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CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The Big Chip News

View from the Chair Spring 2019

by *Connie Peterson CFAPOA Chair*

HAPPY HAPPY SPRING, AGAIN. REMEMBER THE SPRING FLING, JUNE 2 AT 2:00 AT TREELAND RESORTS.

Spring Fling

It is time to fling into Spring, again. Fling on June 2 at 2:00 at Treeland Resorts. Please send a check to CFAPOA, Box 555, Hayward WI 54843 for \$10 or Patty Swaffield will take your money at the door.

Clean Boats Clean Waters

The Flowage Clean Boats Clean Waters program has received another grant from WDNR to operate the CBCW boat inspections at the Hay Creek, CC North and South and Winter Dam boat ramps. Diane Hulke and Barb Salomon will successfully lead the program, again.

Why?

The Board of Directors has requested that Xcel Energy provide CFAPOA information about what

factors determine Xcel's decision whether to draw down the Chippewa Flowage each Fall and Winter season. Each Fall and Winter, our members ask if there will be a drawdown of the Flowage, the amount of the drawdown and the reasons why. While we can usually relay information about whether a drawdown may occur and, maybe, the anticipated amount of the drawdown, we normally do not have an answer to the question "why?"

How can we obtain knowledge we need to understand Xcel's decisions about future Flowage drawdowns? Will Xcel help us understand the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) regulations for reservoirs downstream of the Chippewa Flowage? Will Xcel help us understand what basic factors are considered in making a drawdown decision? We need a better understanding of the hydrology and FERC regulations of the Chippewa River and the manner

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PIP

Pike Improvement Project

Nearly 60 homeowners on the Chippewa Flowage learned about the Pike Improvement Project January 8th at R & R Bayview. The ambitious goal of the Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association is removing 10,000 northern pike in one year.

Speaker Max Wolter of WDNR explained that reducing pike abundance by combining DNR netting and intense angler harvest has the potential to lead to a variety of improvements in the fishery including bigger pike. He revealed, as he had previously shared with the LCFRA board, that in 2017 about 1/3 of the pike in Lac Courte Oreilles were removed and in just one year the average pike size increased 3.5" and muskies stocked had better survival rates.

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in which the Chippewa Flowage interacts with Xcel's management of its downstream reservoirs. We have requested all FERC operating requirements for Moose Lake and down the Chippewa River. The requirement and necessity to obtain these documents directly from FERC would be burdensome and cumbersome for us.

We are not seeking any proprietary information from Xcel nor are we seeking any input into operation decisions. We understand Xcel's discretion with Chippewa Flowage operation, nevertheless, decisions are made for reasons and based on factors – in other words, there is a “why.”

In keeping with our mission, we asked Xcel for their immediate assistance in shining light on how drawdown decisions are made and understanding the factors that go into those decisions.

Stand by.....

Pike Improvement Project (PIP)

The Pike Improvement Project continues to move ahead as you will read in other articles in this newsletter.

The Pike Improvement Project's goal is to remove approximately 10,000 Northern Pike under 24 inches during the 2019 fishing season and “cull the herd.” The CFAPOA will be awarding prize money and paying for some processing of the Northerns.

Similar projects indicate the Chippewa Flowage fishery might improve after removing 10,000 Northern Pike from the lake. Two benefits anticipated would be larger pike and larger walleye. Similar results have been observed in certain lakes where a large number of small northern pike have been removed within a relatively short period. We know many Northern Pike are

caught and released and this is not helpful to the general fishery and the Northern Pike themselves.

Bass Lake Wake Boat Ordinance

Remember the Town of Bass Lake enacted a Motorboat Wake Protection Ordinance in November, 2018? (The full text of the ordinance is in the January, 2019 Newsletter.) We will have the opportunity to see how this goes, this summer.



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The LCFRA board understood this would be much more difficult to achieve on the Chippewa Flowage because of the greater size and conditions. It was agreed taking northern 24” and smaller would have the biggest impact on improving the fishery. They recognized that many folks unintentionally catch northern pike, especially smaller ones, which are usually just released. Ideas were explored on how to promote harvest and eat!

Barb Czarnecki, LCFRA representative, disclosed to the gathering that resort owners on the chip will be distributing entry tickets for prizes for every northern pike harvested legally. Each resort will be provided with laminated instructions on how to clean northern pike and recipes for cooking and pickling. The website www.chippewaflowage.com will have a pike cleaning video and recipes also. Marketplace Foods has agreed to help develop pickling kits to make the process even easier. For instant gratification lapel pins



Visit <https://www.cfapoa.org/harvest-your-northern-pike/> for a video clip of Max Wolter showing how to fillet and remove y-bones from your northern pike.

will be presented to anglers who take their harvest in one day.

The Pike Improvement Project is well supported by local clubs and organizations. The Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association pledged \$2000 or more for support, the Hayward Chapter of Muskies Inc. is printing Musky-Northern Pike identification posters to be distributed at all resorts and at boat landings. In addition, since the survival environment is expected to be improved with the reduction of pike the Hayward Muskies Inc. voted to provide an additional \$12,000 for shiner minnows to really grow the 5000 extended growth muskies they will stock in the Chippewa Flowage next fall. The National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame jumped in to donate the grand prize of \$1000. Entrants do not need to be present to win. The drawings will be held in October. The entry tickets require the name of the angler and contact information, the date of catch, size of fish and host location. LCFRA member guides, Jenks Bait and D & B Bait and Tackle will also be hosts. This data will be tabulated by WDNR for further study.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!
Prevent the spread of invasive species, it's the law!
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Wisconsin law requires that you:
INSPECT boats, trailers, and equipment.
REMOVE all attached aquatic plants and animals.
DRAIN all water from boats, vehicles, and equipment.
NEVER MOVE plants or live fish* away from a waterbody.

*Limited exceptions apply. Visit www.dnr.wi.gov and search for "bait laws".



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Clean Boats Clean Waters

Barb Salomon and Diane Hulke, CBCW Co-coordinators



Sawyer County's biggest Clean Boats Clean Waters project looks forward to another season of boater interaction to protect the Big Chip from Aquatic Invasive Species AND to promote the Pike Improvement Project.

We start May 1 with training of our new and returning inspectors at Hay Creek landing. Pat Brown, Sawyer County's AIS Coordinator, will teach boat inspection and boater education techniques. WDNR Senior Fisheries Biologist Max Wolter will instruct inspectors about the PIP effort designed to harvest at least 10,000 northern pike out of the lake this season to improve our fishery. Inspectors will then be able to provide information to boaters to encourage participation in the harvest.

Your CFAPOA inspectors will be on our public ramps on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from Fishing Opener through September. If you see one of them please support their work with encouragement, a cold (or warm) beverage, a cheering word, or whatever else they might need.

If you have been following national news on the spread of zebra and quagga mussels beginning in the Great Lakes, you know that these pests have no known control, decimate native and constructed habitat, and create physical and economic devastation. This situation has become critical all across the country.

SO... if you take your boat (or net, or pole, or waders, or tube, or canoe, or bait...) to another water body, FOLLOW CBCW PROTOCOLS. Drain completely. Remove attached plants and animals. Dry for at least 48 hours. Sanitize. Don't move bait. Don't move water. If you have guests or renters coming from another water body, MAKE THEM FOLLOW CBCW PROTOCOLS.

Thanks for your help and your continuing support.

Your CFAPOA CBCW Co-coordinators
Barb Salomon
Diane Hulke



Crews in Training.

Pat Brown, Sawyer County AIS Coordinator, trains CFAPOA CBCW inspectors at the Hay Creek landing on May 1.

Membership Update

by Patty Swaffield, Membership Chair
Happy Spring Everyone!!

Your Membership Directory was sent out in March. If you have not received one let me know. Please check the information in the Directory to be sure all looks okay.

Any changes to your mailing or email address can be sent to CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843 or email cfapoa@gmail.com.

Just a reminder that your membership is paid through December 31, 2019. If you send any additional donations, please specify where you would like us to apply it: Operating Expense, Project Fund or Trust Fund. We appreciate all you send for us to continue our important work.

Hope to see you at Treeland Resorts on June 2, 2019 for the annual Spring Fling.

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Spring Fling

Treeland Resorts

Sunday, June 2, 2019

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

\$10.00 Appetizers

RSVP by May 25, 2019

No refunds

Please make checks payable to: CFAPOA.
Mail to: PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843

Name: _____

Number attending: _____



Fisheries Update

Brenda Dettloff: Fisheries Committee Chair



On February 7th at 6:00 p.m. I attended the Sawyer County Fisheries Forum which has become an annual event since 2013. Fisheries biologist Max Wolter updated those of us that braved the winter storm on what had occurred in 2018 and plans for the upcoming year.

Max said they started 2018 with tree drops, also called fish sticks, into the water's edge on the Chippewa Flowage with help from the Forestry staff. The carefully dropped trees make good habitat and stabilize the bank which reduces erosion. The tree drops provide for a more natural means of adding shoreline structure more as opposed to fish cribs.

Then he moved onto discussing walleye populations and said that reproduction continues to be a problem throughout much of the upper Midwest, including Sawyer County lakes. He did say that last spring appeared to be a decent year for muskies and walleye spawning, but overall the walleye population isn't what it once was. "Climate change along with clearer water seems to be impacting them, while longer summers result in bigger bass going into the winter," Max said.

Max also discussed the information gained by using new technology to analyze data from a 1979-1986 muskie tagging study. They plotted muskie movements and the study showed minimal fish movement in summer, but much more significant movement

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in the fall. He also pointed out the size structure of muskies is increasing as well. The data from the annual Muskies, Inc Fall Muskie Tournament was used to document the increase. In the late 1980's the average size of muskies caught was about 36", but in 2018 the size structure was over 40". The percent of muskies over 40" has increased as well, from 16% to 21% 30 years ago, to 47% of the 67 muskies caught last year being over 40". He credited this to the catch and release mentality that has taken place over the years.

The Pike Improvement Project (PIP) was also discussed at length with help from Barb Czarnecki from the LCFRA. The positive results noted in the LCO fishery have been documented since the DNR removal of 3,900 pike in 2017 & 2018 by means of spring netting. Max was amazed that the size of the pike increased 3.5" in one year. The DNR also noted the survival of more young muskies. This data was encouraging and was the catalyst for the Pike Improvement Project on the Chippewa Flowage in 2019. The sheer size of the flowage, number of pike and pike spawning areas makes DNR spring netting method much less effective as the sole means of pike removal. The reliance on the individual angler is key to the success of removing 10,000 pike

in 2019. Max determined that the removal of 10,000 pike would be necessary to positively impact the size structure of the pike population and its likely benefits to the fisheries in general. Max made it clear we are not encouraging anglers to kill all the pike they catch, but rather utilize these smaller fish. "We don't want the message to be to kill all the pike," Max said.

Anglers will have the opportunity to register their pike at local resorts and bait shops that are listed on the www.chippewaflowage.com website along with any PIP updates. Each angler will be able to fill out one entry ticket for each pike caught on the Chippewa Flowage while following DNR daily bag limit and possession regulations. Max and his staff will be collecting the tickets once a month from registration stations and entering the size data. At the same time the DNR will be tracking the top three anglers with the most pike registered along with an additional prize for the top two CFAPOA member anglers. There will be a Grand prize of \$1000 donated by the Fishing Hall of Fame and this category will include pike caught through the ice and open water until September 30th.

The prize money for the placement cash prizes was donated

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by the CFAPOA and will be “open water only catches” from May 3rd to September 30th, 2019. The winners need not be present to win and will be contacted in October after the drawings take place.

The categories are as follows:

Most Pike caught by a single angler category:

1st place is \$500
2nd place is \$300
3rd place is \$200

An additional prize award for CFAPOA members only for most pike caught by a single angler:

1st place is \$150
2nd place is \$100

CFAPOA also donated \$750 to process pike into fish patties caught during the designated early season fishing tournaments along with the DNR pike that are caught in the nets this spring and then processed into fish patties and donated to local food shelves. Whiskey Ridge in Radisson will be processing the pike and will donate \$1off per pound of processed pike. We felt this was an opportunity for us to help those in need while at the same time helping to improve the overall fishery on the flowage.

We hope to have our local and guest anglers enjoy their time spent on the Chippewa Flowage while helping us achieve our goal of 10,000 pike removed before October 2019!!! See you out on the water!

Greetings to Chippewa Flowage Association Property Owners Association (CFAPOA)!

The Northwestern Wisconsin Lakes Conference (NWLC) is looking for sponsorships of between \$50 to \$200 dollars.

The 2019 NWLC will be our 21st year and will be held, Friday, June 21st, at the Hayward High School. Please save that date and let others in your association know about this date. Some of the important conference topics that we are planning for in 2019: Algal Blooms, A Panel on Wake Boats, A Speaker from Green Fire, Loon Ecology/Loon Watch, Climate Change and the AIS/Fish and Wildlife Impact.

The NWLC is a conference that is very well recognized in Northern Wisconsin, as well as in Minnesota. Each year the conference has about 200 people attending, plus many students.

- We are a volunteer organization. All volunteers not only plan the conference, and put it on, but also pay their own registration fee.
- This conference is open to all interested parties who want to learn about the lakes and the environment. We try to emphasize the importance of not only the ecology and preservation of lakes, but also their economic and recreational benefits.
- It is important to pass this legacy onto the younger generation and so we encourage students to attend this conference by allowing them to attend for a nominal charge of \$10. This is another reason we seek sponsors. We normally have 20-30 students attend each year but there have been years that we have had nearly 50. We would like to build on this so please inform students around you about our conference.
- The sponsorship also maintains a stable entrance fee (only \$45) for all of the paying attendees which assists towards payment for use of the school, food, registration, printing of brochures, technological fees, as well as numerous other fees; and assistance for our fine speakers who sometimes request a small stipend to travel from across the state. Nothing is cheap these days!

Please let me know your thoughts on this and if your association is able to make a contribution for sponsorship. Feel free to call me, Ellen, with any questions @ 715-798-2508 and please send any sponsorship donations to:

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We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Best wishes,
Ellen Lafans
Cable, WI
NWLC Committee Member

Zebra Mussels - - A New Challenge

CEAPOA diligently works to address the threat of invasive species with the CBCW program because invasive species are a serious concern. Our neighboring Lac Courte Oreilles lake association (COLA) addressed the seriousness of zebra mussels in their recent news article that they gave CEAPOA permission to reprint.

From Kevin Horrocks,
COLA President

Someone brought Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) into the LCO Lakes years ago. A shoreland property owner? A boat-trailer, visiting family member or friend? A local coming from a nearby lake to fish LCO? It's taken over 10 years and in excess of one-hundred and fifty-thousand dollars, and, though it will never be eradicated, thanks to COLA volunteers and efforts CLP has been dramatically reduced. Finally, CLP appears to be at a level that it can be managed.

So, along comes Eurasian Water Milfoil, and it's the same damn thing. One of us. An invited guest. Someone bringing their boat over for a day. If this invasive gets out of control, it'll be worse than CLP ever was. So, again, COLA volunteers have been monitoring big and little LCO, pulling samples, reporting, working with the WDNR to try to manage it, remove it, control it. So far, so good. Again, fingers crossed, it's being managed.

Now comes a worse, more devastating threat. And frankly, if this invasive shows up in the LCO Lakes, COLA may not be able to do much to manage it. At all.

Zebra mussels. They have now been spotted nearby - in Big McKensie Lake in Washburn Co. CEAPOA SPRING NEWSLETTER

Editor's note: The Chippewa Flowage Clean Boats Clean Waters is continuing to work hard to prevent this type of pollution. So far, the Flowage is doing well. I have heard people say that zebra mussels are good for the lake because they purify and clarify the water -- Like a bowl of distilled water devoid of any fish food. Also, please remember, that Lac Courte Oreilles "enjoys" several wake boats.



Scientific Name: *Dreissena polymorpha* (Pallas, 1771) (ITIS)

Common Name: Zebra mussel

Photo: Zebra mussel, adult - Photo by Amy Benson; U.S. Geological Survey

Photo provided by USDA and USGS.

More about how horribly damaging these are to lakes, and how much they would wreck your enjoyment, and love of the LCO Lakes in a minute.

The most critical thing, right now, is for you, for all of us, to step up and do all we can to prevent zebra mussels from being introduced into the LCO Lakes. In the long run COLA will be advocating for shutting down water bodies with known infestations of zebra mussels. Meaning boats and motors that have been used in infected water bodies should not be allowed in other water bodies. This prohibition will require approval of the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor, if Wisconsin really wants to protect the water resources of the State - it's just a matter of time until this prohibition is enacted into law. In the meantime, make no mistake, if these ruinous creatures get into the LCO waters it will be someone's careless, or oblivious, or thoughtless fault.

The adult mussel can attach to a boat trailer, a boat bottom, the lower unit of a motor and then be transported by people from one water body to another. Inspecting for and removing adult mussels attached to boats, motors, and trailers can be a relatively easy and effective way to

help control the spread of this invasive species. COLA's Clean Boats inspection program at the WDNR landing in Chicago Bay will be on-duty again this boating season inspecting for amongst other AIS... the zebra mussel.

However, transport of adult mussels isn't nearly as much of a concern as is transport of zebra mussel larvae, known as veliger, and the post-veliger and juvenile early life forms because at these stages of life...the zebra mussels are pretty much invisible to the naked eye. They can ride along in a boat's live well, in its undrained hull (bilge), even in the cooling water held in the engine. If the boat has ballast (i.e., a "wake boat"), it can literally be carrying gallons of water that is very difficult to totally drain...and even then zebra mussels in the early life stages can remain in the ballast tank. Jet skis are also very effective at transporting zebra mussels since jet skis run by pumping water.

What can we do? First, take complete responsibility for our own equipment and behavior. If you have used your boat in any

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other lake assume you've picked up invasive plants and critters. Then do something about it. Check that your boat, motor and trailer are clean of aquatic plants and adult zebra mussels. Most importantly remove all water from your rig by completely emptying any live well(s) or ballast or hull water up on shore and well before putting your boat into another lake. Once empty, let your boat and trailer sit and dry for at least 48 hours before putting it into LCO Lakes.

Note, though, that adequate control measures are still not well understood, and both the Wisconsin and Minnesota DNR reference a "dry time" of 21 days (after all water has been removed) to insure destruction of the early life forms. The Zebra mussels is an extremely hardy and persistent threat!

Second. Be a good, welcoming, inviting...tough host. Politely inform any and all visitors that if

they are bringing their boat to the LCO Lakes they have to rinse or clean the trailer, empty the boat of any water and allow it to air dry for at least 48 hours before bringing it. Seriously, don't just ask them to do this....insist upon it. It may be a bother, it may be some work. It may be the most important request or demand you will make of anyone coming to the LCO lakes. It is what we all simply have to do.

The zebra mussel mess? They have no natural predator or biologic enemy in our lakes, and they are wildly prolific - one female can produce a million eggs per season. They adhere to literally any hard surface; rocks, pebbles, dock legs, boats, engines, sunken logs, anchors, pipes. Ultimately, to each other, literally building layers of sharp, cutting shelled mussels. We will all pretty much find walking in the water dangerous to our feet unless wearing shoes.

The mussels take in and

filter the lake water. It may seem unimaginable, but they can populate to such astounding numbers that they end up filtering and feeding on the algae and microscopic animal and plant life in the lake... eliminating the very food that native fish and animals need to survive. The tiny animals and minnows and fry die, and the larger, mature fish lose their food source, and they die. The mussels can create an environment that is devoid of native fish life.

As the mussels clear the lake and throw it out of all balance, the water temperature can change, the depth for sunlight penetration increases, and the weed growth accelerates.

In other words, a lovely, arguably dead lake.

What's it worth for you do your part to save the lakes?

Additional information:
<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/fact/Zebra.html>
<https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/profile/zebra-mussel>
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticanimals/zebramussel/index.html>

Tree Drops Complete!

by Max Wolter



We had a very productive past two days doing our tree drop project. In the 8 shoreline sections we worked on we dropped 565 trees. Adding in work done in previous years and our total comes to 922 trees.

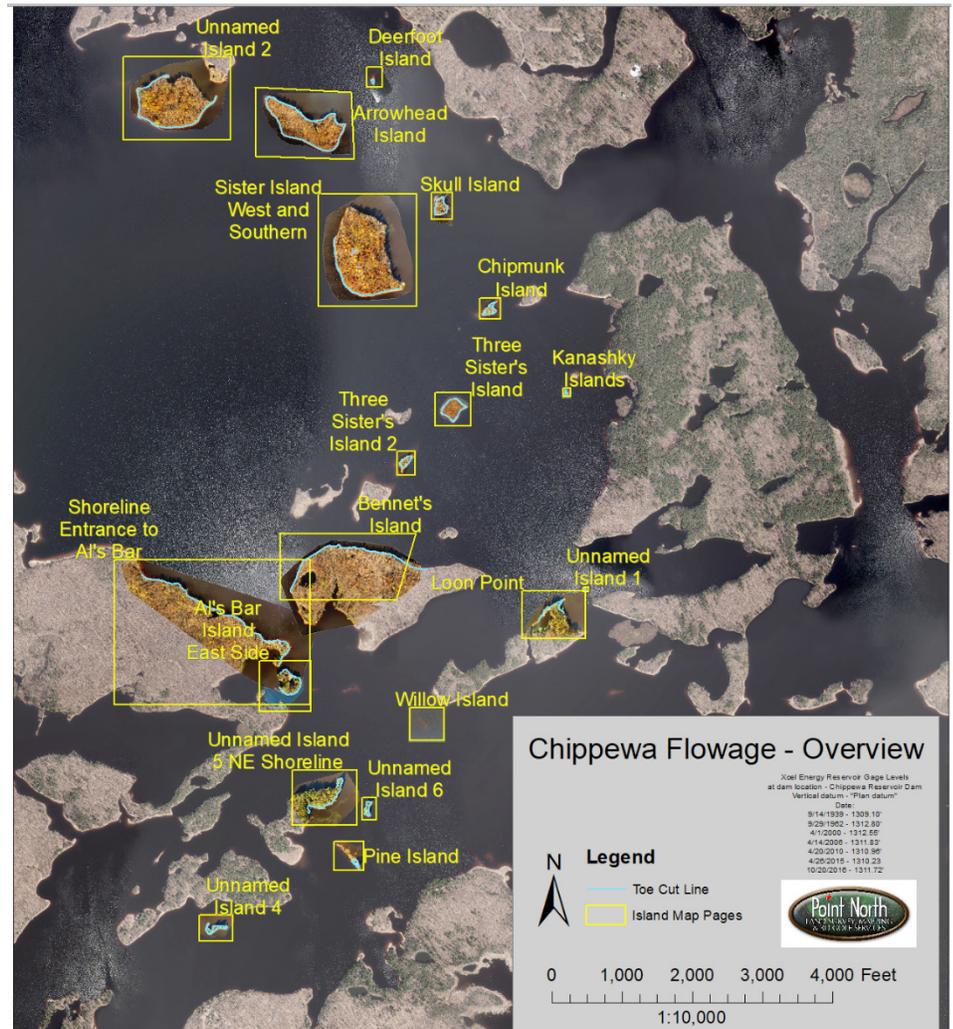
I talked with one of the foresters about how much the trees we cut might weigh on average. A very conservative estimate would be 1,000 pounds (some individual trees likely weighed over 3,000 lbs). So we estimate that we added almost a million pounds of habitat to the lake, or about 460 tons. Those trees will be broken down over time by bugs and bacteria that bugs like to eat. And you know what likes to eat bugs right? Fish! And I don't need to tell you who likes to eat fish!

Lac Courte Orielle Tribe Taking the Lead on Chippewa Flowage Environmental Projects

The LCO Conservation Department conducted a Twenty-Three Island Chippewa Flowage baseline erosion study in 2016. The primary purpose of the project was to establish a surveyed toe-cut baseline and also take drone captured oblique aerial photographs of the pre-selected, existing island shoreline areas with a secondary purpose to compare the existing shoreline with historic 1939, 1962, 2000 and 2006 aerial imagery. The field work was conducted between October 18, 2016 to October 25, 2016. Visual observations were conducted to establish erosion toe cutline and survey techniques were used to record the exact locations of the erosion toe cutlines. The overall goal of the project was to be able to return to the same surveyed locations 5 to 10 years in the future and duplicate the same study to accurately calculate the horizontal extent of island erosion.

The project was conducted on the LCO-owned islands on the east side of the Chippewa Flowage as shown in the map. The dots surrounding many of the 23 islands each represent the location of an oblique aerial photograph.

During the course of conducting the study it was noted that significant differences existed between historic aerial photographs and the current horizontal extent of existing islands. The variation noted was likely attributed to erosion over the past approximate 100 years of the reservoir's existence. It was noted during the study that Arrowhead, Bennet's, Chipmunk, Unnamed #2, Pine, Loon Point, Deerfoot, Nonamed, Pork Barrel, Skull, Three Sisters, Three Sisters #2, Kanashky, Willow, Al's Shoreline, Al's Bar, and Sister had considerable shape and shoreline



differences between the 1939 and 1962 historical aerial photographs when compared to the current on-site delineated toe cutlines.

Erosion for the LCO is of utmost concern since erosion adversely impacts the preservation of important historic and prehistoric sites. As such, from 2007 to 2008, the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Tribal Conservation Office initiated a project designed to begin a systematic archaeological investigation in the vicinity of the flowage and the project also included continued conservation efforts with the installation of 900 feet of revetments for erosion control. In December 2007 Xcel Energy

donated \$20,000 to help fund the project. The Archaeological investigation concentrated primarily in the Pahquahwon or Old Post Village area. Nine and one-half miles of shoreline and 250 acres were investigated. Thirty historic and prehistoric sites were recorded on the LCO lands and five sites were recorded on the DNR lands.

Not only does erosion adversely impact the rich historical heritage of the Chippewa Flowage but it also leads to lower water quality, reduces spawning habitat, and shortens lake life in general. Because of the importance of minimizing erosion similar projects like these two LCO projects will continue to be implemented in the future.

The Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association, Inc. (Association) is a non-profit corporation, formed to generally promote, encourage and foster the interests of all property owners. The major objectives of the Association 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 Calendar

2019 Board Meetings:

(6:00 p.m. CT) at Town of Hunter Hall

- June 6, 2019
- July 11, 2019
- August 8, 2019

Events:

Spring Fling June 2, 2019 (Sunday)—Treland Resorts

August 4, 2019: Annual Members' Meeting (Sunday) – Deer Run Resort



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Greg and Amy Sanders		11
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Purple Loosestrife Update

by Dennis Clagett, Committee Chair

Last fall Xcel Energy elected to let the lake freeze at full pool without any type of early drawdown.

Questions were asked by your board as to why this was decided, and answers are still pending. However, this will be an opportunity to document, by observation, a potential increase in our number one invasive species, Eurasian water-milfoil (EWM) for the summer of 2019. I'm asking members and especially Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers to contact me about their observations. As a group of citizen scientists our visual data accumulated over the summer, while being "anecdotal" carries weight in discussions with other stakeholders concerning the Chippewa flowage. For new members reading this and a refresher course for others, Eurasian water-milfoil (EWM) is a submerged aquatic plant that poses a serious threat to a lake's native aquatic plants and the animals that depend on diverse living conditions. It is not a native plant of Wisconsin and has no natural predators. A little of this stuff goes a long way, and a little will hold fish, but it can

form thick underwater colonies of stems that form vast mats that are all but impenetrable on the surface of the water crowding out both boats AND fish. This stuff is now the most troublesome submerged aquatic invasive plant species in Wisconsin. However, one thing it cannot tolerate is freezing of the roots as can most of our native plants. This is why I usually recommend an early pre freeze-up drawdown (read habitat drawdown) to get these roots exposed to freezing temperatures. As to our other troubling invasive: Purple loosestrife: This is where our Adopt-A-Shoreline started many years ago and has been remarkably effective in controlling both its population and spread. So a big thank you to all you volunteers! We always need new and younger members to step in and become part of this program. You are welcome to contact me to sign up. I will be holding a refresher class early this summer for new and old members. If you cannot care for you adopted section

Please contact me 715 462 4814 or rclagett@centurytel.net and thank you for all you do!



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