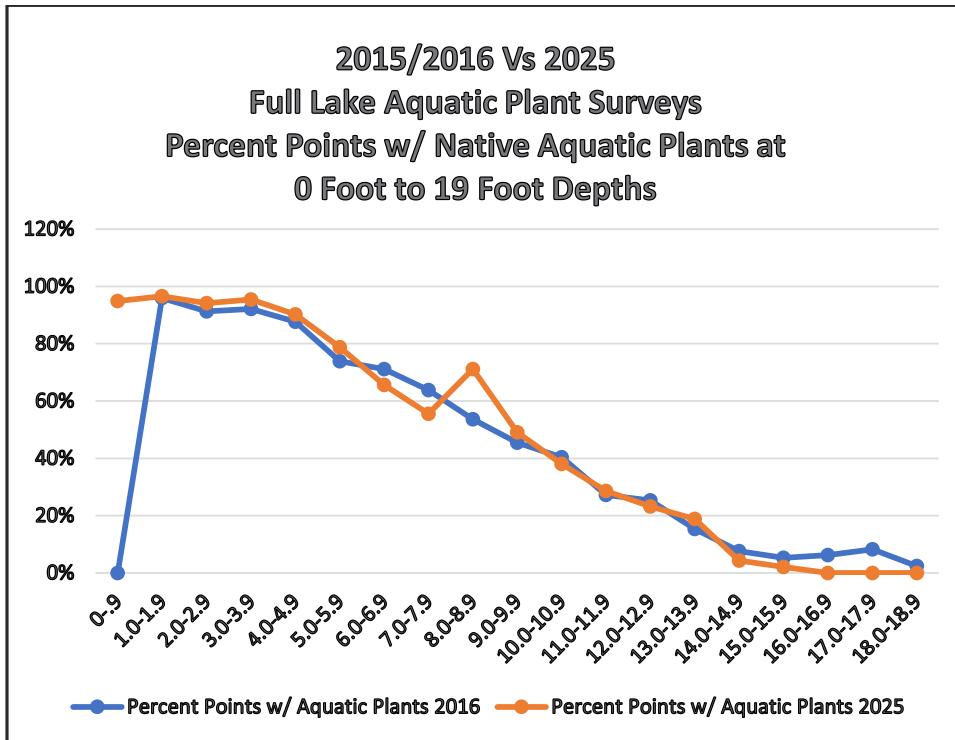
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/regulations/wisconsin/Wis-Admin-Code-SS-NR-19-055>

Visit our website for a detailed map of East and West locations.

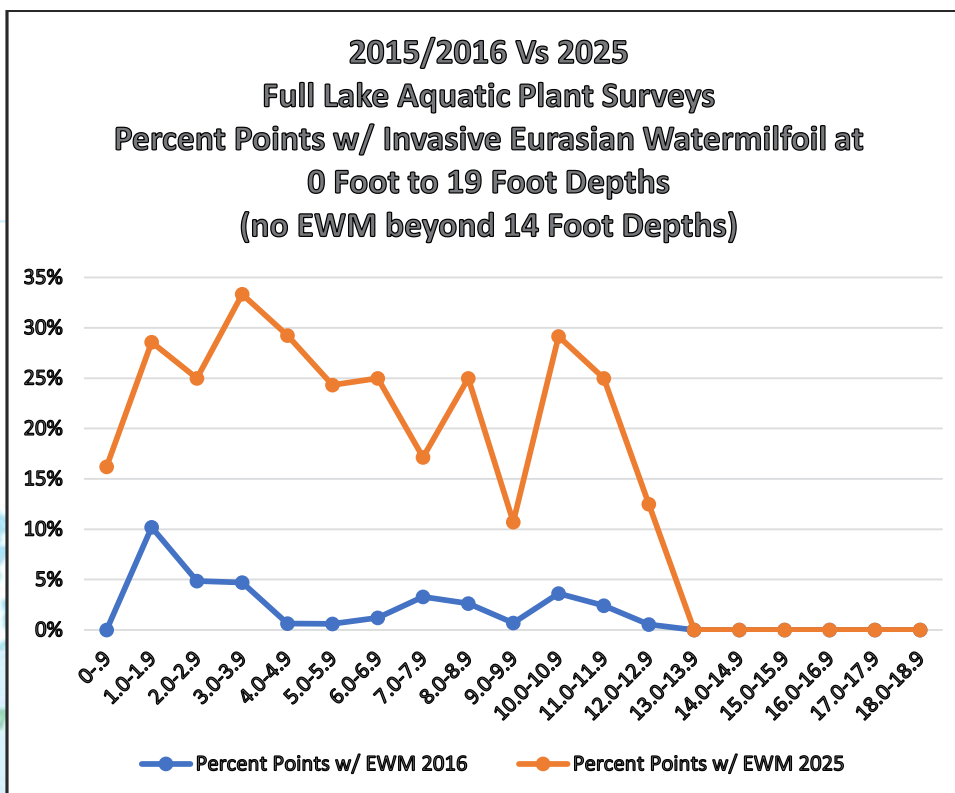
<https://cfapoa.org/invasive-species>

Eurasian Watermilfoil is Significantly Increasing

CFAPOA is increasing our involvement in aquatic plant surveys – more details to come in later newsletters on the programs



Graph 1 compares the presence of native plant species surveyed in the 2015/2016 Aquatic Plant Survey vs the more recent 2025 Aquatic Plant Survey.



Graph 2 compares Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) field surveyed in the same two most recent surveys. In the last 10 years, EWM has significantly increased and CFAPOA will provide more information in the near future on how we plan to work with the LCO on increasing our involvement in projects and attempts to mitigate EWM on the Chippewa Flowage.

New Loon Platforms



CFAPOA has 9 new aluminum loon nesting platforms to replace the worn out PVC platforms. This loon seems to like the added amenities. Welcome to the new A.I. world and perhaps we can no longer trust that those enormous fish in the boat photographs are authentic.

“In 2015, CFAPOA received a \$1,000 grant from Xcel Energy to obtain a WDNR permit and construct nine Artificial Nesting Platforms (ANP’s) in the Chippewa Flowage. They donated another \$1800 for the second set of loon artificial nesting platforms we built in 2025 and placing on the lake this year. The primary purpose for the ANP’s is to help protect egg incubation on nests from fluctuating water levels and predators. If you should see one of these platforms, please demonstrate respect for the nesting loons by restricting boating activities to at least 200 feet.”

Loon Pontoon Tours

We have Loon Pontoon Tours on the Chippewa Flowage on:

- June 25 with Don Reinardy
- June 30 with Laurie and Tony Schubert
- August 13 with Laurie and Tony Schubert

Just the August 13 tour has spots available, but of course folks could explore Lake Owen on one of the other tours, to see a different lake! Register on our website:

<https://www.cablemuseum.org/events/>

If folks would like to schedule an additional Loon Pontoon Tour, we have them on our menu of “Programs by Request.”

Loon Pontoon Tour (2-3 hour program)

Learn amazing facts about these ancient birds and the beautiful lakes where they live while touring on a pontoon boat. A Museum Naturalist will share stories about the facts and fantasies behind this Northwoods icon. The tour could be located on any of several local lakes, or take place on your own pontoon boat. \$400 total if we provide the pontoon, or \$120 per hour + travel if you provide your own pontoon.



Emily M. Stone
Naturalist/Education Director

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Clean Boats, Clean Waters

by Diane Hulke

Love the Outdoors?

Seasonal Employment
May to September

The Clean Boats Clean Waters program is looking for a few personable and responsible people to monitor public boat launches on the beautiful Chippewa Flowage.

Friday afternoons, Saturday, Sunday and holiday mornings.
\$19 per hour

For more information contact
Diane: 763-458-5392 or Dennis: 715-462-4814
Retirees, anglers and environmental students encouraged to apply.



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BINGO

is Back!

Summer 2026

The Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners' Association (CFAPOA) will host two BINGO nights this summer in partnership with Chief Lake Lodge!

Thursday, June 25th
and
Thursday, August 13th

Save the Dates! →

Come enjoy the company of your fellow Association members, or learn more about the work of our organization!

Chief Lake Lodge
"A TRULY 4-SEASON/FULL SERVICE RESORT"
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Like to Hike?

The Northwoods Women are extending an invitation to women interested in joining our walking group on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Kay Moe at 715-450-9001.

We have several members from the Chippewa Flowage and would like to add more women from the Chippewa Flowage area. Please feel free to bring friends!



Complete this card and bring it to the CFAPOA table at Deerfoot on June 6. If you have the correct answers, your name will be submitted into a drawing for a door prize!

When and where is the CFAPOA bingo night in June?

How can you support muskies being planted in the flowage?

Who is the CFAPOA board President?

How many new loon platforms will be located throughout the lake in 2026?

Name three significant flowage environmental projects the CFAPOA coordinates:

What is the date and where is this year's CFAPOA Spring Fling to be held?

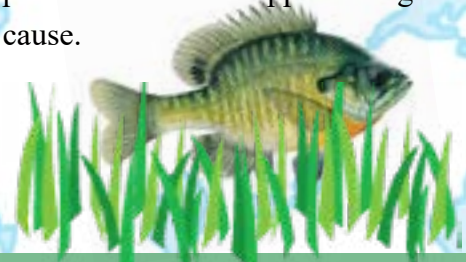
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TOWN OF HUNTER

**June 6
2026**

**11:00 am-
7:00 pm**



**OPEN
TO THE
PUBLIC!**

Deerfoot Lodge & Resort - On The Chippewa Flowage

8534 N Deerfoot Rd. Hayward, WI 54843

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Food Sales, Ticket Sales for 50/50,
Booze Dinghy, Bucket Raffles, Gun Raffle

3:00 pm

Gun Raffle Drawing &
Final 50/50 Cash Raffle Drawing

12:00 (noon)

1st 50/50 Cash Raffle Drawing

3:15 pm

Live Auction

1:00 pm

Meat Raffle/Auction &
2nd 50/50 Cash Raffle Drawing

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Live Music: The Whiskey Chase Band

2:00 pm

Bucket Raffle Drawings &
3rd 50/50 Cash Raffle Drawing

5:30 pm

Drawing for the "Booze Dinghy"

- Must Be Present To Win

***Proceeds To Go Towards Town Of Hunter Fire & EMS Protective Services
Fire Department, EMS, Search & Rescue Equipment On Site***

Brought to you in part by CFAPOA - Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association, Musky Sno & ATV Club,
Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association, Deerfoot Lodge & Resort, The Landing Resort

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



CFAPOA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, 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.



**MARK YOUR
 CALENDAR**
**BOARD MEETINGS
 AND EVENTS**

- May 7, 2026 Meeting
- June 4, 2026 Meeting
- June 6, Fire Up the Flowage
- July 2, 2026 Meeting
- August 6, 2026 Meeting

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



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