



APRIL 2023
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
by Kerry Romsa

This Newsletter is a summary of 2022 milestones in review, future projects, and goals we will be presenting to discuss and vote on with Membership at the June 3rd meeting. I also have a few good tips to share so we can continue to be good stewards of this beautiful lake. The current nine-member Board of Directors and 10 committees are happy to report a growing membership of almost 400! Our focus on the overall health of Pelican Lake, from water quality and fishery to recreational use, keeps it a viable resource for everyone. The unyielding efforts of the current Board, committees, and indispensable volunteers produced record contributions at our annual **Waterski Show** at Gerritt's Lakeview and **Summerfest** at its new location, the Pelican Lake Fire House. After such positive results, the community rallied together to initiate two new events that we plan to continue, **Membership Appreciation** at Boiling Springs and a **Meat Raffle** during Roadside's annual Ribfest.

It is essential to work closely with local businesses who provide fundraising venues and generous donations. They realize that we have to work hand-in-hand to keep Pelican Lake a viable recreational and environmental destination. Together we plan to go forward ensuring mutually beneficial goals are achieved. We envision expanding the community partnering with other nonprofit clubs who also have Pelican Lake's longterm sustainability as the binding tie. Together we can accomplish more.

I will quickly highlight a few points that you can read more of within the following pages. Focused committees were created to broaden our depth of knowledge in various areas. Thankfully we found many members who possess a vast array of skills and knowledge and they were eager to support the board of directors in duties required for a successful organization. The Water Quality Committee has tackled the milfoil issue head on and removed record amounts of milfoil from the lake. The Association has to maintain a 10-year lake plan to remain eligible for state and federal grants. We are working diligently with the assistance of Onterra and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to remain compliant and eligible for state and federal funding of future initiatives.

The Fish Committee was able to complete placement of five NEW fish habitat reefs with the expert help of Pelican Piers LLC and the Town of Schoepke. In addition to all that back-breaking work, they found time to coordinate educational meetings with our new DNR fish biologist, Walleyes for Tomorrow Fish Hatchery, and the Mole Lake Fisheries for hands-on tours. We hope you see within the next few pages future plans that YOU want to be a part of. As you know, an organization is only as strong as its members. Thank you is not enough to all the dedicated members, friends, and our local businesses who made 2022 successful. Please remember, this Newsletter is made possible by the businesses and services who placed ads at the back of this publication. Placing ads means no donated funds were needed or used in the printing or mailing of this Newsletter.

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WE SEND OUR APPRECIATION TO TWO GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS

A heartfelt Thank You goes out to the Suick Family. Their generous grant, through the **Suick Family Foundation**, helps fund our clean water and fishing initiatives. The top priority for 2023 is updating our 10-Year Lake Plan which is required by law. This plan is a tool necessary to effectively manage the longterm health of the lake and remain eligible for state and federal funds. Maintaining lake health for fishing and environmental sustainability is a joint endeavor, and The Suick Family Foundation is an instrumental partner with our Association.

We are so happy to receive a very healthy contribution from the **Sokaogon Chippewa Community** again. Due to the impact of Covid, their support had to stop for a short time. They were eager to inform us that they are now able to help our efforts again with a very generous contribution. We were happy to partner with our friends and neighbors who recognize the importance of protecting our natural resources together.

We would like to recognize those who aided in activities, programs, and education efforts:

Stephanie Boismenu, Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department
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Sandy Wickman, DNR
Randy Wiegert, Lee Distributing
Zach Woiak, DNR

In Loving Memory

Kathleen Ann Handt

Nov. 26, 1942 - Sep. 9, 2022

We would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the family of Kathy Handt. Kathy was a dedicated Clean Boat/Clean Water Landing Monitor on Pelican Lake since 2010. Her selfless commitment to this community is admirable. She is deeply missed.



From Ed Maas, Town of Schoepke Chair:

This past year I am happy to witness the assertive direction the Lake Association is finally taking. The installation of the fish cribs and spending more on lake management efforts has been needed for quite some time. As the Schoepke Town Chair, I fully understand how important a healthy, well-maintained lake is for residential property values and drawing tourism activities for local businesses. This in turn generates a solid tax base for essential government services, including fire protection, road maintenance, and a local school. I am hopeful community involvement will grow and the Association can continue raising awareness and successful lake initiatives. I would like to thank all who have supported me these past six years. It has been an honor to serve as Schoepke's Town Chair.

Pelican Lake Memories:

Suz Romsa's chat with Karl Kapke (age 89), who lives on the North end of Pelican Lake:

Karl has been coming to Pelican Lake since he was six years old, around 1940. Every summer, Karl and his family came from Milwaukee to vacation at the lake and rented one of the cottages on Highway 45. Karl's dad saved gas coupons all year so they could afford to drive up here every summer. They stopped vacationing up here during World War II. Then, as an adult, Karl returned to the lake in the early 1970's. He has been a permanent resident of Pelican Lake since 1996 when he and his wife, Carol, retired. Karl's fondest lake memories are catching his first muskie at age 12 and retiring here with Carol.



Submitted by Gladys Miller who lives on Indian Point:

The first time I came to Pelican Lake was in the fall of 1956. Dean and I had not been dating long, and he was anxious to show me the world's "perfect place." Both of us had worked the p.m. shift before we could leave from Chicago. It was not long before I fell asleep while he drove his 1950 Plymouth Coupe. On Highway 45, just above Clintonville, I was wakened by bright lights—the Aurora Borealis—a sight I've not seen since and will never forget! They were bright pink as well as green and all shades in between. They flashed and danced over us all the way to the lake. As we turned onto Indian Pt. Lane, Dean turned off the headlights so as "not to wake anyone." (I started to question his sanity.) He did know all the roads and about every tree on the point like the back of his hand. After all, he had been spending summers here since 1936. We arrived at about 2 in the morning, drove directly to the pier where we watched and froze for another hour. As many times as I have made that trip since, I've NEVER forgotten that one.



Here is a sweet childhood memory submitted by Jan Penn from Mekinak Point:

Love that you saw some "crawdads." Remember when the rusty crawfish invasion took over at the lake? Our diver, Dan, would go out with the minnow bucket and literally scoop those buggers up by the rocks and we would cook up a large pot with our Louisiana crawdad seasoning and gorge ourselves on them. That experience took our WI German family to a new level of International Gourmet Cuisine. We shared the idea at the annual meeting of the Lake Association and the facial communications were indeed interesting.

Mostly, Dan and I remember spending hours in front of Art Neu's place playing in the rocky bottoms catching some pretty large crayfish by hand. Those days, we would take them out in a minnow bucket in the Dunphy Boot (Dad's shiny wooden pride) and peel off the tails. Back then, the bag limit was 50 per person. Mom and I were assigned the morning shift and would get back at noon with 100 perch. After lunch we would start cleaning while Dad and Dan, on second shift, went out for their 100. In the evening we would add a few more along with some big Rock Bass that generally come in to the dock around 8-9. All this we learned from Harry Neu at his fish house factory.

Cleaning filets was like a factory production line. They were packed in two quart cardboard milk cartons that were saved all year just for this use. Masking tape was marked with red wax crayon (there were no Sharpies) and they went into the freezer where those square cubes stacked quite nicely. In the one week of Dad's vacation, which was the sole item in his benefits package, we had almost all the fish needed to feed the four of us every Friday during Lent. Sometimes we would supplement with what we caught at Paul and Hildegard's place ice fishing with the uncles and Grandpa on Fox Lake. Mostly, the cousins skated while the uncles fished.

Besides the fishing tricks we learned from Harry, he taught us the fine art of gathering and freezing Mayflies in baby food jars. The hatch was huge at Pelican. We did use some fresh, going after jumbo perch. This craft involved nailing a screen scoop to the end of a 6-7' 1x2. As the helgemiths (the stage of life where the mayfly develops in the lake bottoms) hatched from their skins, swam to the water surface, dried off, and took flight, we would skim the water with the screen.

My very best memory, however, was going uptown to the section of HWY 45 that was lit up by the couple of street lights. The road was literally covered with mayflies. People would come from all over with their screens and scrape them up off the pavement. We would close down the road and if a car came, people simply stepped aside allowing the car to pass. This created a crazy series of popping sounds as the tires squished mayflies. We were surrounded in an amazing flurry of the hatch that usually lasted about a week, and Dad would plan his week around the event.

Folks back home, during winter at Fox Lake, would walk over to see what the heck we were using on our jigs to be catching so many fish. I always thought the fish would be under the ice saying, "What the heck? Where did those guys come from? Who Cares, Just go for it!" I can only remember going to a Friday fish fry on rare occasions. We had them homemade with cookie trays filled, one with perch and the other with French fries. WHAT A LIFE! As I write this up, I'm not sure the new landowners on the lake know of this history or of the time protestors opposed the test drills by Copper Corp., exploring over on the Wolf River just past Jennings. But....That's another story. Thanks Dan for awakening my memory. -Jan

P.S. Harry's other trick for crayfish was to save the heart and kidney from Fall's deer hunt and freeze them. In summer, he would hang a bamboo pole off his dock overnight and in the morning pull up a load of crayfish, knock them into the minnow bucket and head out as the sun came up.



By-Laws Committee:

Legal Bylaws were unanimously accepted at the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting. After the Board reviewed and accepted them, they were sent to the law firm Bartelt Grob for review/correction before being presented at the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting. The law firm specializes in organizational start-up, compliance and disputes. The firm also donated a portion of their fees and time to ensure we had a solid foundation going forward. The Legal Revised Bylaws and all previous versions from the past are archived on the Association Website.

Membership Committee:

Pelican Lake Association WI
1st Annual Membership Appreciation
at **BOILING SPRINGS Bar & Grill**
479 Co Rd G, Pelican Lake

Live Musical Entertainment from 2-6 p.m. Performed By:



Saturday, Sept. 17th from 1-7 p.m.

With Thanks for your Membership Support please enjoy **1 FREE:**
Pulled Pork or Chicken Sandwich, Cole Slaw and Chips

Please **bring a Pot Luck Dish to Share** with your Fellow Members
Bring Your own Seating for **FREE** Outside Musical Enjoyment

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2022 marked the First Annual Membership Appreciation Event. It was hosted by Boiling Springs and Dr. Dobbe, the musical entertainment. It was an impromptu event made possible from generous contributions and cash raffles which covered all costs.

This year, due to membership feedback, the event is scheduled for earlier in the year to accommodate the seasonal members of the Association. We wish to ensure that ALL members are shown our gratitude for the selfless volunteerism and financial support provided year round! Membership is effective from:

Annual Membership Meeting to Annual Membership Meeting.

Inserted in this newsletter is your membership renewal form. Please complete the form and mail it with your check to: PLA P.O Box 96 Pelican Lake, WI 54463.

THANK YOU to ALL Members past and present for your years of service, support, and commitment to PLA and the long-term sustainability of Pelican Lake.

The Importance of Association Membership:

If you're a Pelican Lake area resident, you may wonder how our Association benefits you personally. The role played by the Association is critical in promoting environmental stewardship, education on the impacts of surrounding land use, and other key issues that affect YOUR land investment and safe use of the lake. We hope you will remain an active member as your support is crucial.

One of our most important roles is protecting Pelican Lake and the waters that feed her. Without clean navigable water, residents and tourists wouldn't be able to enjoy lake life to the extent we currently do throughout the year. Monitors ensure that lake water is kept safe from invasive species that can quickly disrupt natural processes. Our Association works to raise awareness and funds to mitigate negative impacts so our members may enjoy living near Pelican Lake for years to come. Another way to help keep Pelican Lake viable for future use is to volunteer on any committee that aligns with your personal interests or skills. Please help by joining a committee, and indicate your preference on the membership form.

Financial Review Committee:



Submitted by Ed Rueckl

This is a new committee that was established in 2022. Small organizations like ours are not required to have an audit or financial review, and they are rarely performed by CPA firms because the cost is substantial. The CPA firms that were contacted for guidance suggested the Association form an internal financial review committee. It's common practice for small nonprofit organizations to use an internal committee for limited scope financial reviews.

This committee was organized at the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting. Four association members were elected by membership to serve on the committee. The four members are: Sherry Aulik, Rhonda Bell, Peg Broker, and Ed Rueckl. A qualification to serve on this committee is to be independent of the management of the Association. All four qualify because we are not members of the Board of Directors, nor members of the Financial Committee.

To our knowledge, this is the first time the financial records of the Association have been reviewed by an independent committee and the first time that the members of this review committee have performed an internal review.

Our assignment was to perform a financial review of the **2021** financial records. We started the process with an introductory meeting at which time we developed a plan of the review procedures we would use to complete the assignment. The procedures used included: inquiry of the policies, procedures, and internal controls used by 2021 management; examination of a sampling of checks issued for vendor invoices or others with supporting documentation and categorization of the expense; matched bank statement deposits to deposits listed in the financial reports and bank statement check charges to check details listed in the financial reports; analytical review; and we compared income and expenses to prior year income and expenses.

The final action was to issue a financial review report to membership. Our option was a qualified report or an unqualified report. A qualified report means material modifications should be made to the financial statements for them to give a fair presentation. An unqualified report means we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

We issued an unqualified report, as no modifications in financial reporting were needed for the calendar year 2021. This report was sent by Constant Contact to all members of the Association that have internet access.

We are in the planning process to perform the financial review of the 2022 financial statements to present at the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting.

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee Consists of these Volunteers: Joy Herman, Rick & Beth Steiner, Suz Romsa, Pat Schenk, Jim Frymark, Bob Mott, and Kelly Kraetsch. Both Frymark and Mott are part of the Grant Committee and attend Finance meetings when possible to ensure grant opportunities are met as much as possible. Joy Herman donates years of Treasurer experience she has honed by graciously helping many local non-profit organizations. The Steiner's are CPA's and have given a tremendous amount of free guidance and input to ensure our financial records continue to be accurate, reliable, and consistently within General Acceptable Accounting Principles (GAAP). In 2022, the Committee implemented these oversight tools:



1. First and foremost, per the Revised Bylaws, ALL expected expenditures need to be presented to Membership at each Annual Meeting for the upcoming year for approval. Funds that are not pre-approved, will not be approved without a special meeting.

2. Project sheets were implemented. They are the first step for any expenditure that is proposed within the organization. It requires Project Leads to detail the anticipated amount of financial outlay the Association can expect and how the investment will benefit either the overall financial position of the organization or fall within the mission statement of the Association for the overall health of Pelican Lake and its surroundings. If costs are not captured on the approval form they **will not** be covered.

3. To ensure project costs are presented to Membership for approval in a timely fashion, financial timelines were developed. Committees and Board Members are now looking forward 2-5 years and creating goals while investigating long-term impacts to the community and environment.

4. A Reserve Policy was written to justify the larger fund amounts in question for a smaller organization. It is as follows: The Finance Committee (or Board) strives to have a reserve consisting of two years of expenses. This reserve is to cover both annual recurring costs and any special projects the membership may decide on. The reasoning behind this reserve is that many of the grants that we receive require the organization to pay for costs up front before we are reimbursed for these expenses. Due to events that we have seen, such as the COVID pandemic with the casinos being shut down and fundraising limited, we are reminded that many grants on which we rely are not certain and thus we need to plan accordingly.

These steps were initiated to prevent spending of membership dues and generous donations without total transparency of where/what funds are used for. The Finance Committee also has been researching federal and state guidelines for 501(c)3 organizations and our individual 1023 filing for nonprofit status parameters. We are researching if we may legally offer a scholarship at Elcho High School for students who are pursuing degrees or technical education in fields that align with the Association's mission statement without jeopardizing our non-profit status. We hope to have answers by the June 3rd Annual Meeting.

Grant Committee:

Submitted by Bob Mott

Since 2006, Pelican Lake has benefitted from state grants to help protect the lake and educate its varied users. Records show over 25 grants have been awarded to the Pelican Lake community for nearly \$250,000 total. Typically, grants are cost shared. The State generally pays approximately 75% of project costs, leaving 25% for the Association to cover. However, we are required to fund the entire project up front and receive reimbursement after project completion, if all conditions are met. There are times when we receive 25% of the total allowed grant up front to help offset initial costs. Grant writing is a very competitive process. This year only 446 applications, seeking a total of over \$7 million, were written well enough to avoid elimination and proceed to the processing phase. Unfortunately, there was only \$6.5 million available to award statewide.

Of that amount, our organization was able to garner \$44,819.06 total! For the 2023 season, we applied for four grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and received all four. The breakdown of each follows:

1. **Clean Boats/Clean Waters** category is the only noncompetitive grant we submit annually. A grant of \$8,000 was awarded to help pay for the cost of monitoring the State Landing and Keelers Landing. A minimum of 200 hours of in-person monitoring at each landing, plus the associated record keeping required, must be documented to qualify for this award. In 2022, the following information was achieved: *State Landing*, 1,980 boats inspected; 4,273 people educated; and 606.50 hours spent monitoring. *Town Landing*, 176 boats inspected; 350 people educated; and 286.50 hours monitored. *Keelers Landing*, 665 boats inspected; 1,434 people educated; and 460 hours spent monitoring.

The remaining three grants are competitive, meaning they must be scored and ranked to beat out other state applicants.

2. **AIS Prevention** category was used for the purchase of an Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor (I-LIDS) camera. PLA received \$8,333.33 to purchase and install the additional prevention aide. In this category there were fourteen grants awarded by the state, ranging from \$1,198-15,622, with grants totaling \$145,972.72. Ten of the awarded grants were for some type of boat cleaning systems used at landings. Our I-LIDS system was the only one awarded in this category. It will be installed at the Town of Schoepke landing near Musky Mart.

3. **Comprehensive Planning:** We were awarded two grants. They are being applied toward the separate phases required to update our 10-year Comprehensive Management Plan.

Phase 1 Costs: Biological Data Collection, \$18,078.95.

Phase 2 Costs: Planning and Reporting, \$10,406.78.

These grants both run for two years, 2023 and 2024, with the Final Report and Management Plan announced in late 2024 or early 2025. The plan will update the information and plan developed in 2013 and is required every 10 years in order to remain eligible for a variety of state grants. The Pelican Lake Association is grateful to the State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for its partnership with the Pelican Lake Association to ensure the continued health of Pelican Lake and its surrounding environment.

Fish/Wildlife Committee:

Here are a few images of the educational field trips and guest speakers that this committee organized: Mole Lake Fish Hatchery, Walleyes for Tomorrow Hatchery, Nathan Lederman New DNR Introduction, two new fishing regulation proposals are moving forward, five fish crib habitat reefs were completed.




**PELICAN LAKE
ASSOCIATION**
WISCONSIN

The Fishing Committee proudly presents:

Who: NATHAN LEDERMAN, New Oneida Co. Fisheries Biologist
What: An Informal Meet & Greet
Where: Enterprise Town Hall, 2977 Plantation Rd.
When: Monday, Dec 5th 2022, 6:30 p.m.

We would like to formally recognize both **Andrew Plesko** for his generous financial contribution to help complete the Fish Crib project and to **Ed Rueckl** who made a generous donation specifically towards future Fish/Wildlife Committee initiatives.

Gentlemen, Thank you both!



2023 Fish Committee Events to expect:

1. Spring hearings with the resolution changes Ed Rueckl and Larry Burkhart have been working on.
2. More educational speakers or site visits. Members are encouraged to give feedback on topics you feel would benefit the fishing enthusiast. Let us know, email: info@pelicanlakeassociation.org
3. Ken from Walleyes for Tomorrow may need volunteer help in Shawano or Minocqua with hatchery duties this spring. This is an excellent program to learn and experience what is necessary to maintain a healthy fish population.
4. The DNR have plans this spring to net for Muskellunge here. It will start the process of generating a population estimate as well as investigate the prevalence of Lymphosarcoma in Northern Pike.



2024 Fish Committee Events Coming Up:

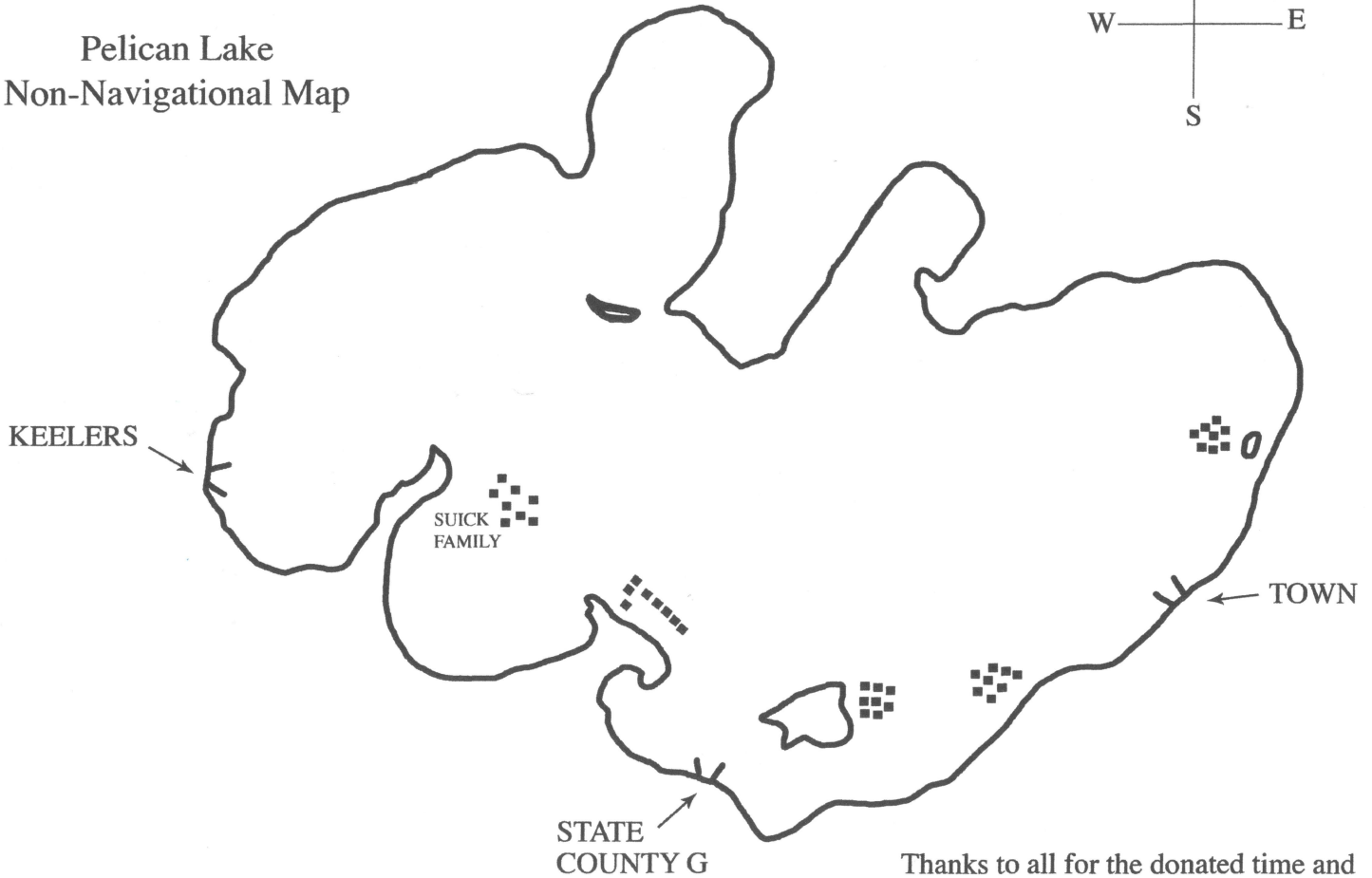
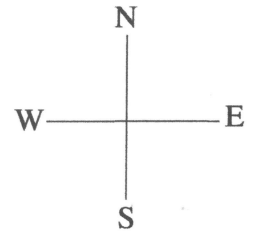
1. Full Comprehensive Survey by DNR occurring, no solid date available as of print.
2. Potential introduction of a PLA Fishing Tournament to raise funds for future Fish Committee Programs.

Fish Crib Habitat Reef



Fish Crib Habitat Reefs

Pelican Lake
Non-Navigational Map



- ∨ — PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH
- — FISH CRIB — 4'x4'x6' TALL

Thanks to all for the donated time and money to make this project possible.

Pelican Lake Association Wisconsin

Fall Fishery Surveys on Pelican Lake: Insights into the Walleye and Muskellunge fisheries

Authored by Nathan Lederman, Chad Leanna and Royce Zehr

DNR Oneida County Fisheries Team

Pelican Lake is a recreational destination for its residents, the public from surrounding towns and those visiting the area. People fishing Pelican Lake, target trophy bass, Northern Pike, and Muskellunge or may wet a line in hopes of securing a fish fry of Walleye or panfish. Some merely enjoy the tranquility of the water by motoring around the shoreline. To ensure that the riches Pelican Lake offers are preserved, protected and enhanced, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) works collaboratively with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Sokaogon Chippewa Community Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and the Pelican Lake Association to ensure it remains a healthy and desirable destination to recreate for years to come. That is why you may see brightly lit boats navigating around the shoreline of Pelican Lake in the middle of the night during September. These boats are completing electrofishing surveys, assessing the number of young fish present. Young fish abundance provides insight into what can be expected in terms of adult numbers in the future and what management actions, if any, need to be taken to ensure the fish in Pelican Lake remain healthy and abundant. Young Walleye numbers have been variable over time in Pelican Lake (see figure 1 below). Inconsistency in the number of young Walleye from year to year is not uncommon. Mother nature may not always provide optimal conditions for Walleye reproduction every year just as the amount of snow fall may vary from year to year and is nothing to be concerned about. A value of 15 age-0 Walleye per mile (those individuals 5-7 inches) is only required once every 3-4 years to sustain an adult population. Pelican Lake has regularly exceeded that 15 age-0 Walleye per mile milestone at least once every three years since 1986. Survival of age-0 Walleye appears to be consistently high with age-1 Walleye (those individuals 10-12 inches) representing a major portion of their age-0 values. Together, these findings indicate a strong Walleye population with sufficient reproduction and survival present, and Pelican Lake will likely have a sustained Walleye population for years to come.

Figure 1



Figure 2



A low level of Muskellunge reproduction has occurred almost yearly in Pelican Lake (see figure 2). Consistent levels of Muskellunge reproduction indicate a healthy top predator population with trophy potential. Muskellunge survival of age 0 (8-12 inches), age 1 (12 to 20 inches) and older appear good, with larger individuals, up to nearly 50 inches, regularly found. With annual reproduction, good survival and stocking the Muskellunge fishery should flourish within Pelican Lake. Fall surveys provide vital information to the collaborating partners managing Pelican Lake. Thriving Walleye and Muskellunge populations are present in Pelican Lake with trophy Largemouth and Smallmouth fisheries present. Fall monitoring will continue for years to come with spring sampling occurring in 2024 and 2025. Over the next couple of years, collaborating partners will be watching for a stronger year of Walleye reproduction, confirming continued Muskellunge spawning, as well as investigating Bluegill abundance and the Northern Pike fishery.

Water Quality Committee:

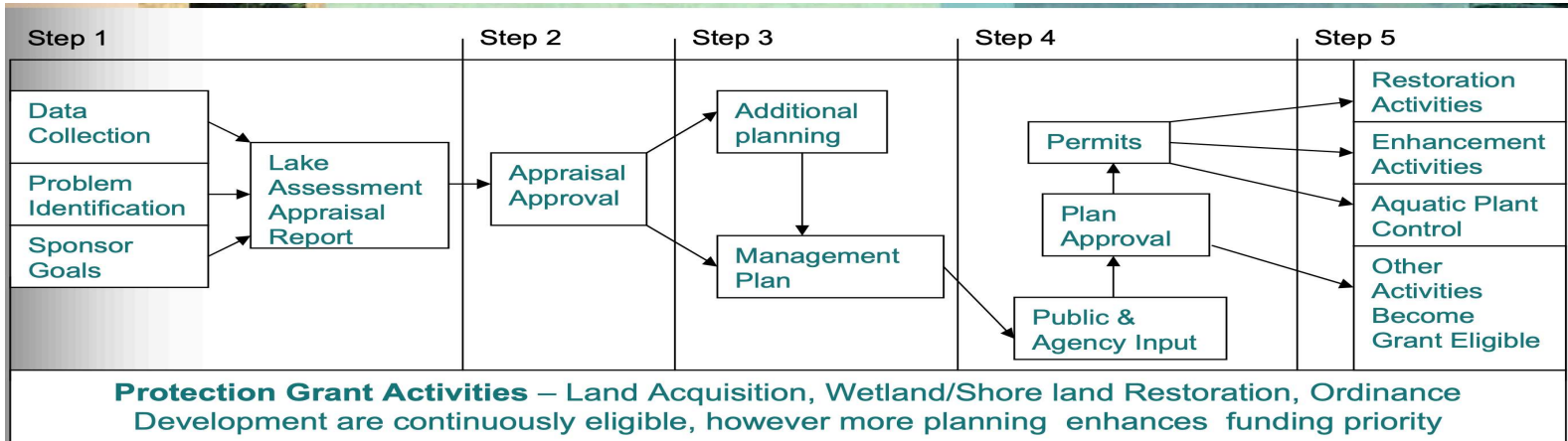
BUILDING TRUST AROUND WATER



TOGETHER

This year's **2023 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention** will be attended by more than just a few board members. After attending in 2022, we became aware of the wealth of information and networking that occurred at this convention. This proved most beneficial in helping construct a plan going forward with various committee goals. Those members who have stepped up to either assist or drive various committees have registered for several of the seminars and working groups that are offered April 19-21. Due to budget constraints, some members are paying out of pocket to go, and some will be reimbursed with the 2023 educational budget approved at last year's Membership Meeting. The display of interest and excitement of members to learn and share is commendable. Education is a driving force of the Association's mission statement. Sharing of sound knowledge will help all of us become better lake stewards and residents of Pelican Lake. Depending on time available at the 2023 Membership Meeting, those who attended will either speak at the meeting, or we will post summaries of the information gathered on PLA's various social platforms and send out through Constant Contact.

Steps of Developing a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan



Step 1. Appraisal: Collect existing, easy to obtain data, including one year of basic water quality data. Identify what is known about the lake, perceived problems, and what people desire. An assessment characterizes the resource, determines ecological potential, and sets general management strategy. It also provides the groundwork for all future activities. Protection activities are continuously eligible and do not require plan approval.

Step 2. Appraisal Approval: DNR and partners agree on general lake management directions. This sets the foundation for future management and avoids unnecessary planning. It is a checkpoint for data entry into the DNR system. An approved study plan includes a commitment to phased planning grants.

Step 3. Management Plan: Creation of a management plan with specific management objectives. It may proceed on a single track (i.e., APM, water quality, lake use, habitat, or may be comprehensive). The level of additional planning is dependent on the complexity of issues.

Step 4. Plan Approval: The sponsor adopts the plan after public, DNR, and other agency's input. Environmental Assessments and permits are issued if required, and the sponsor may apply for protection grants for implementation.

Step 5. Implementation: This includes restoration and enhancement activities, plant control, and more.

<https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Documents/programs/convention/2007/lake-planning-overview.pdf>

AIS in 2022

The summer of 2022 saw record levels of Eurasian Milfoil removed. However, with warmer water temps the Milfoil seems to be beyond past practices of mitigation. We are investigating safe, more effective maintenance alternatives and hope to have several options for membership to discuss and vote on as part of a sustainable budget moving forward.

Clean, Drain, Dry

There's nothing better than spending an afternoon on the water, but be careful no hitchhikers tag along when you leave. After using your motorboat, kayak, paddle board, or scuba equipment, be sure to remove any attached mud or plants. Be thorough as even tiny plant fragments could be home to larvae of invasive species! Then, drain all water from bait buckets, motors, scuba gear, waders, and any other object that might house liquid. If possible, use hot or salt water to clean the equipment for maximum impact, and allow everything to dry thoroughly before using it in a new body of water. And don't forget Fido! Dogs, horses, and other pets can be perfect vehicles for small invasive species to hop from place to place.

Join Removal Efforts

No matter where you live, chances are you'll be able to find invasive species volunteer opportunities nearby. Check out our website to help identify invasive from native milfoil. It's also easy to combine invasive species removal with other recreation, kayaking or paddle boarding are easy activities to grab and remove invaders.



https://oceanconservancy.org/blog/2017/03/02/3-easy-ways-to-stop-invasive-species/?ea.tracking.id=22HPXGJAXX&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIu_yI0LOs_QIVNnRvBB0V-w_wEAAyAAEgKhcfD_BwE

Educational Events



We had several guest speakers and educational events throughout 2022. On May 26th, Peter Hansen and Ben Niffenegger, from Wisconsin Valley Improvement Co. (WVIC), provided a well-attended presentation at the Fire House. Procedures and regulations that govern water level management were shared, and an open dialog of resident concerns were addressed. It was the groundwork for cultivating a mutually beneficial relationship with WVIC. On June 24th, a free AIS/ Water Clarity training session for membership was held at Keelers Landing by Sandy Wickman, WDNR, and Stephanie Boismenuie, Oneida County AIS Director. This event was also well-attended, and we received positive feedback from both events. Both of these events are good examples of how invested our Members are and their willingness to make things happen! Thank you to those who could attend and, most importantly, keep sharing the information gained at these events with family, friends, and neighbors.



Clean Boat Clean Water Program: The landings are monitored by paid individuals who work weekends and holidays from the start of fishing season through Labor Day. The monitors interact with boaters, record information, and assist in checking to make sure watercraft are free from AIS as they enter and leave the lake. Local residents who serve as our monitors act as good will ambassadors for the whole community and share both area and lake information with visitors. We are in need of help recruiting membership, friends of membership, and local residents who care. If you are, or know of someone who could benefit from a summer, part-time paid job (or one may volunteer), please get them in touch with our Water Committee. Training is provided and we try to accommodate flexible schedules. More trained monitors available means more flexibility in scheduling.

**Please Thank our
2022 CBCW Employees!**

- Deena Alegria**
- Wyatt Dickman**
- Brandon Edwards**
- Lisa Erdman**
- Brennan Hart**
- Perry Miller**
- David Nichols**
- Sheldon Waupochick**



Help Keep the Lake Clean!

**Pelican Lake
Boat Monitors Needed**

When:

Friday	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturday	6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday	6:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Hours are Flexible)

Qualifications:

- Be Able to Work With People
- Be Punctual
- Be Reliable
- Have Transportation
- Attend Training

Pay Options: \$14.00 Per Hour or Volunteer Time
(\$15 for returning monitors)

If Interested Contact: Kerry Romsa at (715) 581-3327 or kerryromsa59@gmail.com

Links:
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/lakes/cbcw>
<https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnrap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/cbc/default.aspx>

I-LIDS Summary Report

This report summarizes I-LIDS monitoring and review activity at the State boat launch for 2022.

I-LIDS Summary Data

Date Installed:	5/8/22
Date De-installed:	10/17/22
Videos Captured:	7,910
Videos Reviewed by ESP:	4,070
Total Videos Reviewed:	4,081
Launches counted:	759
% of boat launch videos:	19%
Suspect AIS Violations:	0
Hours of operation:	6am - 2 am
Total hours of inspection time:	3,220



Observations: People are curious about and aware of the camera, with many stopping to look, listen, and read the accompanying sign. Boaters are often seen on-camera checking/cleaning. Inspectors are active, talking to owners and checking boats before launches and after retrievals. Several out-of-state boats are noted. False positives at times due to sun/wind/shadows.

Boating Safety Committee:

Three Things to Know Before You Tow

Riding on towable tubes is one of the most accessible and inclusive ways there is to enjoy the water.

Pulling something is pulling something, right? Whether it's skis, a wakeboard, or towable tube, securing a towing rope is securing a towing rope, right? If a tow rope is secured to a wakeboard tower, ski pylon, or transom tow eye, a rope is a rope is a rope, right? The answer to all three rhetorical questions is an emphatic NO!

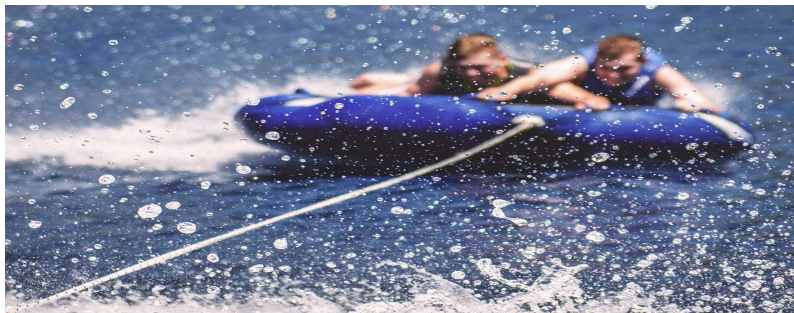
Tubing is one of the most accessible, inclusive, and fun things you can do on the water, but towing a tube generates way more drag than pulling a skier or wakeboarder. Wakeboard towers aren't made for that kind of load, nor are tall pylons. In fact, if the tube submerges—gets pulled under—which they sometimes do, a towline connected to a high tower or pylon can actually pull the boat over.

A tube's drag could also tear the tower or tall pylon from your boat, with plenty of damage and injury possible. Towers are made specifically for wakeboarding and surfing, and most have stern warnings against other uses. For these reasons, tube manufacturers say their creations perform best when tethered from a lower point.

That leaves a shorter transom ski pylon (no higher than two feet off the floor), a centered transom tow eye, or a harness tied between port and starboard transom rings as your best bets for tubing. If using transom tie-down eyes, confirm with the boat manufacturer that they're strong enough for the towing force listed on the tube's packaging. Many tubes can produce more than 1,000 pounds of drag.

And the rope? Just like towing points, it should be made specifically for towing inflatables. Compared to wakeboard and ski ropes, tubing ropes are much stronger, rated at 2,000, 4,000, or 6,000-pound breaking strengths, for a specified number of riders, and measure at least 50, but no more than 65, feet long. Check your rope regularly for fraying, fading, knots, and other damage—and replace if necessary.

It's true that a low tow point can make it tricky to keep the towrope above the water. A workaround is a booster ball or bobber, which holds the rope high and visible, and aids tube performance. And isn't big-fun performance what tubing is all about?



Tow in control; 'getting air' is fine, but overdoing it, especially on multi-person models, can slam riders' bodies into each other or objects and cause severe injuries. Unsplash

Tube Tips, Continued

- Tow in control. Getting a little air is fine if your riders are game, but overdoing it, especially on multi-person models, can slam riders' bodies into each other and cause severe injuries.
- Remember to use hand signals and a red flag to communicate between the boat, tubers, and other boaters.
- When the boat is turning at 20 miles per hour, the tube can be going up to 55 miles per hour. That's called the whip.
- Maintain an appropriate speed for your riders. A good guideline is an 8 mph limit for small kids, 15 mph for older kids, and 20 mph for adults.
- Stay at least two rope lengths away from swimmers, shallow water, other boats, and obstacles.
- Make sure the line is always tight before you accelerate.
- Always pick up a fallen tuber on the driver's side.
- Make sure you attach the engine cut off switch lanyard, and that all tubers and boat passengers are wearing a USCG-approved life jacket.
- Only tow a tube if the boat has a qualified driver and capable observer.

<https://www.boatingsafetymag.com/safety-tips/towing-tubes-safely/>

Improper Speed and Distance, from the Boat-Ed Website:

Wisconsin State Law says the following operating practices are illegal. Improper speed or distance is not maintaining a proper speed and/or distance while operating a vessel. (Personal Water Craft = PWC.)

Specifically, it is illegal to:

- Operate a vessel at a distance from other vessels or at a speed that exceeds safe and reasonable limits given the waterway traffic, marked speed limits, weather, and other boating conditions.
- Exceed the speeds posted or charted in any specific zone or area.
- Operate a vessel repeatedly in a circuitous manner within 200 feet of another vessel or person in the water.
- Operate a vessel within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier, or restricted area on any lake at greater than "[slow, no wake speed](#)".
- Operate a vessel at greater than "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet of a swimmer, unless the vessel is assisting the swimmer.
- Operate a vessel at greater than "slow, no wake speed" too close to the shoreline of any lake.
 - For motorboats other than PWC, too close means within 100 feet of the shoreline.
 - For PWC, too close means within 200 feet of the shoreline.
 - This law does not apply in areas marked as pickup and drop-off locations for water-skiing.
- Operate a vessel faster than "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet of a patrol boat displaying emergency lights.

https://www.boat-ed.com/wisconsin/studyGuide/Improper-Speed-or-Distance/10105102_51007/

Land Use Committee:

Pelican River Forest Public Access and Forest Conservation Easement Phase 2



Oneida, Forest and Langlade Counties
U.S. Senator Johnson and U.S. Senator Baldwin
U.S. Representative Tiffany (WI-7)

The Pelican River Forest Easement project represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to protect over 68,000 acres of working forestland in Wisconsin. As the property's current owner, The Conservation Fund is partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to use funding from the state-based Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program (KNSP), federal Forest Legacy Program and private funding via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to secure an easement focused on public access and forest conservation. This will protect the state's largest remaining unprotected private working forest.

The Pelican River Forest straddles the continental divide between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River watersheds. It contains 68 miles of streams and is located in the headwaters of the Wolf and Wisconsin rivers. The permanent protection the easement will preserve the water quality of these rivers, safeguarding drinking water for over 40,000 people downstream. It also will permanently secure public access for outdoor recreation, including hiking, hunting, fishing, trapping, snowmobiling, ATV/UTV access and cross-country skiing.

The property, which contains hard maple, oak, aspen, spruce, red pine and jack pine, grows about 25,000 cords of harvestable volume each year for an estimated annual value of \$1.1 million. Accounting for 16% of Oneida County's timber output from private forestland, the property helps supply 17 mills in Oneida and adjacent counties, supporting 636 jobs. Additionally, the project's guarantee of permanent public use includes vehicular access to as many as 70 miles of maintained interior roads. These roads will be supported by a \$1.5 million perpetual road endowment fund for long-term maintenance.

Phase 2 Project Funding

- Forest Legacy Program (federal) = \$11,000,000 (awarded)
- Gift from NFWF = \$600,000 (awarded)
- KNSP (state) = \$4,028,000 (requested)

Status

- The Conservation Fund acquired the Pelican River Forest (nearly 70,000 acres) in 2021
- Phase 1 (12,000 acres) easement was conveyed to state DNR in March 2022
- Phase 2 (56,000 acres) easement will be sold to state DNR once federal and state funds are available.
- State DNR Natural Resources Board approved Phase 2 unanimously in November 2022

Key Features

- Protects the largest remaining unprotected private working forest in Wisconsin, sustaining hundreds of jobs in the forest products sector
- Expands opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling and wildlife viewing
- Preserves water quality of the Wolf and Wisconsin rivers, which provide drinking water to over 40,000 people downstream
- Provides permanent public access to as many as 70 miles of roads

https://www.dropbox.com/s/ixrbc4pwx9ymetr/FACT_SHEET_Pelican_River_Forest_DNR_01-25-23.pdf?dl=0

Submitted by Peter Hansen
Vice President of WVIC Operations

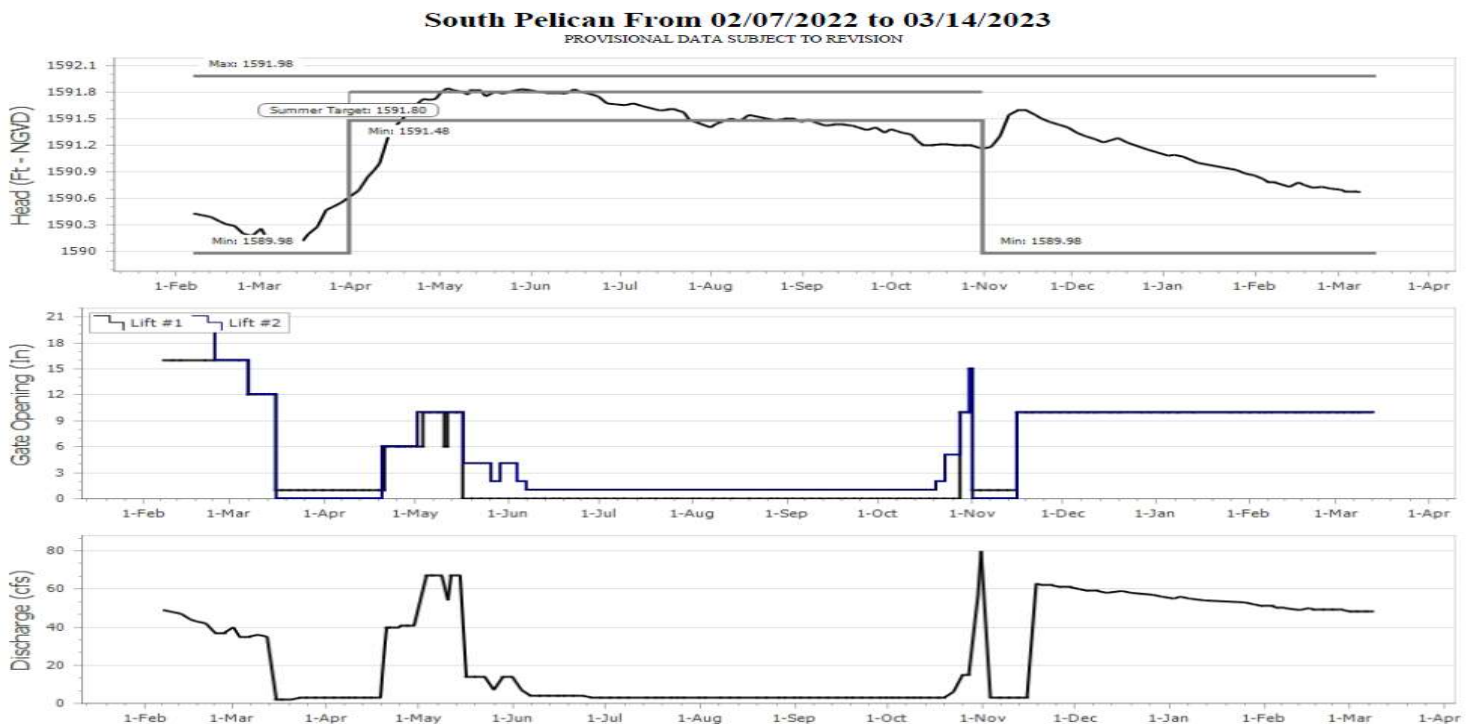
Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC) operates the South Pelican Reservoir in compliance with two main articles in its Federal Energy Regulatory License. They are described as follows:

1. Maximum and Minimum Headwater Elevations - *The Licensee shall operate the South Pelican reservoir to maintain a water surface elevation between 1,591.48 feet NGVD* and 1,591.98 feet NGVD from April 1 to October 31 and between 1,589.98 feet NGVD and 1,591.98 feet NGVD from November 1 to March 31. The Licensee shall set a goal to operate the South Pelican reservoir as near as practical to 1,591.80 feet NGVD between April 1 and October 31.*

2. Minimum Flow Releases - *The Licensee shall release from South Pelican reservoir dam into the Pelican River a continuous minimum flow by maintaining a 1-inch opening in one vertical lift gate in the dam year-round for the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources and vegetation in the Pelican River.*

The winter drawdown began in mid-November. As can be seen by the graphic the drawdown has been slow and the current level is approximately 6 inches above the minimum allowed. I would expect that mid-next week we will begin the process of closing the gates to the minimum allowed in the license and start capturing runoff. Since November 1st, the Rhinelander NWS data has the area nearly 5.5 inches above normal in precipitation (not snow, but water equivalent).

The following graphic is updated on www.wvic.com every couple of days allowing membership to monitor the operations. It provides a 14-month snapshot of operations:



* NGVD stands for National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929. It is the National Standard Reference Datum for elevations, formerly referred to as Mean Sea Level (MSL). It is a system that has been used by surveyors and engineers for most of the Twentieth Century. It has been the basis for relating ground and flood elevations.

Shoreline Restoration:

One of the projects the Land Use Committee would like to reinvigorate is shore land restoration on our lake. There are many positive benefits for a lake when restoring shore land and creating buffer zones along the lake shore. All lakes in Wisconsin have a designated buffer zone extending landward 35 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) to protect habitat and prevent runoff from entering the lake. The buffer zone is regulated by state statutes, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Administrative Rules, and county ordinances.

Before starting a shoreline restoration project you may want to contact the Oneida County Planning and Zoning Department. They have experts who can guide you on any type of project.

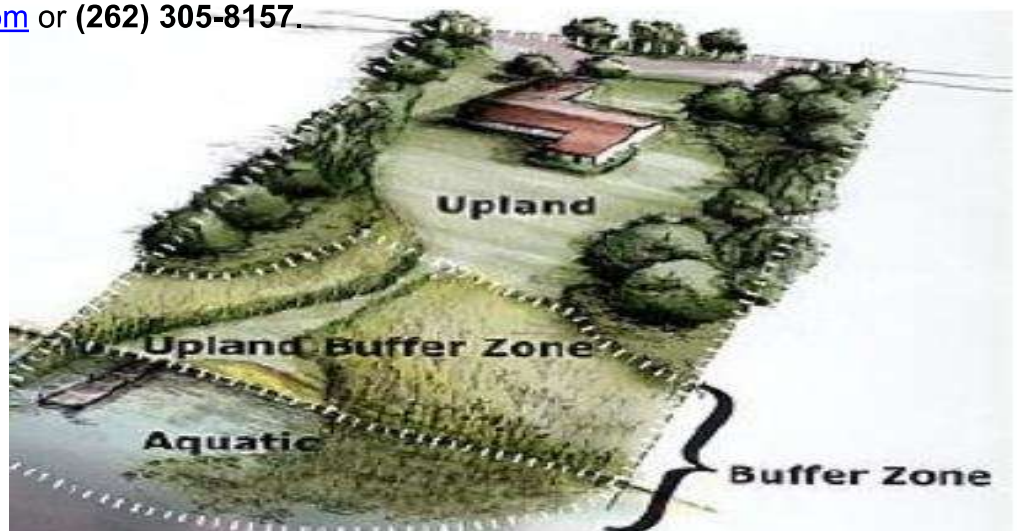
Also, there are many resources available to assist lake shore owners on a shore land restoration project. Some of these resources are:

1. Grants are available through Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department as well as the DNR.
2. You can search online at OCLW.org which is the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation website or healthylakeswi.com which has a Score My Shore section.
3. You can also type in Lake Tides Newsletter and sign up for a free newsletter for people interested in Wisconsin lakes.
4. At the Pelican Lake Association Annual Meeting on June 3, 2023, Michelle Sadauskas, an Oneida County land and water conservationist, will be giving a presentation on shore land restoration on Pelican Lake. Michelle is looking for 6-8 properties from different parts of the lake as part of her presentation. Michelle and I would go to these properties this spring, look at the shorelines, and take some photos. Michelle would use these visits in her presentation and offer suggestions on what could be done to restore parts of the shoreline.

The goal of the Land Use Committee is to offer information and education to shore land owners so they can best decide what will work for them. If you are interested in having Michelle and I look at your property please contact me at battvanlan@hotmail.com or (262) 305-8157.

Thank you,

Todd Van Langen



<https://threelakescouncil.org/lake-living/shoreline-savvy/>

Planting Tips for Your Lakeshore

- ◆ **Plant within 35 feet of the lakeshore.**
- ◆ **Do not remove existing vegetation (except turf grass) when planting your new native plants.**
- ◆ **If your planting task includes removing large areas of turf grass, especially on a slope, please consider putting down a biodegradable, net-free mat; then plant through the mat into the soil.**
- ◆ **Compost is recommended and should be mixed thoroughly with the existing soil.** Dig the hole and place the removed soil in a pile. Mix compost thoroughly into the soil. (1/3 compost to 2/3 soil)
- ◆ **Before planting, carefully loosen or tease apart the roots with your fingers.** Teasing apart will allow the roots to grow in all directions.
- ◆ **Don't plant too deep.** Keep the root collar at or above the soil surface. The root collar is the highest point on the stem where a root is attached.
- ◆ **Make sure to use a natural mulch around your plants to retain moisture and limit weed growth.** Mulch 3" to 4" deep for shrubs and 1" to 2" deep for ground cover.
- ◆ **During the first growing season, plants need to be watered often and thoroughly.** Deep watering that saturates the soil is ideal for good root development.
- ◆ **Use deer protection measures such as deterrent or enclosures.** We highly recommend fencing at least 8 feet high around new plantings for the first growing season. Deer and rabbit repellent are also effective if applied correctly.
- ◆ **If cold weather is in the forecast, DON'T WORRY - It won't kill your plants.** You can still plant, just remember:
 - ◆ once planted, you can cover plants for protection, or
 - ◆ hold plants to wait for warmer conditions. Store them in an unheated garage or under evergreen/pine trees to help protect them until you are ready to plant.

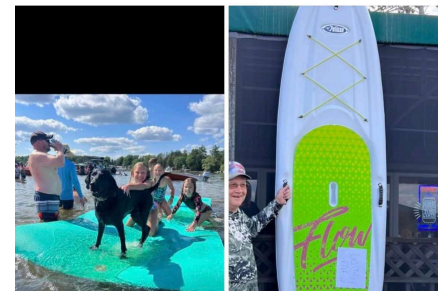
For more information, contact the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department at 715-369-7835, by e-mail at lwcd@co.oneida.wi.us, or visit our website at <https://www.oclw.org/>.



A number of years ago, the Town of Schoepke gave permission for sloped shore land near the town hall to be restored. The Pelican Lake Association worked with Hanson's Garden Village in Rhinelander to help layout the plan, provide native plants, and together we turned the parcel into a handicapped accessible area. A \$10,000 grant was secured from Lumberjack Resource, Conservation & Development (RC & D) for completion of the project. Lumberjack RC & D is a non-profit organization that works with ten counties in Northeastern WI of which Oneida County is a member. There was also much involvement from an Oneida County conservationist and a lot of work donated by members of our Association. Upkeep and the addition of identification placards near the shrubs and plants are needed. An informational wooden sign nearby is also in need of maintenance and the addition of a brochure box. Any help with this project would be greatly appreciated!



Here are some Highlights of
2022's Fundraisers,
THANK YOU
to all who made these events successful!
Volunteers, Attendees & Donors!



2022 events kicked off with the 2nd Annual Water Ski Show at Gerrits' Lakeview. Thank you to Gary and Sherri for hosting this event again, and accommodating the Association with such big-hearts. We love the winners with their big smiles and the great crowds cheering from both land and lake! We cannot give enough thanks for the hard work put in before, during, and after such events. Great memories were made and much laughter was shared! Great job, Jeff Griffey, for coordinating the Chain Skimmers Water Ski Show Team. Looking forward to 2023's show!

You Don't Want to Miss the Pelican Lake Community
SUMMERFEST 2022!

Hosted by:
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50/50 DRAWS FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO WIN!

COME ENJOY THE FUN WITH YOUR FELLOW NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS!
ALL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES GO DIRECTLY INTO THE GENERAL
FUND FOR MAINTAINING THE OVERALL HEALTH OF PELICAN LAKE.



The Community really came together to make **SUMMERFEST 2022** a spectacular success, even in the rain! The outpouring of fantastic raffle items made this an epic Annual Fundraiser. Again, this event was only possible due to the hours of preparation and professionalism by a record number of volunteers, corporate sponsors, raffle donations by local businesses and individuals, and overall support and guidance from MuddNutz, SnoDevils, Pelican Lake Women's Civic Group, Pelican Lake Chamber, and the Pelican Lake Fire House staff! This community can be proud. WELL DONE!



Community Coming Together: Both Boiling Springs and Roadside offered to host additional fundraising opportunities for the Association. We hope to continue optimizing these venues for future events. Thank you for making Pelican Lake such a great place to live and play!

LIVE!!!! Your favorite hometown band...



HOMEMADE BREW

Friday July 29th
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Proceeds donated to:



Playing on Patio @ Boiling Springs



Sponsored by:



Kurt Kloehn and Homemade Brew wanted to solidify the Association momentum but were unavailable to perform for Summerfest 2022. Kurt contacted Kerry with a patio party idea. Tina & Edgy stepped up to host. Together we made an unscheduled, bonus fundraiser memorable! Much Thanks to Homemade Brew, Tina & Edgy, Randy from Lee Distributing, the Fundraising Committee, (*who are phenomenal BTW*), and **ALL** who came out to enjoy the great music and generously support this organization!



Dave Thom from Roadside also wanted to show his appreciation and support to the newly invigorated Association and the proactive energy that has occurred since the postponed 2021 Annual Meeting. Dave suggested we hold a Meat Raffle to benefit PLA. It was a perfect complement to the annual Rib Cookoff! This was another success story for PLA, thanks to Dave and all the last minute volunteers who rallied and brought it to fruition. PLA Members never disappoint! Thank you to those who worked the event, organized pre-event logistics, and those who come out rain or shine! Community support is essential to make any of these fundraisers beneficial! THANK YOU!

Pelican Lake Association WI is proud to be a part of the Upcoming Rib Cookout at Roadside Pub! We will offer Meat Raffle Tickets and representation in the Cook Off. Come out to Support your local establishments.

BUD LIGHT

\$3 BUD FAMILY BOTTLES

ROADSIDE PUB RIB COOKOFF

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th

TO COMPETE -
3 RACKS IS YOUR ENTRY
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Public Relations/Marketing/Fundraising

2023 Events you don't want to miss!

May 20th	Spring Adopt-A-Highway	TBD
June 3rd	Annual Membership Meeting @ Pelican Lake Fire House	10 a.m.
July 8th	Third Annual Ski Show @ Gerritt's Lakeview Inn Co Rd	1 p.m.
July 22nd	SUMMERFEST! @ Pelican Lake Fire House/Ballfield <i>We are also a Stamp Stop this Year for the Roadside UTV Road Rally, same day!</i>	Noon - 9 p.m.
Aug 19th	2nd Annual Membership Appreciation @ Boiling Springs Bar Co Rd G	1 - 7 p.m.
Aug 26th	PLAW Meat Raffle during Ribfest @ Roadside Bar Co Rd G	1 - 5 p.m.
Sep 16th	Fall Adopt-A-Highway	TBD

Feb/March 2024 Winter Fundraisers are being planned, check FB for updates!

For More Details:



[Pelican Lake Association Wisconsin](#)



<http://www.Pelicanlakeassociation.org>

ALL of these events need **Volunteers** enjoying each others company, while raising funds for initiatives that promote the cleanliness and health of our community. Email info@pelicanlakeassociation.org to request your information be added to the Contact List for the committees of your choice. Thank you for all you do! The Fundraising Committee Volunteers who made 2022 fundraising events possible: Mark & Tonya Allen, Auggie Augustiniak, Jackie Belgram, Al & Judy Boelter, Larry Burkhart, Billie Jo Butler, Sandy Cady, Yvonne Cook, Pam Dantoin, Rich & Kris Dantoin, Bill Dettmann, Al & Lisa Erdman, Jim & Deb Fedel, Jim & Mary Frymark, Jeff & Kathy Griffey, Connie Guth, Jeff & Joy Herman, Pam Kaul, Kurt & Tina Kloehn, Barb Kraetsch, Bob & Kelly Kraetsch, Krauty & Karlyn Krautkramer, Butch Kress, Lud Lodholz, Eddie Miller, Bob & Judy Mott, Rowdy & Ester Novak, Wade & Patty Novak, Jack & Kathy Peiffer, Wendy Peters, Beth Reinemann, Kerry & Suz Romsa, Wendy Rosploch, Ed & Jeannie Rueckl, Pat Schenk, Paul & Terri Schmidt, Rick Schroeder, Wayne Sparks, Ray Stolarik, Jim Tyler, Chet Ulickey, Dennis & Sandy VandenHuevel, Todd & Lorie VanLangen, Mike & Linda Warpinski.

Current Membership Elected Board Members:

*Kerry Romsa, President
Bob Mott, Secretary
*Jim Fedel
*Joy Herman
*Todd VanLagen

*Larry Burkhart, Vice President
Kelly Kraetsch, Treasurer
Jim Frymark
*Eddie Miller

****6 Expired Board Positions will need Nominations and Vote at June 3rd Meeting.***

2023 Annual Membership Meeting

June 3, 2023

10 a.m.

Pelican Lake Fire House

VOTING REQUIRED for Board Elections and 2024 Budget

Thank you, from your Board: It has been an honor to serve the PLA members and the Board looks forward to preserving and protecting Pelican Lake. Listening to membership's input was our compass at the beginning of 2022's rough waters. We truly appreciate the encouragement and guidance from a multitude of community resources—some were unexpected but very useful. We hope we have lived up to membership's expectations and rejuvenated what we hope will continue to be an all inclusive organization of participation, cooperation and communication for the overall prosperity and health of our little piece of paradise. We can't wait to see everyone at the 2023 Annual Meeting!



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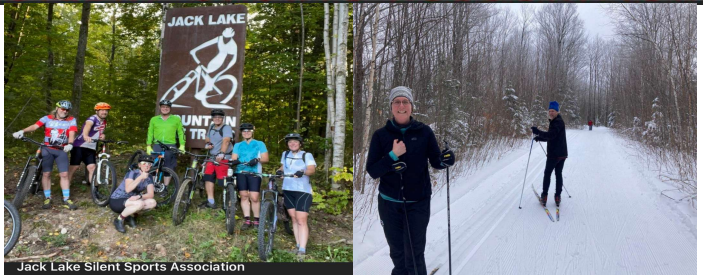
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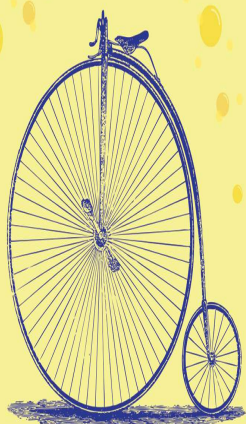
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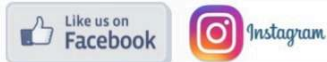
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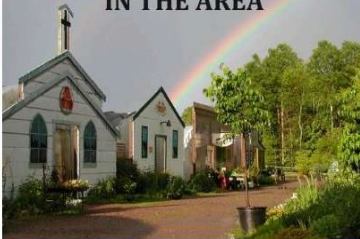


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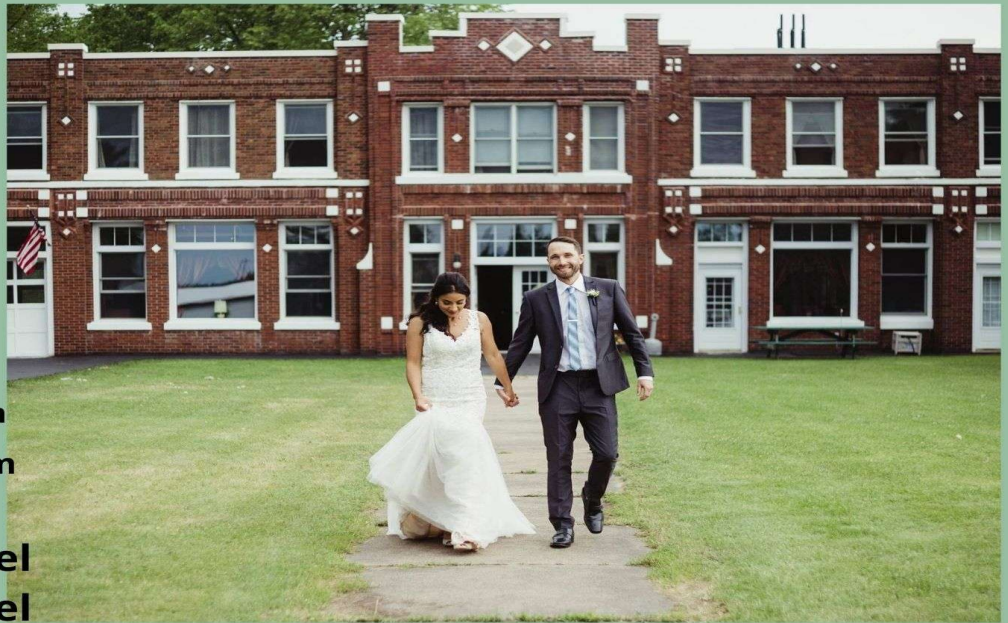
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