



# The Big Chip News

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## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

**S**PRING FLING! DON'T FORGET OUR SPRING FLING ON JUNE 3 AT 4:00 AT TREELANDS RESORT. It's spring time, again. Get out on the lake with Hiawatha. (I, too, am from the shores of Gitche Gumee.)

*Forth upon the Gitche Gumee/ On the shining Big-Sea-Water/  
With his fishing line of cedar/ Of the twisted bark of cedar/  
Forth to catch the sturgeon Nahma/ Mishe-Nahma, King of Fishes/ In  
his birch canoe exulting/ All alone went Hiawatha.*



*Quiet lay the sturgeon, Nahma/ Fanning slowly in the water/ Looking up  
at Hiawatha/ Listening to his call and clamor/ His unnecessary tumult/  
Till he wearied of the shouting/ And said to the Kenozha/ To the pike, the Maskenozha/ "Take the bait of this rude fellow/  
Break the line of Hiawatha". (From Longfellow's The Song of Hiawatha)*

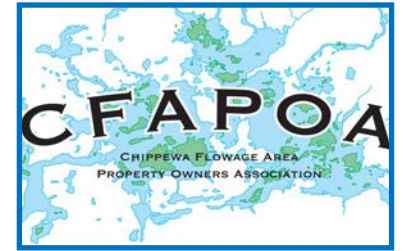
**Flowage Trolling Rule.** As of the printing of this Newsletter, it appears that the Chippewa Flowage will remain a lake allowing trolling by one-line per angler, three lines maximum per boat. This will also be the regulation for trolling on all lakes in Sawyer County (except the seven lakes which previously allowed each angler to troll with a maximum of three lines) as a result of the vote of 124 residents who attended the Spring Conservation Congress meeting in Hayward on April 10. We urged our members through the newsletter and emails to attend that meeting and vote their preference. And many of our members did just that!

This was a critical meeting for trolling regulations on the Flowage. The proposal to allow three-line angler trolling on all lakes in Sawyer County was voted down by 74 "no" votes to 50 "yes" votes – the primary reason was that many thought expanded trolling techniques were inconsistent with the wilderness profile and characteristics of the Flowage. Fifteen counties voted down the proposal for three-line angler trolling but with fewer "no" votes than those voting in Sawyer County. Statewide, the proposal passed with 58.4% of the total vote showing that expanded trolling is a divisive issue in Wisconsin.

The Natural Resources Board is scheduled to meet on May 24 at 8:30 am in Madison. The DNR Secretary, Cathy Stepp, is recommending that the NRB adopt Board Order FH-10-16 and, thereby, approve the amendment to NR 20.06 (1) to require that "trolling is restricted to the use of one-line per person with a maximum of three lines in a boat in Florence, Iron, Lincoln, Oneida, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Vilas and Waupaca Counties." (Sawyer County Conservation Congress representatives Rick Olson and Doug Kurtzweil helped draft the amendment.) The NRB will make its recommendation on trolling regulations after the meeting on May 24. I will attend the NRB meeting on behalf of our Association. By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will know the recommendation; therefore, please check the DNR or CFAPOA website.

**2016-2017 Lake Drawdown.** The lake drawdown during the 2016-2017 winter season was a maximum of approximately 4½ feet on March 28, 2017 showing a lake elevation of 1308.44 feet. Our pond was near full at the fishing opener. As you recall, a deep drawdown was not anticipated this past winter mainly because of the amount of water in the system from the heavy rains in 2016. Too much of a good thing! There just wasn't sufficient room in downstream reservoirs to store a lot of water released from the Chippewa Flowage. This will give us another opportunity to observe and compare effects of different drawdowns on the Flowage. We will have the opportunity to discuss our observations and comparisons of weeds, fishing, water fowl, invasive species and recreation at the annual meeting in August to bring to the attention of Xcel Energy and the DNR at the Lake Partners meetings. *(Continued to p.2)*

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**Chief Lake Boat Landing.** The Town of Hayward is purchasing and planning to remove Schultz’s restaurant and house on Chief Lake in September. The Town will, then, construct a new boat landing and parking area at the previous Schultz’s location. I will miss boating to Schultz’s for Bar-B-Q ribs! The issue of whether the Town will be required to abandon the present boat landing on Chief Lake is under consideration.

**LCO Erosion Mapping.** The LCO Conservation Department is moving forward with its erosion mapping of Flowage islands and shore. Todd Goold, a land surveyor, reviewed historical arial photographs and his digital “toe line” at the Lake Partners meeting on May 18. It is difficult to determine the historical size of Flowage islands from the old aerial photographs because a variance in water level at the time of the photos made some islands look bigger. For example, the 1939 photo shows one island to be much larger than it presently shows but, on the day the 1939 photo was taken, the water level was very low and, perhaps, this caused the island to appear larger than it would have at a higher water level. Todd was able to use GPS and drones to help him establish a base “toe line” to indicate altitude to compare with water levels and allow better accuracy of future measurements.

**Be Good Neighbors.** I have been fielding more complaints than usual, lately, about people using property without regard to land covenants, zoning regulations and neighborhood sensibilities. The “hot” areas seem to be near Chief Lake and Dun Rovin. Historically, “property rights” meant that you had the right to prevent a person from damaging your property. Somehow, that evolved into the misguided belief that, “It’s my property and I have a right to do whatever I want to do with it.” We all share this lake. Respect your neighbors, lake and habitat.

Be careful out there. See you on the lake and at the Spring Fling. *Connie Peterson, Board Chair*

**24th ANNUAL SPRING FLING**

Saturday **June 3 2017** at **Treeland Resort** from **4:00—6:00**

Reservations requested by **May 26** or **ASAP!!!**

Names \_\_\_\_\_

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\$10 per person for hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar.

*Donations to Hayward Community Food Shelf  
and Northwoods Humane Society Invited*

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

OR email reservation to **cfapoa@yahoo.com**

Sorry no refunds after **May 25, 2016. *Just Come!!! Bring the Neighbors!!!***

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT: It's Renewal Time

Your membership committee is making time on these rainy spring days to get the CFAPOA organized for another membership year. Our year runs from August 1 to July 31, so **we ask you to renew your memberships** as you organize your summer gear and activities. If you haven't paid for this year yet, please do so right away, or bring your checkbook to the Spring Fling to get current. If you are a new member, join now for membership good through July of 2018.

A **membership form** is included in this newsletter, and a full form with your gift options for higher level memberships will be at the Spring Fling and is online on our website at <http://www.cfapoa.org/about/join-the-c-f-a-p-o-a/>. Remember the value of your gift may reduce the deductibility of your contribution to us.

We are working on several **communication projects** so that we can keep you better informed of lake activities and information. These include updating our website and looking into software that can keep track of memberships, donations, and the other tedious stuff necessary to keep us operating without overly burdening Patty and our directors.

**Please consider making a special gift this year along with your membership to help with these one-time expenses.** We think the investment will be well worth it as more and more people keep up to date and support their organizations through their computers and mobile devices. If you are interested in working on this with us, please contact one of your membership committee members. We are grateful for your contributions of information, contacts, and \$\$\$.

**We need your email address!** Please be sure we have your email contact information so we can reach you with news and information that is timely. This year we sent to those of you who provided emails current news, and we were able to ask you your opinion on topics of common interest. Don't be left out!! If we don't know what you think we can't be responsive to you.

Also, this year we will acknowledge your membership dues and donations via email. Even if you don't want your email address in the Membership Directory, please include it on the registration. If you don't want your email published just check YES after "Please do not publish" statement. We do not provide your contact information to other organizations without your permission!

SOOO....

Please WELCOME our new members this quarter,

Jim & Lori Korsmo

Ryan and Lindsay McGuan, and

Steward Members Bill and Lynn Bierderman.



We hope to see you at the ...

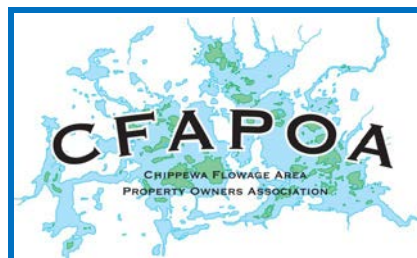
**SPRING FLING. June 3, 4 pm at Treeland Resort.** \$10 per person for hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. Raffle! Prizes! Friends and Neighbors! Don't forget to bring a donation for the Hayward Food Pantry and Northwoods Humane Society. Find out what we are doing this summer. Enjoy!

Best Wishes from your Membership Committee.

Barb Salomon

Mark Zich

Patty Swaffield, Chair



## BIG CHIP NEWS BRIEFS

### **2017 LCFRA Winter News**

*Barb Czarnecki, our CFAPOA liaison to our lake's resort association, provides this report to our membership from the resort association's April meeting.*

The members of the Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association look forward to a great summer season, seeing old friends and making new friends. Along with lodging choices our members provide bait and tackle, food and dessert options, guide assistance and entertainment. We are also grateful for the support of bedrock member businesses that provides services for all of us from insurance, to marine repair, home maintenance, advertising, groceries and more. Member businesses are also donating time and energy for clean boats clean waters – educating boaters on how to stop aquatic hitchhikers! We are committed to providing recycling information and encouraging guests to donate unopened non-perishable groceries to the Hayward Community Food Shelf, rather than carting those groceries home. Lastly, we invite all to check out the Chippewa Flowage's Adopt-A-Musky program at <http://spoonerhatchery.com/adopt-a-musky/>. This program not only helps support the Spooner Hatchery, but also allows you to follow the movement and growth of "your" musky throughout its life. Let the fun begin!



### **Winter Dam Discharge Rate and Reservoir Elevation**

Xcel Energy's data about elevation and discharge rate from the Winter Dam are posted on line on its website at [https://www.xcelenergy.com/Energy\\_Portfolio/Electricity/Hydro\\_Level\\_and\\_Discharge\\_Rates](https://www.xcelenergy.com/Energy_Portfolio/Electricity/Hydro_Level_and_Discharge_Rates). For example, after several days of hard rain as of May 19, 2017 the website provided the following information:

Location Elevation: 1,312.87 ft.

Full Pool: 1,313.0 ft.

Discharge: 3250 cfs.

Xcel has customarily issued a quarterly projection for its operation of the reservoir. If not available by the time this newsletter goes to the printer, the spring projection will be posted on the CFAPOA website as soon as made available to us. See it at [www.cfapoa.org](http://www.cfapoa.org).

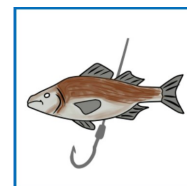


### **WDNR Asks for Help with Illegally Tagged Muskies**

While surveying the Flowage this spring, WDNR personnel recovered three muskies that had unauthorized identification tags in their fins. According to Max Wolter, our WDNR Fisheries Biologist for the Flowage, such tagging is illegal and may be a danger to the fish. Max asks the assistance of the public in stopping this tagging by notifying WDNR in case of observation of tagging by anyone other than authorized WDNR personnel. He can be reached at 715 624-7429.

### **"Get the Lead Out" Lead-Free Tackle is Available for Purchase on the Flowage**

As announced in prior issues of the Big Chip News, the CFAPOA supports converting to use of lead-free fishing tackle. Lead shot is lethal to loons and other diving birds. Lead is said to have led to the fall of Rome. Remember Flint, MI. You get the idea. Lead free tackle is available at major retailers such as Cabela's and Bass Pro Shops. An old list of suppliers is online at [http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/loons/non-lead\\_fishing\\_tackle\\_suppliers\\_updated\\_may\\_2010.pdf](http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/loons/non-lead_fishing_tackle_suppliers_updated_may_2010.pdf). Locally lead-free tackle such as American Traditions Fishing Tackle from Eagle River can be found at D&B Bait and Tackle, Deerfoot Lodge and Resort, and Treeland Resort. We will publish additional local locations as we learn of them. Thanks to all the vendors on the Flowage who make this tackle available to visitors and residents, and tell them why it is an important choice to make.

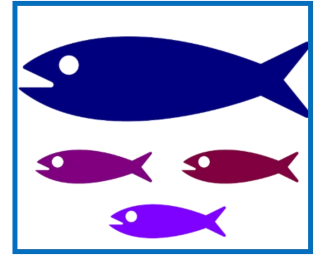




## FISHERIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Brenda Dettloff, Committee Chair

The Fisheries Committee Report will be back next issue. Information about trolling limits and other matters of concern will be updated after the meeting in Madison on May 24 of the Natural Resources Board. The Board will be considering, among other things, adding Sawyer County to the limited number of counties with a three line per boat trolling limit.



Please go to the CFAPOA website at <http://www.cfapoa.org/> for most recent information available.

## CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS FOR 2017

Diane Hulke and Barb Salomon, Co-Coordiators

An initial crew of seven monitors is staffing the Chippewa Flowage's four major public boat ramps at Winter Dam, Hay Creek, CC North and CC South. Monitors are generally on the ramps for four hours on Fridays, eight hours on Saturday and six hours on Sunday. The crew is also planning to cover ramps on Holidays.



Results for the first two weekends have been excellent. With all but one inspector reporting results for the period, the CFAPOA has already inspected 303 boats and contacted 663 people. That is a lot of boater education about how to contain and prevent spread of invasives to and from the Flowage.

You have probably also seen the results of our Sawyer County AIS Coordinator Pat Brown's efforts. Signage on the Flowage is prominent, and CBCW materials are in place at resorts for education of visitors to our lake. Pat has trained our monitors, and as of the moment of this writing is out chasing down weed-transferring trailers on the ramps. For example, on May 20 our monitor Alex Clute at CC North was able to locate for Pat a vehicle and trailer that had been marked by Pat as contaminated the day before. Thank you Pat, and Alex.

Our monitor crew currently includes students at Winter High School, Hayward High School, and University of Wisconsin at Superior, two of our own members (Jerry Smith and Paulette Matthews), and a county employee working off hours.

We hope to have our resort program up and running within the next two weeks.

We thank you all for your help and your patience as we organize the season for the biggest CBCW program in Northern Wisconsin.

## COME GET YOUR MAGNET AT THE SPRING FLING

Thanks to CFAPOA's Aquatic Invasive Species ("AIS") Grant completed last year, Clean Boats Clean Waters Magnets are available for members to show guests and renters about how to insulate the Flowage from AIS including zebra mussels, round gobies, rusty crayfish, spiny water fleas and other invasives in the neighborhood. Please put a magnet on your refrigerator and get one into every rental property.

Your Purple Loosestrife Patrol and Clean Boats Clean Waters crew appreciate all the help you can give. Thank you.



**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**  
Prevent the transport of invasive species.  
Eliminate pests and equipment.  
[www.ProtectCleanWaters.com](http://www.ProtectCleanWaters.com)

**WHAT YOU CAN DO!**

- INSPECT** and **REMOVE** aquatic plants, animals, and mud from boat, trailer and equipment before leaving the landing.
- DRAIN** all water from boat, motor, live wells, bilge, bait buckets and other containers before leaving the landing.
- ICE** your catch; don't leave landing with any live fish, bait or fish eggs.
- DISPOSE** of any unused bait in trash, not in the water or on land.
- RINSE** boat and equipment with hot or high pressure water, or **DRY** boat for at least five days.

CHIPPewa FLOWAGE  
AREA PROPERTY OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION (CFAPOA)



Questions? Comments or to check on CBCW Job Opportunities join us at [www.CFAPOA.org](http://www.CFAPOA.org)

# INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE REPORT a/k/a Purple Loosestrife Patrol

## Dennis Clagett, Committee Chair

New invaders have been discovered in Big McKenzie Lake located just west of Trego. The discovery is the first inland zebra mussel population verified in the 12 county area of northwest Wisconsin. A lakeshore property owner noticed the mussels attached to his pier as he removed it last October. He took the specimens to the DNR who verified they were zebra mussels. DNR staff found a handful of additional zebra mussels at two separate locations - a water intake and a boat lift.

Zebra mussels are an invasive species that can displace native species, disrupt ecosystems and hamper recreation. Zebra mussels are fingernail-sized bottom-dwellers native to Europe and Asia. A ballast water exchange of an ocean-going ship most likely introduced zebra mussels to the Great Lakes from Europe in the mid-1980s. Fewer than 5 percent of Wisconsin lakes have zebra mussels; having them this close is a warning not to be ignored. Let's all keep an eye out for these invaders, which resemble small clams with a yellowish or brownish D-shaped shell and alternating dark- and light-colored stripes. Most are under an inch and they frequently grow in clusters attached to pier posts, boat lifts, rocks and other hard surfaces. If you find something like this please contact me. 715 462-4814 or [rclagett@centurytel.net](mailto:rclagett@centurytel.net).

Why are zebra mussels bad for a lake? The main problem is they restructure the food chain. These mussels feed by filtering food out of the water, tiny plants called phytoplankton. These tiny plants are important food for zooplankton (tiny crustaceans) that are, in turn, crucial to the diet of small fish which, of course, are then eaten by bigger fish. Then it gets worse. By pulling food down to the bottom and excreting waste, zebra mussels concentrate nutrients at the bottom of a lake. Because the water is clearer (from the filtering), sunlight penetrates further. This leads to an explosion of algae and aquatic plant growth.

Boats and trailers from Big McKenzie and other infected lakes, CLEAN UP or stay away from the Chippewa Flowage!



**“You can’t always see zebra mussels because their larvae are invisible to the naked eye. They can survive for days in water trapped in a boat. The only way to be sure you’re not carrying zebra mussels to another body of water is to always clean, drain and dry your boat, trailer and gear.”** Hello Zebra Mussels, Goodbye Texas Lakes, TexasInvasives.org. Retrieved from: <http://www.texasinvasives.org/zebramussels/>.

Ed’s note: Our loons stage for winter migration on Lake Michigan. Thousands of diving ducks and loons have been killed there by avian botulism tied to algal and bacterial growth in the clearer water filtered by invasive mussels. Avian Botulism Plaguing Lake Michigan, Common Loons Suffering, Leibach, J. (December 2012), *Audubon Magazine*. Retrieved from: <http://www.audubon.org/news/avian-botulism-plaguing-lake-michigan-common-loons-suffering/>.

**BULLETIN: 10 PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE SURVEYORS NEEDED THIS SUMMER. JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS LISTED HERE. THIS IS URGENT AND ONLY A BIG JOB IF YOU DON’T HELP!!! Call Dennis 715 462-4814**

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# WDNR ON THE FLOWAGE: Spring Update

**Max H. Wolter, WDNR Fisheries Biologist**



As of this writing spring DNR fisheries surveys are still ongoing on most area lakes, including the Chippewa Flowage. The Hayward DNR Fisheries Team was able to get out on the Chip the third week of April to do a netting survey. That period covered the very end of the walleye spawn and the start of the musky spawn. Cold fronts and work on other lakes pulled us away from the Chip for a couple weeks, but we returned on May 11. The second round of netting caught what appeared to be the tail end of the musky spawn with a few females still dropping eggs. Generally speaking we missed the peak of the musky spawn, but in reality there may have been no peak. Musky were spawning sporadically for about 4 weeks on the Chip and other area lakes. Crappie were on the move into the shallows and were even starting to build nests during the week of May 11 which was warm and sunny. But then, you guessed it, another crash in the temperatures which scattered many of the panfish again.

Generally speaking big temperature swings in the spring are bad for some of our favorite fish, including walleye. Studies have shown that stable spring temperature leads to higher walleye reproductive success. This spring has been anything but stable. The slow refill this spring that resulted from the almost complete lack of snowpack over winter also does not bode well for walleye reproductive success in the Chip in 2017 (though I hope I am wrong about this prediction). Unfortunately, this is what climate change looks like. These kinds of conditions are expected to become more and more common, which will create challenges for our walleye fishery. We do have some fish available for stocking this fall, which is a nice band-aid, but we would like to get walleye reproducing on their own consistently. That will lead to a much more abundant walleye population than anything we could create through stocking alone.

Speaking of stocking, early returns on the 2016 stocked class of muskies looks pretty good. We have recaptured about a half-dozen PIT tagged fish from last fall which indicates good survival over their first winter. Once they get into summer they will grow another 5-7 inches which will put them out of the "danger zone". Once muskies get to about 20 inches there is not much out there that can eat them. Except for other muskies of course (which does happen sometimes!). The stocked fish are spreading out across the flowage. We found one that had already traveled 4 miles from where it was stocked. Natural reproduction of muskies has looked decent in the last few years as well. If you're not seeing many muskies right now, hang on, they are coming.

Sometime in late May we will complete our electrofishing survey which will check up on the bass and bluegill populations. Then, typically in June or July we will complete our report and send it to CFAPOA and post to the web for people to check out. Good luck fishing!



April 2017 DNR Survey Walleye and Musky

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## TOWN OF HUNTER GARBAGE AND RECYCLE CENTER HOURS

- Summer Hours begin the first Saturday in May  
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Monday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Winter Hours began the last Saturday in September  
Saturdays *only* 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Purchase your Garbage Stickers at Hillman's Store  
on County Road B for \$2.00 each  
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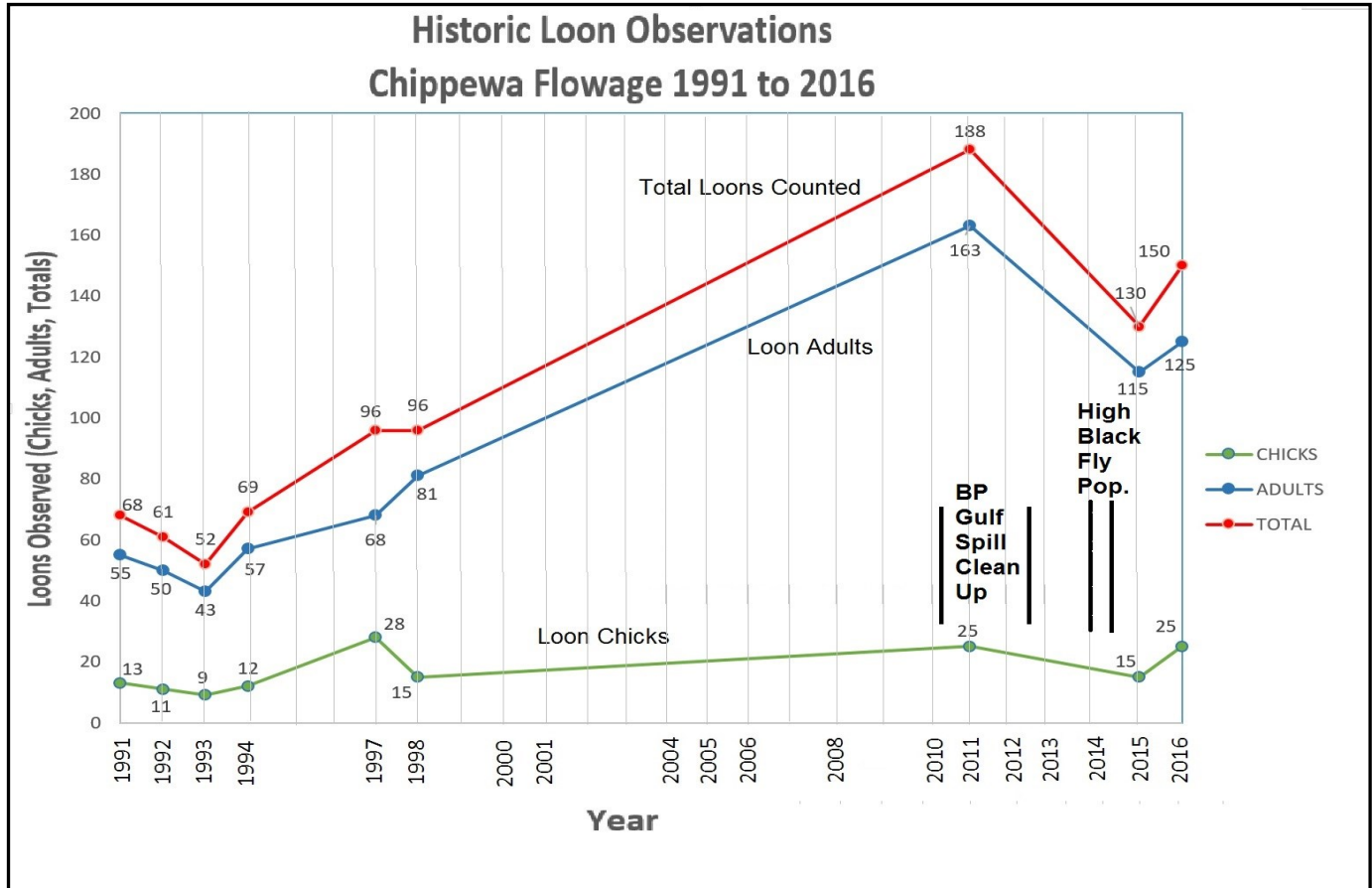


# LOON COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark Zich, Committee Chair



The Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association’s Loon Ranger Volunteers are involved with annually observing and documenting loons on the Chippewa Flowage. This information contributes to the statewide Loon Watch Program for Northland College’s Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute that studies the status of the Wisconsin loon population. Approximately 100 years ago loon summer territory existed into Illinois and Southern Wisconsin; however, the southern extent of their summer range is trending north with the Chippewa Flowage near the present terminus of their range. By recording annual observations we can create a baseline of loon data which will help establish historic loon population trends. Erica LaMoine coordinates this program for Northland College, and reports that Wisconsin loon populations are healthy and growing which is great news since loons thrive best within clean, clear surface water ecosystems. Below table depicts the historic Chippewa Flowage loon populations as observed by the WDNR in early years and by CFAPOA volunteers in 2011, 2015 and 2016.



In addition, as mentioned in the 2016 fall newsletter Loon Ranger Volunteers obtained an Environmental Grant from the Xcel Energy Foundation Grant Program. The grant dollars were used to construct seven Artificial Nesting Platforms (ANP’s). The program is designed to hopefully mitigate some of the issues on the Flowage with late spring rising water levels during the spring nesting period in May and June. An early, quick refill of the Flowage created ideal nesting habitat for the loons. However recent rains have raised water levels several inches very quickly and are flooding nests.

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## LOON REPORT *(Continued from p.8)*

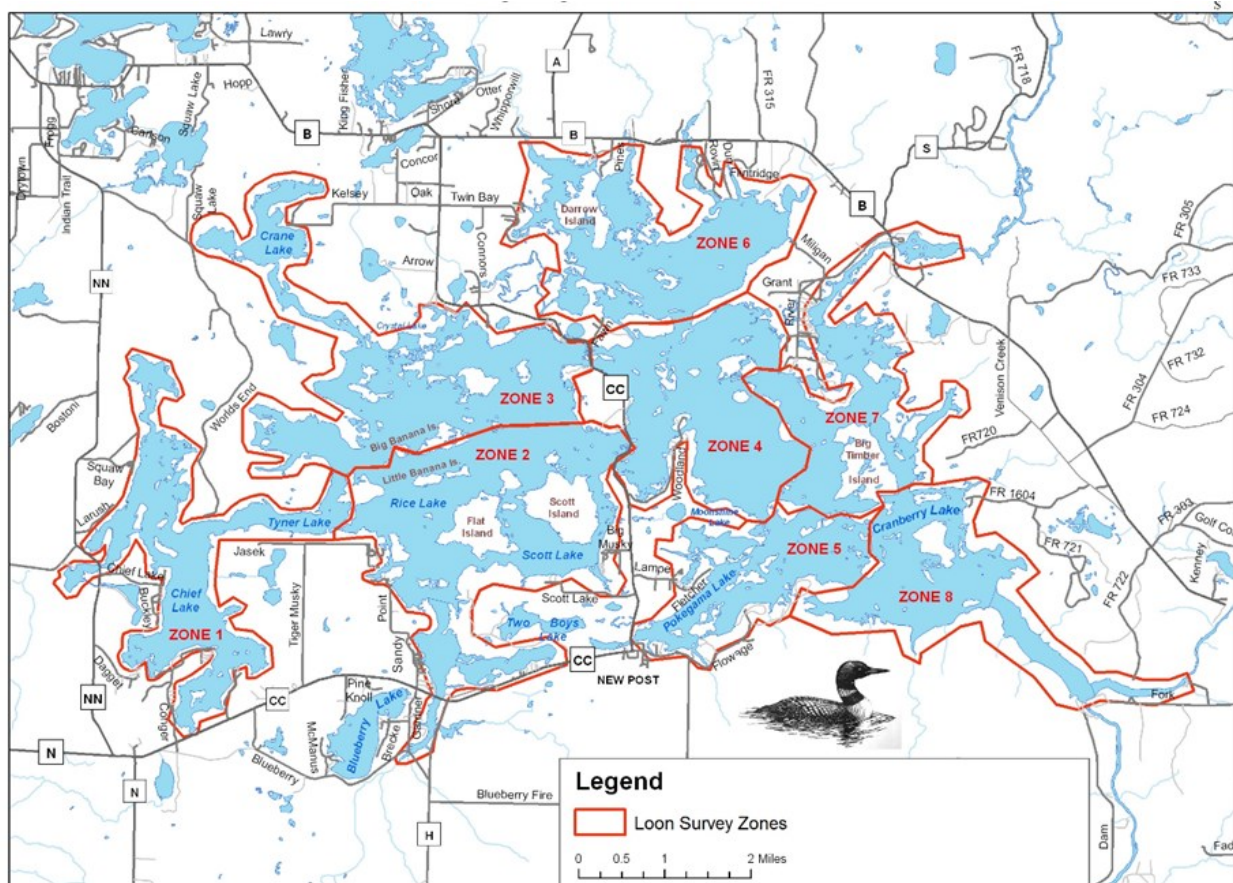
There will be more news on the progress of this program in the next newsletter as we deploy the nests and attempt to entice loons to use the ANP's in future years when water levels do not restore to full capacity prior to nesting activity. Several Wisconsin loon researchers and citizens with successful ANP placement experience are providing us with their expertise and guidance. If you are boating on the Flowage and see loons nesting on an ANP or on their natural shoreline nest sites please respect loon privacy by staying at least 200 feet from the nest sites. Too much human interference or agitation can cause loons to abandon their nest site and their unhatched eggs.



This table represents the results obtained and reported to Loon Watch by CFAPOA Loon Ranger volunteers for 2016.

Zone	Nests with Successful Hatch	Total Chicks Hatched	Chicks That Survived 8 Weeks	Observed Nests	TP	TP's with possible 2nd Nest Attempts	Floater (6/3/2016)	Floater (7/16/2016)
1	2	3	2	3	5	0	4	9
2	4	6	6	8	8	1	14	12
3	3	5	5	3	8	0	12	15
4	1	1	1	1	3	0	2	9
5	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2
6	4	7	7	6	9	1	3	2
7	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	4
8	1	2	1	3	5	0	2	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>57</b>

TP = Territorial Pairs as opposed to floaters or unmated singles who travel alone or in groups



# WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS NEWS

## Douglas Kurtzweil, CFAPOA Director and WCC Delegate

As most of you probably know, the annual Conservation Congress Hearings were held throughout Wisconsin on April 10 this year. The rule change proposal that generated the most interest among the members of our Chipewa Flowage community was Question 19, a proposal to allow trolling by 3 lines/angler and unlimited lines/boat on all waters of Sawyer County--including the Flowage.

The turnout at the Sawyer County Hearing was gratifying. Sawyer County folks showed up at a rate of over 8 times the statewide average. We care about our natural resources!

While the proposal passed statewide, it was defeated 74-50 in Sawyer County. DNR personnel had told me that if this permanent rule change lost locally we would then have trolling with 1 line/angler and a maximum of 3 lines/boat on all waters of Sawyer County except for the 7 lakes where virtually unlimited trolling has been in effect for years. This concept was approved at the recent Conservation Congress Convention. DNR officials, including the Director of the Bureau of Fisheries, confirmed their support of this to me. We hope it will be approved by the Natural Resources Board before the end of May and then needs the approval of the Governor. It would take effect in 2018.

Advisory Questions 63 through 72 on the Spring Ballot were placed by the Environmental Advisory Committee on which I serve. All 10 were approved statewide. The most contentious were approved in 67 and 70 of Wisconsin's counties and passed with over 74% and 71% of the total votes cast, respectively. Several that passed in all 72 counties garnered over 90% approval with 1 over 95%. All details are available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/springhearing.html>. The Environmental Advisory Committee had 29 citizen introduced resolutions to act upon last year; this year we will have 51.

Only one elected government official was at the Convention on May 12. His only reference to the Chronic Wasting Disease epidemic was to tout a study being done in southwestern Wisconsin, and that it takes less time to find out if your deer was infected. No mention of the 30%+ positive test results. He took credit for increased walleye stocking though failed to acknowledge that the State was embarrassed into its 'Walleye Initiative' by the efforts of the Big Chip Fish Fest and similar citizen efforts. No mention of cow manure containments in over a third of private water supplies tested in Kewaunee County. No mention of dried up lakes and streams in the Central Sands region. No mention of the threats posed by pipeline ruptures and climate change.

Before I accepted the responsibility of serving as a delegate for Sawyer County a year ago I was told it would be "a couple days a year." I had that done before the first of March this year. But while participatory democracy is a very messy, time consuming, inefficient, demanding, and frustrating way to conduct business in a civilized society, all the other ways are so much worse.

Get involved! Be involved! Stay involved! As Steve Forbert so aptly observed over 20 years ago, "Good planets are hard to find!" Ed's Note: This article was shortened for publication.



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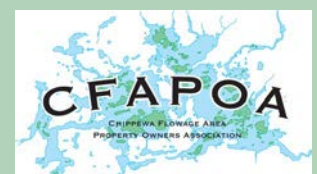
**For our Board of Directors**

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August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018

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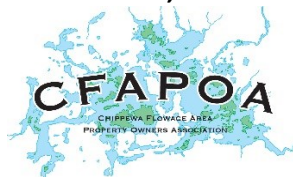
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| <b>June 1, 2017</b>      | Board of Directors Meeting @ Hunter Town Hall                                     |
| <b>June 3, 2017</b>      | <b><u>Annual Spring Fling</u></b>   |
| <b>July 6, 2017</b>      | Board of Directors Meeting @ Hunter Town Hall                                     |
| <b>August 6, 2017</b>    | <b><u>Annual Membership Meeting and Picnic</u></b>                                |
| <b>August 10, 2017</b>   | Board of Directors Meeting and<br>New Board Member Orientation @ Hunter Town Hall |
| <b>September 7, 2017</b> | Board of Directors Meeting @ Hunter Town Hall                                     |

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