

# The Big Chip News

## View from the Chair Fall 2017

Well, it happened again! It's Fall! I hope you enjoyed your summer on the lake. It was a cool and rainy summer but, things were pretty good, here, up north? No big natural disasters that other places suffered.

Now, it's time to calendar the Holiday Party! If you were there, last year, we hope to see you, again. If you missed last year, we'll see you, this year, on December 9 at the Chippewa Inn at 5:00.

### Rental Regulations

As you know, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors enacted regulations for private home rentals and, then, based on legal argument, rescinded the regulations. In late September, Governor Walker signed the state budget which also addressed the licensing and taxation of short-term rentals in Wisconsin.

The Joint Finance Committee expanded the applicability of the local room tax so that a local governmental entity may impose the tax on "lodging marketplaces" (rental agents) and owners of short-term rentals. The regulations include a list of responsibilities for the lodging marketplaces and the owners.

The regulations prohibit a local governmental entity to enact an ordinance that would prohibit the rental of a residential dwelling for seven consecutive days or longer. They do allow a local governmental entity to limit the total number of days of within any consecutive 365-day period that the dwelling may be rented to no fewer than 180 days if a residential dwelling is rented for periods of more than six but fewer than 29 consecutive days. (That requirement is far from clear.)

The regulations also allow a local government entity to require that the maximum number of allowable rental days within a 365-day period run consecutively. The regulations requires notification to the county clerk in writing when the first rental within a 365-day period begins, obtain a state tourist rooming house license as required by state law 90.01(15k) and obtain a license from the local governmental entity if one is required.

I've only listed what I considered the highlights of the regulations and I suggest looking more closely at the requirements.

### Season Draw Down

We sent out a mass email to our members alerting you to the quick draw down expected, this fall, and which has already begun. We

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didn't want you to have your boats stuck on lifts. We hope such emails are helpful to you. The Federal Electrical Regulatory Commission (FERC) has instructed Xcel to conduct certain rip rap repairs by the Winter Dam, this winter and therefore, expect a "habitat" draw down. You can find a copy of Xcel's plan for draw down, this winter, on the CFAPOA website. Xcel is planning a five-foot draw down by mid-November followed by an additional three-foot draw-down by March, 2018. I sure liked that late October 2016 fishing in a full pool but that was then and now is now. Besides, I am aware that the freeze up at full pool caused some problems. The deep-draw-down advocates should be happy, this winter.

The draw-down began in late September and will continue through the fall until an elevation of 1308.0 feet is achieved around November 15. The draw-down will continue once the reservoir ices up later in December with a target elevation of 1305.0 feet (eight-foot draw-down) is reached around March 1, 2018. Xcel may utilize a deeper draw-down if a very high snow pack accumulates creating potential for flooding issues, downstream. If very little snowfall is received, this winter, Xcel will target a draw-down of less than eight feet.

The intent of a deeper draw-down is to decrease the amount

of aquatic vegetation, including Eurasian water milfoil, which may result in favoring the habitat conditions preferred by walleye. DNR has concluded that surveys confirmed that walleye recruitment has improved following years where habitat-based deeper draw-downs have occurred. The deeper draw-down has also reduced the density of Eurasian Water Milfoil resulting in better growing conditions for native plants.

As you know, a habitat-based draw-down may mean some boat landings will be difficult to access. The refill rate and time required to refill the lake will be dictated by precipitation and inflow from tributary rivers and streams.

[Definitions of Seasons: Fall = October 1 through November 30; Winter = December 1 through March 30; Spring=April 1 through June 1; and Summer = June 2 through September 30]

## **Boat Ramps**

Xcel's draw down, this winter, should provide an opportunity for DNR to do some major work on the Winter Dam Boat Ramp. And that is just what DNR is planning to do but came up short for funding the concrete ramp extension panels in the amount of approximately \$7900. In order to have the ramp extension, quickly, and for possible use during November, 2017, the CFAPOA Board voted, October 5, to contribute \$2500 of project funds for extension



panels construction. Contributions were also made by Walleyes for Northwest West Wisconsin, Muskies Inc. (\$2,000), Treeland Resorts (\$2,000), and Johnson's Resort (\$500). Association is also expected to contribute.

The Town of Hayward thought it had an accepted offer to purchase the Schultz restaurant property on Chief Lake to construct a new boat ramp but a neighbor claimed he had a valid accepted offer to purchase the same property. On October 3, 2017, the Circuit Court ruled in favor of the neighbor and, as a result, there will be no immediate boat-launching improvement on Chief Lake.

Enjoy the Autumn! It was, again, a pleasure to Summer in Wisconsin with you.



# CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS UPDATE

by Barb Salomon, Co-coordinator



The season is closing on our WDNR Clean Boats Clean Waters project. Funded by four \$4000 DNR grants, one for each of our DNR public boat ramps, we started work over a year ago by completing a holdover 2012 education and invasive species grant. By last December we had made our final request for expense reimbursement to close down that grant. That cleared the way for us to qualify the Chippewa Flowage for new Aquatic Invasive Species protection money.

By now most people know that in 2008 the legislature decided that DNR would no longer be funded to check boats for transport of invasive species between lakes. Wisconsin implemented its Clean Boats Clean Waters project to fund local programs to administer, staff, and operate their own projects. For some that was good news: less Madison bureaucracy and waste. For others it was bad news: invent your own program, staff it, run it if your lake cares enough to educate boaters and encourage them to do the hard work of stopping transport of non-native plant and animal materials. Certainly there are good resources to help: the University of Wisconsin Extension Lakes Program in Stevens Point is the central resource for the program, and centrally manages creation of materials (including not only print matter but also videos and signage) and administration of the state-wide data base that collects the information collected by the state's many CBCW programs.

So by December 10 we applied for CBCW funds to staff monitoring on our four DNR public ramps. We did not attempt to staff the Town of Hayward Chief Lake ramp, although there was some CBCW activity at that location under the 2012 grant. Approval of our application was virtually automatic but did require our agreement to several conditions. The operational condition was that we do a minimum of 200 inspection hours at a funded ramp. The financial condition was that we contribute 25% of the program cost in money or volunteered labor or materials.

Diane Hulke and I ran the program this year. We both worked to finish the grant last year too, but running this operation on four ramps for a full grant cycle has been a "different animal". Between us we made the application, budgeted, and hired an initial crew of seven monitors by going to job fairs, advertising on the Internet and in print, and soliciting our members. We set up payroll and shepherded it from time sheet to paycheck every two weeks, got insurance, created schedules and continually redid them as vacations, team sports, health issues, family crises, you name it, meant that someone would not be on the job. Then we hired more, as circumstances dictated. We trained, we ordered materials, and we reordered. We reminded, we cajoled, we praised, we thanked, we were grateful for the hard work that most of our monitors put in. We entered their inspection data into the WDNR SWIMS data base where you can see our program results. <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives/WatercraftSummary.aspx?project=140875924>

We easily met our hours quota at Hay Creek and Winter Dam. We needed the full "season" from Fishing Opener through Labor Day at CCNorth to work the required hours, and as of the writing of this article our volunteers are putting in the last dozen hours at CCSouth to finish the grant hours quota there. (So if you are wondering why there are still inspectors there in the rain in October, we are finishing what our paid monitor crew left for us!) (Having said that, we have several who are still willing to work, but we need volunteer time to help us make our local "match" of grant funds).

Here are the figures for our 2017 season through September 4 (these will be updated when the last of our hours are worked in October):

Boats inspected: 2523 of the 4558 inspected in Sawyer County  
People contacted: 5806 of the 8556 contacted in Sawyer County  
Inspection hours: 966 of the 2026 inspection hours worked in Sawyer County

We also estimate over 200 volunteer hours contributed by those administering the program, including Diane and myself, board member Tatum Treland who created a model fishing tournament CBCW station for sponsor host resorts, and Pete Czarnecki, our treasurer who cut the program checks.

Was it worth it? Those of us who work with the program think so. I hope to write an article for the next issue that gets into some of the Aquatic Invasive Species issues boat monitors deal with. We hope that skeptics will take the time to read that article and see why we think this effort is so important. We will also provide a final financial report when we close the books.

If you can help with our 25% local contribution for this year or next (for example with a gift or by volunteering) please contact Diane or myself. Please also help us find reliable monitors for next year!

We thank you and all those who supported and worked for us. You made this a very successful season.

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CBCW Co-coordinators.

## Season Ends for CBCW

by Barb Salomon

Inspected 2556 boats. Talked to 5870 people. Monitored for 984 hours, 964 paid and 20 volunteer. About 200 hours of admin time to get that done (not very efficient but it really was herding cats!)

Members we talked to we really positive; hopefully residents who weren't members know more about the Flowage and about CFAPOA.

Anyone with volunteer hours get me that form ASAP please.

Thank you all for your support, CBCW via Barb and Diane

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Barb Salomon, Committee Member

The next big event: our **Holiday Party on December 9** at the Chippewa Inn at the corner of Sawyer County Roads A and B. The cash bar to give us time to visit will begin at 5 pm, followed by h'ordeuvres at 6:30. Our member cost will be the same as last year, \$18, and the Landgraf family and staff will again welcome us with holiday décor and their warm hospitality. Please bring an item to add to our raffle prizes, and a donation for the Hayward Food Shelf and our furry friends at Northwoods Humane Society. It is always fun to help out with our social events: volunteers please contact Patty Swaffield to tell her you will be pitching in.

121 members and guests gathered for a fun and interesting **Summer Picnic** and annual meeting. Haley Appleman, naturalist educator from Cable Natural History Museum taught us about "Predators" including three who came to the picnic with her- Scuba the Tiger Salamander, Digger the Western Hognose Snake, and Aldo the American Kestrel. Not quite as showy (not his fault, it's that drab uniform) our own DNR property manager Dan Yankowiak updated us on zoning and law enforcement for the Flowage. We took care of business including election of two directors new to the board, Tatum Treland and Mike Gardner.

A special **welcome back to old members** we have not seen in a year or two, and a **special thanks** to our members who help us out with their especially generous contributions of time or money (and in some cases both) that keep us able to serve you and our special lake.

For those of you who have not done so already, please **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017 – 2018**. The membership year goes from August 1 to July 31 each year (although we are discussing whether we should move to a calendar year system- if you have an opinion on this please tell us.) **LOOK FOR A MEMBERSHIP FORM IN THIS NEWSLETTER OR ON LINE AT [www.cfapoa.org](http://www.cfapoa.org).**

And for those of you who love your lake, please make an additional donation to us. We are a 501 c(3) charitable organization, so your contributions may be deductible to you. We will put it to use for you with news, invasive species protection programs, fishery enhancement projects, and the many other things we do.

Enjoy this beautiful season, and try to gather with us December 9 at the Chippewa Inn.

Best wishes from your  
Membership Committee,  
Patty, Mark and Barb

### New Members:

Tom & Cindy Drabant  
Randy & Tracy Jensen  
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**CFAPOA Board Members.** Back L-R: Mark Zich, Terry Moe, Mike Gardner, Dennis Clagett, Terry Wall. Front L-R, Kerry Lang Ellis, Barb Salomon, Brenda Dettloff, Connie Peterson and Tatum Treland. Not pictured: Pete Czarnecki.

# Holiday Party

December 9, 2017

Chippewa Inn  
(Corner of County A and B.)

5 p.m. Cash Bar  
Cocktails, open bar and Heavy h' ordeuvres at 6:30.

Member cost: \$18.00

Please RSVP with payment by December 4, 2017.  
CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843

Please bring an item to add to raffle prizes and a donation for the Hayward Food Shelf and our furry friends at Northwoods Humane Society.

# SUMMER PICNIC AND ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, August 6, 2017 at Deer Run Resort



## Keeping the Balance.

Above: Haley Appleman, naturalist educator from the Cable Natural History Museum, brought three of the Museum's live animals, all predators commonly found in Wisconsin. Haley explained that from Tiger Salamanders hunting insects and Hognose snakes digging for toads to American Kestrels diving through the air at high speeds after other birds and dragonflies, Wisconsin has a wide diversity of predators keeping ecosystems in balance.

# CFAPOA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018

**(1) Enter your name(s) and address to appear in the Membership Directory.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Box \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

Street/Box \_\_\_\_\_  
Flowage Address

City \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ (for CFAPOA use only)

Please send my Newsletter by email: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Do Not Publish email in Directory: Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Each paid membership receives one vote and one quarterly newsletter. Shared property owners requesting an additional newsletter shall pay an additional membership fee. The CFAPOA is a 501(c)(3) organization and dues may be tax deductible.**

- (2) Membership Level Please insert your Dues amount below:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Individual/Property
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \$26-\$124 Contributor - newsletter recognition
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \$125-\$999 Steward - newsletter recognition and a gift
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 and up Lifetime Conservationist – newsletter recognition, a gift, lifetime membership

- (3) Donations in addition to Dues– Indicate below to direct your donations made in addition to dues:**
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Operating Expenses
  - \$\_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Project Fund (Board approved projects)
  - \$\_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Trust Fund (endowment retained for long term support)

**(4) \$\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL CONTRIBUTION (Membership plus Donation)**  
**(Must be \$125 or more for gift – see selection on reverse)**

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I am interested in Volunteering: **Please circle your choice(s):**

Social Events – Membership - Invasive Species – Loons - Web Site - Newsletter

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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



Mission Statement: 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.

## CFAPOA MEMBER MAJOR GIFT SELECTION

Note: All gift items will have the CFAPOA logo.

1. Members making total contribution of **\$125 - \$499** may select **ONE of the following four gifts (check one)**:

\_\_\_\_\_ **(1) Men's Port Authority Silk Touch Polo**

Size \_\_\_S\_\_\_M\_\_\_L\_\_\_XL\_\_\_2XL\_\_\_3XL\_\_\_4XL up to 10XL

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**OR** \_\_\_\_\_ **(2) Ladies Port Authority Silk Touch Polo**

Size \_\_\_S\_\_\_M\_\_\_L\_\_\_XL up to 6XL

**Men and Ladies Colors:** Please choose

\_\_\_White\_\_\_Stone\_\_\_Red\_\_\_Pink\_\_\_Banana\_\_\_Orange\_\_\_Burgandy\_\_\_Maroon\_\_\_Lavendar

\_\_\_Purple\_\_\_Light Blue\_\_\_Turquoise\_\_\_Royal\_\_\_Navy\_\_\_Teal Green\_\_\_Kelly Green

\_\_\_Dark Green\_\_\_Coffee Bean\_\_\_Steel Grey\_\_\_Cool Grey\_\_\_Black

**OR** \_\_\_\_\_ **(3) Tablet Sleeve** or \_\_\_\_\_ **(4) Laptop Sleeve**

Color: \_\_\_Black\_\_\_Blue Denim\_\_\_Black Plaid\_\_\_Brown Plaid

2. Members making total contribution of **\$500 - \$999** may select **ONE of the four gifts above or ONE of the two gifts below (check one)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(5) Soft Shell Vest**

Men's size \_\_\_S\_\_\_M\_\_\_L\_\_\_XL\_\_\_2XL\_\_\_3XL\_\_\_4XL

Color: \_\_\_Navy\_\_\_Red\_\_\_Black

Ladies Size \_\_\_S\_\_\_M\_\_\_L\_\_\_XL\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_Navy\_\_\_Red\_\_\_Black

**OR** \_\_\_\_\_ **(6) Unisex Messenger Polyester Tech Bag in Black**

## LIFETIME CONSERVATIONIST GIFT SELECTION

Lifetime Conservationist members making total contribution of **\$1,000 or more** may select **ONE of the six gifts above or ONE of the two gifts below (check one)**:

\_\_\_\_\_ **(1) 3 in 1 Jacket**

Men's Size \_\_\_S\_\_\_M\_\_\_L\_\_\_XL\_\_\_2XL\_\_\_3XL\_\_\_4XL

Color: \_\_\_Black\_\_\_Charcoal/Burnt Orange\_\_\_Imperial Blue/Navy\_\_\_Navy/Mountain Blue

**OR**

Ladies size: \_\_\_S\_\_\_M\_\_\_L\_\_\_XL

Color: \_\_\_Navy/Denim\_\_\_Black/Charcoal\_\_\_Red/Black

## DNR Fisheries Update

by Max Wolter

Fall is becoming almost as busy of a season as spring for fisheries crews in the Hayward area. In September and October the DNR Hayward Fish Team will be on 20-22 different lakes in the area conducting electrofishing surveys. These fall surveys can have a variety of objectives, but one of the main ones is checking up on previous year classes of musky and walleye, both stocked and natural born. That was our objective when we electrofished the Chippewa Flowage on September 12 in a joint survey with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC).

Results of the September 12 survey were encouraging, but also put some issues with the flowage fishery into focus. First, we captured a very healthy number of walleye from several different year classes. The Chippewa Flowage has seen good inputs of walleye each year from 2013-2017 with a mix of natural born and stocked fish. The natural born fish from last spring (2016) represent the largest year class present in the lake right now. Most of those fish are between 9-11 inches long. But when will they become legal? That's the big question, especially for anglers catching a lot of "short" fish. We collected spines from walleye of all sizes that will allow us to estimate growth in the Chip. That information is critical in determining if the current regulation is appropriate and we just need to give those sublegal fish a little more time, or, if we need to be exploring other regulation options. More on the results of that analysis in the future.

The other hot issue on the flowage right now deals with panfish. We have seen panfish numbers (especially bluegill) increase from their historic levels, and size of all panfish species is pretty good right now. Certainly, there are not as many 13 inch crappies as in the past, but 9-11 inch crappie are abundant, large perch are starting to show up again, and there are more 8 inch bluegill than at any point in the last decade. A lot of anglers are enjoying this

panfish fishery, but for many there is an accompanying level of anxiety. How long can the fishery sustain this amount of harvest? Do we need to change the bag limit? These are important questions that anglers are asking that we will be exploring. Like with walleye, we will be analyzing growth rates of all three major panfish species this winter and that information will help guide decisions about the future. I'll make this one thing very clear: there is no active proposal to change the bag limit on the Chippewa Flowage and that process will not be initiated without lots of public input both on the front end and throughout the rule change process. CFAPOA (as well as resorts, guides, and local anglers) will be heavily involved in any discussions along those lines.

Lastly, trolling. That dead horse deserves to be beat a little more doesn't it? I jest, mostly. The rules for next year have been hammered out by the Conservation Congress and NR Board and those were accurately reported in the last CFAPOA newsletter. Next year we'll have 1 line per angler and up to 3 lines per boat on the Chippewa Flowage. However, I do feel the need to make one note/correction about the rule change process. The "Fisheries Committee" report in the summer CFAPOA newsletter suggested that the proposal that went in front of the Conservation Congress last spring was the result of "an omission" on my part. Not

the case at all, everything was done with great intention and transparency. I chose to provide two options for anglers to choose from for trolling (3 lines everywhere, or the current rule that is a mix of 3-line and 1-line lakes in Sawyer County). We established how the Conservation Congress vote would be interpreted and set up a fair system to choose between the two options (neither of which would do any damage to the fishery, wildlife, etc.). I feel strongly that, when possible, we (DNR) should provide people with options instead of just offering one choice and ramming it down people's throats. The CFAPOA and the LCROA both got calls the very same day I made the decision to offer two options so they would be fully informed of the proposal's details and how each group could be involved in the decision-making process. We allowed that process to play out and accepted the results of the Spring Hearing. I would personally be excited to see science play a bigger role in future management decisions, that's something we can all work together on. Thanks for the opportunity to clarify how some of these events shook out. Good luck out there fishing!



DNR Property Manager/Supervisor Dan Yankowiak (left) and Regional Warden Dave Zebro (right) were on hand at the summer picnic to share what is happening locally.

## New Rearing Ponds in the works at LCO Fish Hatchery

Brenda Dettloff, Fisheries Committee Chair CFAPOA

On October 4th, 2017, Terry Wall (Fisheries Committee), my husband, John and myself toured the LCO Fish Hatchery guided by Brett McConnell. Brett has worked at the LCO Conservation Office for 20 years and has worn many hats, as he said during the tour. He has taken on the roll as the main grant writer, along with hands on with everything from the recent Chippewa Flowage Island erosion study that was done in 2016 to acquiring the \$467,000 grant for a complete revamp of the LCO Fish Hatchery, while overseeing its construction at every stage.

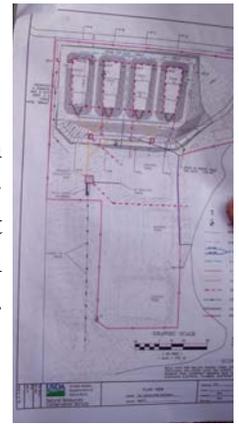
Currently there are three rearing ponds that are becoming more difficult to raise fish for stocking as they are becoming overgrown with cattails and weeds. This reduces the size of the pond and makes it very difficult to remove the extended growth walleye (EGW) for stocking in lakes within the ceded territory. The intended use in the future for these three ponds is to grow the fatheads to feed the walleye fingerlings...a great use of the current ponds and more cost-effective production of EGW.

The new design is based on other established hatcheries which are tribally owned on other reservations. When the LCO Hatchery is at full capacity they will have the ability to raise 40,000 to 60,000 EGW. The current ponds can currently produce only 3,000 to 4,000 EGW from each pond. In the future, the LCO hatchery may need help with funding to help with costs related to feeding the growing walleye and this is where other organizations may help.

Paul Christel, Fisheries Biologist, has overseen the hatchery since 2004. Paul will continue to oversee the new larger facility and will have his work cut out for him as the expected completion of the new hatchery is slated for the fall of 2018. The site has already been cleared and some of the basic contours in elevations are roughed in.

We also met the other employees who work under Paul. Joe Grover has been with the hatchery for 30 years and has a lot of knowledge that can be gleaned from his years of experience. We talked with Joe about the process of removing the

Plan design for new rearing ponds at the LCO Fish Hatchery.

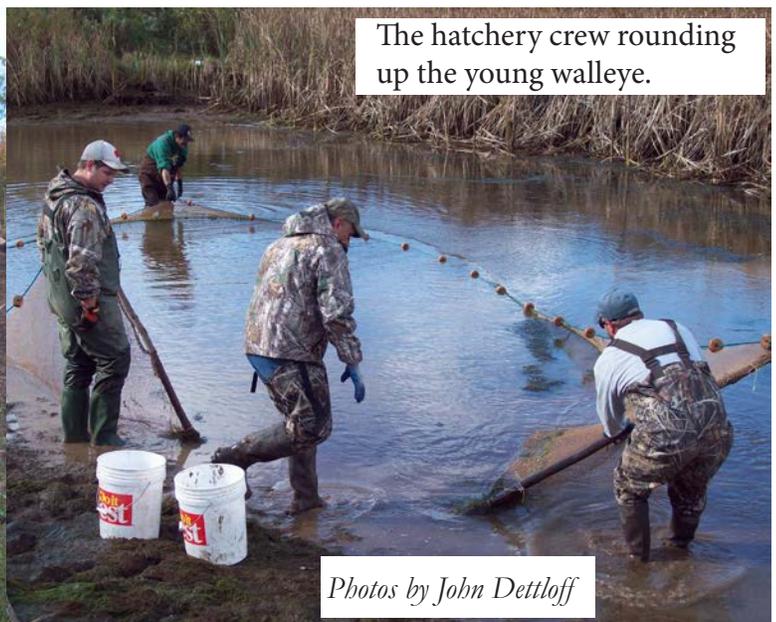


EGW from the ponds. The other employees we met were Pat Eaton, Bill Nebel and Trent, an intern from the LCO college. We witnessed firsthand the back-breaking work it requires to net the fish from the mucky ponds. It was quite evident to see how the new pond system will make the process of extracting the EGW much easier for the fry and the workers.

We were all very impressed with the LCO hatchery, it's employees and the potential for its future output of EGW. The board members of the CFAPOA look forward to the continued development of our relationship with the LCO Conservation on future projects, the sharing of information, and working together to keep our lake healthy for future generations to enjoy.



L-R: Brett McConnel, Brenda Dettloff and Terry Wall.



The hatchery crew rounding up the young walleye.

Photos by John Dettloff

## Chippewa Storage Reservoir Forecast

Elevation as of September 26, 2017: 1311.34 ft.

Season<sup>1</sup>: Fall 2017

Typical Full Elevation: 1312.5 to 1313.0 ft.

2017 Projected Fall Elevation: 1308.0 ft. by November 15



### Comments

- The Chippewa Reservoir dam has received over 20 inches of precipitation since May 1 of this year. This continues a trend of several wet years in a row.
- The wet summer<sup>1</sup> season has resulted in strong inflows into the reservoir. The lowest summer reservoir elevation occurred on September 22 (1310.95), which was 2.05 ft. below the normal full elevation.
- Xcel Energy has been working since 2006 with a number of stakeholders representing various interests on the Chippewa Reservoir to better manage the reservoir and surrounding lands. Those stakeholders on the Partners Group include: the Wisconsin DNR, U.S. Forest Service, LCO tribe, Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association, Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association and Wisconsin Conservation Congress.
- The Partners Group recently met to discuss draw-down alternatives for fall/winter and concluded that performing a habitat-based draw-down would be beneficial to the Chippewa Reservoir's aquatic habitat. A habitat-based draw-down is planned for this fall and winter season. This includes a 5-foot draw-down by mid-November followed by an additional 3 ft. of draw-down by March of 2018.
- The draw-down will begin in late-September and will continue through the fall until an elevation of 1308.0 ft. is achieved around November 15. The draw-down will continue once the reservoir ices up later in December until a target elevation of 1305.0 ft. (8 ft. draw-down) is reached on or around March 1. A deeper draw-down may be utilized if a very high snow pack accumulates creating potential for flooding issues downstream. If very little snowfall is received this winter, a draw-down of less than 8 ft. will be targeted.
- The intent of a deeper draw-down is to decrease the amount of aquatic vegetation, including Eurasian water milfoil, which should favor the habitat conditions preferred by walleye. DNR surveys have confirmed that walleye recruitment has improved recently following years where habitat-based draw-downs have been performed. The deeper draw-down has also drastically reduced the density of Eurasian Water Milfoil resulting in better growing conditions for native plant species.
- The annual fall draw-down of the Moose Lake Reservoir will begin on October 15, which will provide approximately 7,400 acre-feet of water to the downstream Chippewa Reservoir. The draw-down of Moose Lake will be completed in November.
- Property owners and visitors will need to be aware of decreasing water levels this fall and make their own decisions on when to remove their boats and docks. Boat landings may also become difficult to access.
- With a greater than normal draw-down planned for this winter, there may be a delay in reaching the normal full elevation in the spring. The refill rate and time required to refill will be dictated by precipitation and inflow from tributary rivers and streams. If the reservoir does not fill completely by the opening weekend of fishing in early-May, some boat landings may be difficult to access.
- Xcel Energy urges caution on the Chippewa Reservoir for boaters during the end of the open-water season as well as for other recreationists utilizing the reservoir during the winter season.
- Discharge from the dam has been increased as of September 26 to 1,200 cfs, and will be adjusted accordingly to meet the November 15 target elevation of 1308.0 ft.

<sup>1</sup> Definitions of Seasons of the Year for Operating the Chippewa Storage Reservoir: Winter: December 1 – March 30, Spring: April 1 – June 1; Summer: June 2 – September 30; Fall: October 1 – November 30.

# CFAPOA Loon Ranger Update – Second Quarter

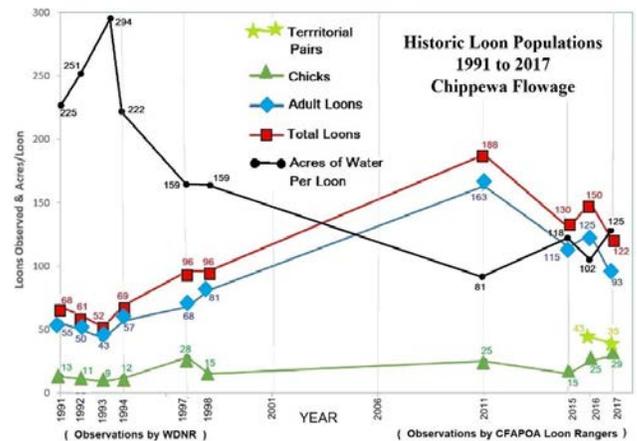
by Mark Zich, Committee Chair

## Loon Rangers Continue Monitoring Flowage Loons

Once again our loon ranger volunteers have completed yet another year of observations and their efforts are greatly appreciated. These observations will be compiled into a Flowage-wide report which will then be submitted to the Northland College's Annual Lakes Monitoring Program as part of the Loon Watch program.

Although the Flowage has experienced numerous heavy rain events this year which typically flood loon nests and eggs the loons were surprisingly successfully at raising their chicks. Loons, in a way, are similar to canaries in a mine in the old mining days in that they can signify if our environment is in trouble.

Loons require clear, clean, and healthy ecosystems to survive so having a healthy loon population indicates the Chippewa Flowage is doing well. The graph below shows the Flowage's Historic Loon Population Trends.



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**Sign up at [www.Spoonerhatchery.com/adopt-a-musky](http://www.Spoonerhatchery.com/adopt-a-musky)**

# INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE REPORT aka Purple Loosestrife Patrol

by Dennis Clagett, Committee Chair

A success story has unfolded thanks to our Adopt-A-Shoreline members. The results are in from this year's survey of the invasive species Purple loosestrife, and the results are stunning! Stunning in the incredible reduction of PL documented after the full lake survey completed this year. So stunning that they are being questioned by the Northland Community College coordinator.

Absolutely no reflection on the veracity of the folks doing the survey, and I stand by your results and observations. He questions how this could happen since the last full lake survey in 2008. Well I know and you know how this happened, you guys and gals stepped up to the plate and hit a home run! Any of you attending the Christmas Party this year will have drinks on me especially the teams I have dubbed (the assassins). There will be additional documentation in the winter newsletter. Thank you all !!

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Ron & Jan Bergman		1
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Lisa Costa		12, 13
Gary & Lind Crank		3, 5
Tony DeJooode	T	
Brenda and John Dettloff	L, Z	
Jim & Marion Dier	S	
Alay & Lynda Fish		8, 17
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Gary & Mary Lou Hosler, Roman Rowen	U	
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Larry & Sharon Kirby		10, 14
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Wayne and Sandy Koenig		7
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Terry and Kay Moe	A2	
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Steve & Louise Paulson	H	
Don & Sue Reinardy	E1-2	
Steve & Jane Richardson	W	
Nancy Ruhlow & Barb Schweig		15, 16
Barb Salomon & Connie Peterson	T	
Terry & Debra Wall	D	
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Mike & Phyllis Gardner	Q	
Gage Muench	P	
Dennis Clagett	Y	
Linda Treland	A1	

# WINTER DAM BOAT LAUNCH RAMP EXTENSION PANELS

Brenda Dettloff, Fisheries Chair

The Winter Dam boat launch will have much needed repairs done this fall along with the extension of the launch. Once the extension panels are in place it will allow boats to launch this fall when the water level is dropped to allow for Xcel energy to do some maintenance to the dam. The extension of the launch will allow easy access to the Chippewa Flowage in the future when the water level is low.

The majority of the funding was generated from a state grant acquired by the DNR, at the request of Dan Yankowiak but was not enough to cover the cost of the cement ramp extension panels. The available time to acquire the funding was short as Xcel just recently announced its plans to try to achieve a 5' drop by November 15th. We should be grateful to Cheryl Treland for her quick actions in writing a check for the \$2000 deposit to get the ball rolling in time for this fall. Cheryl's intent was to be reimbursed \$1000 once the other donations start rolling in. I have worked hard on behalf of the property owners and those who enjoy our lake, to raise the remaining funds in time for completion this fall.

Five panels were needed to complete the length required at the cost of \$1575 per panel or \$7875 + \$433.13 (5.5% sales tax) = \$8308.13.

At the time of print of this article the following organizations, businesses and individuals also stepped up to the plate with donations totaling \$13,250.00.

- CFAPOA = \$2500
- LCFRA = \$2500
- HLC of Muskies Inc. = \$2000
- WNWW = \$1000
- Treland Resort = \$1000
- Johnson's Resort = \$500
- R & R = \$250
- Indian Trail Resort = \$250
- Mike McCoy = \$100
- Anonymous = \$200
- Deerfoot = \$500
- HLC of Muskies Inc. anonymous member = \$2200

CFAPOA has set up a separate project account ear marked for boat launch improvements. We have already raised enough money to pay for the Winter Dam extension panels and are saving for future launch projects. We are looking to raise more funds to improve and extend other boat launches on the Chippewa Flowage to allow access in low water and eliminate "blow holes" caused by power loading of boats. We would like your help in continuing to raise funds! Please consider writing your tax-deductible check to CFAPOA. In the Memo write: Boat Launch Improvement Fund.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
December 7, 2017	Board of Directors Meeting @ Hunter Town Hall
December 9, 2017	Annual Holiday Party
April 5, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting @ Hunter Town Hall
May 3, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting @ Hunter Town Hall
June 7, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting @ Hunter Town Hall
July 12, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting @ Hunter Town Hall
August 9, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting @ Hunter Town Hall

\*Board meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. CT at Town of Hunter Hall.

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