

# The Big Chip News

## View from the Chair Winter 2018

by *Connie Peterson*

Wishing you the best of everything in 2018 ---

Your nose is cold and the ice is deep.

**Lake Partners.** The Chippewa Flowage advisory “partners” group (WDNR, LCO, CFAPOA, Resort Owners Association, U.S. Forest Service and Xcel) met, December 7, 2017. Remember, the Partners’ meetings are open meetings and all are welcome to attend. The meetings start at 9:00 am and take place at the DNR station on Hwy 27, just south of the steak house. Meetings in 2018 are scheduled for May 17, September 20 and December 6.

**GOOD NEWS!** Dan Tyrolt (LCO Conservation Department) reported the invasive purple loostrife has shown a mysterious significant statistical decline of 90-95 % since 1996 on the Flowage. Is it Dennis Clagett’s program of volunteer eradicators? Is it his well-placed beetle colonies that eat the loostrife? Is it the Clean Boats

Clean Waters program? All our efforts? Dan said previous surveys will be expanded to try to solve this mystery. Standby.

Todd Goold finished his study and mapping of island erosion on LCO land. The question, now, is how we can access this data?

**Winter Draw-down.** On the date of the Partners’ meeting (December 7), the lake elevation was at 1308.04 feet and further draw-down (three-feet maximum) will depend on the snow pack during the winter. Xcel’s target draw-down was to 1308 feet by November 15, 2017.

**Boat Access Upgrades.** Dan Yankowiak (DNR) reported that the boat access at the Winter Dam was upgraded to a length of 85 feet by constructing and placing 8 X 15 X 10 (inches thick) pre-cast concrete panels. The DNR budget for the upgrade was at approximately \$50,000. Our association raised \$7,875 for the construction of the concrete panels from the CFAPOA (\$2500), the Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association



**Holiday Party.** Member, *Patty Swaffield* with all of the prizes and raffle items. See more *Holiday Party* photos on Page 5.

(\$2500), Johnson’s Resort, Walleyes for NW Wisconsin, Indian Trail Resort, Muskies, Inc., The Landing, W&R Resorts, Inc., R&R Bayview DeJooder Enterprises, Inc., Cheryl Treland, Mike McCoy and Terry and Debra Wall. This heavily-used ramp invited extension while it was exposed during nearby Xcel Winter Dam repairs.

Dan Yankowiak also reported that the Hwy CC South boat access may be the next priority for upgrade. Dan acknowledged that the Hay Creek boat access also needs upgrading but that project will need a budget in excess of \$200,000. The

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smaller budgets for the other ramps will enjoy a much easier approval process.

### **More on Public Boat Access.**

As you might know, by now, a Court Order denied the Town of Hayward the opportunity to purchase the former Schultz restaurant on Chief Lake and convert the property into a public boat access and close the existing boat access. The Court Order upset some people; however, others around Chief Lake opposed an upgraded boat access. This disagreement led people to refer to the 2000 Chippewa Flowage Joint Agency Management Plan for guidance. (The Management Plan can be accessed on the CFAPOA website.) Let's revisit some of the requirements.

The Management Plan, effective as of August 31, 2000, was an agreement by the Lac Courte

Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Wisconsin DNR and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service. Among other things, the parties agreed to "diligently work to cooperatively ensure the long-term protection and management of the Chippewa Flowage and adjacent lands by following all terms and conditions of the Joint Agency Management Plan."

The Management Plan addresses Water Access and Related Facilities on page 9 by stating: "No additional public boat access or new canoe access to the Flowage will be constructed within the Flowage management area. [Map reference omitted] Existing facilities or sites may be relocated to better meet management objectives. Facilities may be maintained or upgraded but the existing total capacity level will not be increased. Open access to tribal members engaging in treaty-guaranteed activities on Flowage

waters will be a priority. 'Public' access does not include tribal landings [Map reference omitted.] Whenever other boat landings are upgraded, they will be designed to provide adequate access to all users. A fishing pier or other suitable shore fishing facility will be developed to accommodate all users at a suitable location on the Flowage. (As previously described under Camping, one campsite will be developed to accommodate persons with disabilities)."

This provision is open to interpretation on certain points but let's look at the basic purpose of public boat access – public safety – so people can launch and take out their boats, safely, with an area to park their vehicles and trailers. Boats and motors have increased in size and numbers since 2000 – not surprising over the span approaching 20 years. Whether we like it or not, this is the reality of Flowage boating, today, and the WDNR is working to address the challenge. Large boats and motors are often "power-loaded" onto trailers in the water so that they make "blow holes" in the lake bottom, effectively shortening an already-short ramp. The extension at the Winter Dam boat access, for example, is expected to eliminate this safety issue.

What can the CFAPOA do? We can support efforts to modernize boat access for safety and use and educate and encourage boaters to use proper loading techniques that preserve and protect our precious resource.

Thank you for your continuing membership. Enjoy the Northland.



**Draw Down.** Pictured above, the docks of Shady Nook Resort show how far the water levels have dropped. Dock damage has been severe in past years due to high water levels at freeze-up. Steep shorelines don't always allow for roll-in type docks.

# CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS UPDATE

by Diane Hulke and Barb Salomon, Co-coordinators



As we plan for a new season of boating and fishing, we look back at last year, our most ambitious and successful year of ‘Clean Boats, Clean Waters’, since its inception on the Chippewa Flowage in 2010.

What is ‘Clean Boats, Clean Waters’ (CBCW)?

CBCW is an aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention program through which volunteer or paid staff conduct boat and trailer inspections and educate boaters on how to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) from one body of water to another. CBCW grants provide funding to eligible sponsors, such as the CFAPOA, to help with the cost of running a CBCW program.

Invasive species, be they aquatic (Zebra Mussels) or plant (Purple Loosestrife/Eurasian Water Milfoil) disrupt the natural ecosystem when these new and aggressive species are introduced. Left unchecked, they cause economic and environmental harm which negatively impact human and animal/fish health as they most often do not have any natural predators or controls. For these reasons, we are committed to protecting our waters and surrounding vegetation.

## CFAPOA ‘Clean Boats, Clean Water’ 2017

2017 brought us our largest grant of \$16,000 from WDNR. For each program dollar spent, WDNR reimburses 75 cents from the grant, and CFAPOA donates labor or pays 25 cents.

With Barb Salomon and Diane Hulke as co-coordinators, our Board of Directors approved launch of the largest education/inspection program in Sawyer County. With

additional funds came additional responsibilities for us to spend the money wisely and meet all the requirements of the grant.

Looking at our budget, we took on four of our primary boat ramps (Hay Creek, CC North, CC South, and Winter) for staffing with ‘watercraft education/inspectors’ with a goal of 14 hours per week per ramp. We were approved to pair a resort ramp with each public ramp so that time spent at resorts during, for example, fishing tournaments, would help us meet hours requirements for grant performance. For WDNR reimbursement a minimum of 200 hours of staffing was required on each of our (pair of) ramps during the boating season.

Our goal was to staff the ramps primarily on Friday nights, weekends and holidays. We found our staffing needs to be about eight paid staff and some volunteers to donate time to meet the requirements of our grant. Our results were exceptional:

- Number of anglers/boaters Contacted and educated: 5870
- Number of boats inspected: 2556

With this as our strategy, we were able to satisfy our 2017 requirements and have now been approved for our 2018 program. One way to measure our program success is by comparing it to the other Sawyer County lake CBCW programs in 2017.

CBCW Lake	Boats Inspected
Chippewa Flowage .....	2556
Connors/Lake of Pines .....	30
Big Chetac .....	53
Lac Courte Oreilles .....	1056
Nelson .....	1416
Round.....	779
Spider Chain of Lakes .....	2182
Windigo .....	340

Members have asked about how much use each ramp gets during the season. We can share the information collected by our inspectors when they were on site:

Ramp	Boats Inspected	People Contacted	Hours Spent	Boats per Inspector Hour
Hay Creek	695	1655	227	3.06
CC North	617	1393	212	2.91
CC South	563	1341	200	2.82
Treeland*	12	26	6	2.00
Winter Dam	669	1455	299	2.24

\* Treeland Fly Fishing Tournament volunteer hours

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# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Barb Salomon, Committee Member

## New Membership Year.

Your membership committee thanks our approximately 300 member-households for their generous support through the 2017 calendar year. The Board is moving to a calendar fiscal year as counseled by our accountant, and with it we are moving to a calendar membership year. You will be asked to approve this at our annual meeting this summer. For those of you who have already renewed your membership for 2017-2018, it will be good through December. To help us with this transition, please consider upgrading your membership or making an additional donation to CFAPOA if your membership is current. You can use PayPal to renew, upgrade or donate right on our website at <http://www.cfapoa.org>. We hope you will enjoy and use this new convenience.

## Membership Drive.

We are grateful that the Flowage and its special way of life are here for us. Yet since our last membership drive in 2005 much has changed. There are more people living on and around the lake. There are more people using the lake, with faster and bigger boats, ATVs and snowmobiles. There are more lines in the water, and more tow ropes pulling skiers on it. There are more personal water crafts of all kinds, and new

to the scene we are seeing (and hearing) air and wave boats and sleds. There are more private rentals of “the house next door.” Invasive species present a continuing challenge. So do thoughtless visitors and neighbors who forget that we all want to enjoy the lake that kept, or brought, us here in the first place.

The draw of our special lake has increased the pressure on it. Lake life is changing, and it will continue to change as we share our resource with more people and our climate changes. We do have an opportunity to shape that change, though, through this Association of Chippewa Flowage supporters.

Board Members have heard a lot of reasons why some Flowage folk do not belong to the CFAPOA. Have we forgotten that the CFAPOA was instrumental in saving Big Timber and other islands from development, and built and planted thousands of fish cribs? Do we not know who eradicates purple loosestrife, runs the lake’s Clean Boats Clean Waters program, and represents property owners on a multitude of management and regulatory questions?

We may not always agree with one another but we listen, and consider. We may not enjoy the same activities, but we seek ways to accommodate each other’s interests, and

values. This is what is different about being Up North. Neighbors matter. We look after each other. We do not appreciate being taken advantage of. We, for the most part, value our community of independent souls, respect one another, and wish the best for each other. And we love the Chippewa Flowage. Our mission is to preserve and protect it.

There are currently about 300 member-households of the CFAPOA. There are over 450 more possible members out there, identified by looking at maps and assessors’ records. Can you imagine what we could do to protect and enhance the Flowage if we had 100 or more new members?

This year the CFAPOA will be reaching out to potential members to ask them to join us. Please talk to friends and neighbors. We are sending out informational

postcards, and will be following that up with personal appeals. This community is what we make it. We don’t define ourselves just by what is past: we have to work together for the best Flowage future we can leave behind us. Thanks in advance for your help.

Best regards from your membership committee, Barb Mark and Patty.

Remember: JOIN, RENEW, RECRUIT. Go to our website at [www.cfapoa.org](http://www.cfapoa.org)

## Holiday Party.

If you were among the lucky members present, at the Chippewa Inn for our Holiday Party on December 9, you could well have gone home with a door or raffle cash prize. Don’t miss our next get together, our Spring Fling early in June. Watch for date, time and location in your next newsletter, on our website, or in your email.



## CFAPOA Membership Postcard

As an effort to increase our 2018 membership, this postcard will be mailed to property owners who are currently not active CFAPOA members and have a local parcel of land with both an improvement value and a Sawyer County local address.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

CFAPOA Welcomes our NEW members and would like to thank our renewing CONTRIBUTOR and STEWARD members.

### Contributor:

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# Holiday Party Fun!

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## CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS UPDATE

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### CFAPOA 'Clean Boats, Clean Water' for 2018.

As with any job, we all know, the result is only as good as the people doing the job. Learning from our experience, we feel there are no better watercraft inspector/educators than those living in our own back yard. We are therefore first recruiting here at home, asking you, if this role is something you may enjoy this next boating season. We will be offering paid positions at \$12.50 per hour. This comes with flexible scheduling which allows you to earn a nice part time income without sacrificing personal events we all enjoy during the season. In this role you do not collect names or boat registration information. You educate by providing handouts and information, walking boaters through an inspection of their watercraft and keeping a tally of the number of people you meet and talk to. Paid training for all this is scheduled at a local ramp prior to employment.

To provide a little more information on how they felt about the job, I asked two of our local member inspectors for 2017, the following questions and here are their responses:

1. What do you like about your role as inspector/educator on the Chippewa Flowage?

- "It was an opportunity to meet many Flowage residents as well as the many visitors; many from great distances enjoying the area."

- "Just meeting all the anglers and their families is a fun part of the job. Dads that bring their children to the Chippewa Flowage because they want them to have the same experience they had as a child."

2. Do you find boaters/anglers to be receptive to your questions?

- "Yes for the most part. By end of summer many were answering our questions before we had opportunity to question or inspect their boats."
- "The overwhelming number of people thanked us all for what we were doing to keep the Chippewa Flowage pristine."

3. What else would you say to anyone else considering this position?

- "It is a chance to work with serious minded folks interested in the preservation of this great body of water. "
- "The amount of time scheduled can be flexible so it is very enjoyable."

If you are interested in finding out more information on a paid or volunteer part-time position, please email or call [dihulke@comcast.net](mailto:dihulke@comcast.net) (763) 458-5392.

A local information coffee and donut session will be held in early April. Hope to see you there!

Diane Hulke, Co-coordinator,  
CBCW program

## DNR Acknowledgment of Gift

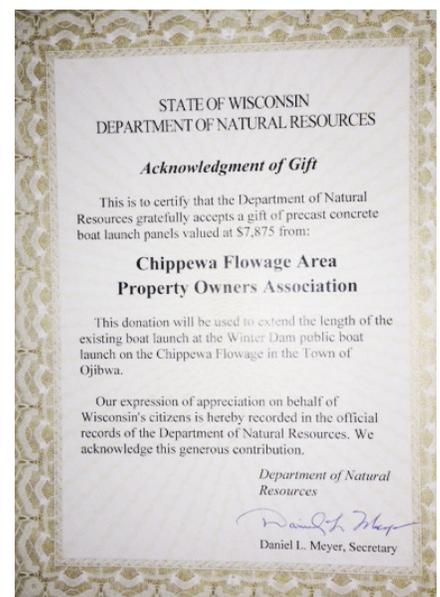
This is to certify that the Department of Natural Resources gratefully accepts a gift of precast concrete boat launch panels valued at \$7,875 from:

### Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owner's Association

This donation will be used to extend the length of the existing boat launch at the Winter Dam public boat launch on the Chippewa Flowage in the Town of Ojibwa.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Department of Natural Resources. WE acknowledge this generous contribution.

Department of Natural Resources,  
Daniel L. Meyer, Secretary



**CFAPOA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**  
January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018



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

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

Street/Box \_\_\_\_\_ Street/Box \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address 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 wanting to vote 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)

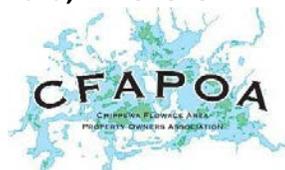
**(4) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL CONTRIBUTION (Membership plus Donation)**  
**(Must be \$125 or more for gift – see selection on reverse)**

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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  
\_\_\_LT\_\_\_XLT\_\_\_2XLT\_\_\_3XLT\_\_\_4XLT

**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

\_\_\_\_\_ **(2) OGIO "Wheeled" Back Pack**



<https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/bald-and-golden-eagle-information.php>

# Lead Poisoning Kills Wildlife

On May 26, 2017, Great Divide Ranger District employees recovered an injured bald eagle along Highway 77 near Clam Lake. It was transported to the Wild Instincts rehabilitation center in Rhinelander.



The bald eagle came to Wild Instincts with a blood lead level of 28.7 micrograms/deciliter (or 0.287 parts per million) and went through five rounds of treatment for lead poisoning. The bald eagle was admitted at 75% of normal body weight, so he was emaciated and starving. Imagine a fine-tuned athlete or marathon runner losing 25% of his or her body weight.

Eventually, Wild Instincts was able to get the lead levels down, but the nerve damage in his wing made him unable to fly, making it impossible to release him.

On September 21, 2017, the bald eagle was euthanized. He could no longer survive in the wild, and, unfortunately, there were no organizations in need of a bald eagle for educational purposes.



## Wisconsin Anglers: Get the Lead Out!

Lead fishing tackle kills loons, eagles, swans, turtles, and other aquatic wildlife dependent on Wisconsin's lakes, rivers, and streams each year. All it takes is one lead sinker to kill a loon.



### What else can you use?

- Some sinkers and jigs are now made from non-poisonous materials such as: Steel, tin, tungsten, bismuth, pewter, ceramic, densified plastic, and glass.
- These alternatives are simple to find and order on the Internet, and can also be found in some bait and tackle shops
- Switching to non-lead tackle is an inexpensive and easy way to make a difference.

### What will a change cost you?

Non-lead tackle is generally only pennies more than lead equivalents. Price comparisons show that steel tends to be even cheaper than lead.

	Lead	Tin	Steel
#3/0 Reusable Split Shot	\$0.03	\$0.04	\$0.04
#1/8 oz. Painted Jighead	\$0.40	\$0.51	\$0.25

Data: Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute



### What else can you do?

- Dispose of your lead tackle properly – do not throw it in a lake or trash can. Take it to your local household hazardous waste collection site or a scrap metal collector/recycler.
- Spread the word – tell others about the hazards of lead to wildlife and people. Encourage the switch to non-lead sinkers and jigs.
- Ask your favorite bait/tackle shop to carry lead alternative fishing tackle.
- Use nonlead ammunition for hunting

**Enjoy fishing and the outdoors without poisoning wildlife by using non-toxic**



What's in your tackle box?

# Time for Room Tax on Visitors

*Opinion by Barb Czarnecki on behalf of the Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Assoc.*

We all recognize the impact guests have on the area. Because of them, we have a great variety of restaurants and entertainment to enjoy. They also consume public services.

Visitors to Sawyer County generated \$10.2 million in state and local taxes in 2016. That local tax portion goes directly to our county. The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution which encourages townships to enact a room tax in order to raise funds for promotion of tourism. The County Board can no longer guarantee their contribution of \$40,000+ to persuade visitors to come to Sawyer County, but more benefits accrue when we fund tourism with room tax than just saving the county money. Our townships will receive 30% of the capital raised, a windfall for property tax payers. Visitors who come to the area will now contribute to the local services they use. This tax is only levied on visitors staying in local lodging.

The Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association encourages all townships to enact a 4% room tax. Room tax in tourism localities is almost universal and has been around for 30 years. This is a modest amount that will meet our needs and will be self funding in the future.

We are trying to maintain the tourism we have now. In 1975 there were 37 resorts listed on the Chippewa Flowage in the Hayward Lakes Visitor Guide. Today there are 21 listed, and we have fared far better than other lakes. Spider Lake went from 13 to 2, Round Lake from 23 to 4.

Recently, Round Lake Township rejected room tax. Was this reflexive knee jerk to the word TAX? Or PROMOTE TOURISM? The proposal should be called No Cost Township Funding that compels non tax-paying visitors to pay their share of services they use. This is maintaining a tourist base, but they aren't making more shoreline and we

definitely have fewer resorts today than we did in the past. We used to get \$60K for tourism from Sawyer County, now just \$40 and going down.

## Upcoming Events

### SPRING FLING!

June 2, 2018  
Treelands Resort



### SUMMER PICNIC and ANNUAL MEETING

August 5, 2018  
Deer Run Resort



**Follow the movement and growth of your fish throughout its life.**

**\$5**

*(Suggested Donation)*

**Your contribution is tax deductible.**

**Tax ID #47-1250605**

The Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association invites you to Adopt-a-Musky. Certificates are available at many Lake Chippewa Flowage resorts, or go Online to fill out your adoption form. Follow your fish throughout its lifetime. Passive Integrated Tags (PIT) are scanned every time a musky is netted or shocked by the WDNR with size and location noted. Many fishing guides are also equipped with scanners to update musky data. Adopters will be notified to check the updated website to see if their fish has been recorded.

**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

You are your neighborhood's first line of defense against the increasing numbers of invasive species, especially if you belong to our Adopt-A-Shoreline program. A part of the program is education and identification of local native flora, as well as established and new invasive plants, so you can correctly identify an invader and distinguish it from similar native species, ideally even before flowers and seeds are produced. When you can recognize new invaders, you can remove them in time to prevent seeds from contaminating a site for years to come.

If your name is on the list of Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers you deserve a big thank-you from the members of the Chippewa Flowage community for making a huge dent in the purple loosestrife population.

Remember the full lake survey we did last summer? The official results are still being documented for comparison to other full lake surveys, but indications from Northland Community College representatives are that they are almost in disbelief at the drastic reduction of Purple Loosestrife. Could this be attributed to outside influences like more or less moisture, sunlight, temperature, or lake levels? It might be that our survey volunteers, due to time constraints, missed the peak flowering periods or misidentified some plants. I believe it is a combination of the volunteers and the beetles that finally turned the tide in controlling purple loosestrife. I'm waiting on a more scientific response from Northland College to include in this article but it may not make deadline.

You may have noticed an increase in Eurasian water- milfoil last summer, due mostly to the lack of a pre- freeze-up draw-down the previous winter. I'm aware this early draw-down inconveniences some late fall hunters and fishermen, but it is a powerful tool we have to control this invasive plant. Without the early draw-down we would be buying expensive chemicals to put into the lake. Around 400 lakes in Wisconsin have Eurasian water-milfoil. Think of all the chemicals that have been introduced into the environment. Right now we have a lot of milfoil roots exposed to freezing temperatures and that is a good thing.

See you on the ice.



## Adopt-A-Shoreline Volunteers

Name	East	West
Sue Baron	T	
Ron & Jan Bergman		1
Mike & Lynn Muench	M	
Lisa Costa		12, 13
Gary & Lind Crank		3, 5
Tony DeJoode	T	
Brenda and John Dettloff	L, Z	
Jim & Marion Dier	S	
Alay & Lynda Fish		8, 17
Whitley and Donna Gilbertson		2, 18
Larry Gilmer		10, 14
Gary & Mary Lou Hosler, Roman Rowen	U	
Chris & Patti Jeffords		4
Jerry & Nancy Johnson		6, 9
Larry & Sharon Kirby		10, 14
Roger & Kathy Kisch	W	
Wayne and Sandy Koening		7
Dennis Clagett	A1	
Al & Nancy McElroy	J, O	
Terry and Kay Moe	A2	
Rick & Linda Olson	R, X	
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	
Darrell & Jean Welihert	E1-2	
Open		11
Mike & Phyllis Gardner	Q	
Gage Muench	P	
Dennis Clagett	Y	
Linda Treland	A1	

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
April 5, 2018 .....	Board of Directors Meeting
May 3, 2018 .....	Board of Directors Meeting
June 2, 2018 .....	Spring Fling
June 7, 2018 .....	Board of Directors Meeting
July 12, 2018 .....	Board of Directors Meeting
August 5, 2018.....	Summer Picnic/Annual Mtg.
August 9, 2018.....	Board of Directors Meeting

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



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