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THE NUZ!

INDIAN WALLEYE HARVEST

The 2014 walley pike Indian harvest was recently released by the DNR. In an article by Paul A. Smith on March 20 in the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel, he announced that six Chippewa tribes intended to spear 63,488 walleys (4,089 more than 2013). In 2013 the six tribes announced the intention to spear 59,399. Last year they actually harvested 28,477. The six tribes declarations were:

Bad River: 6,418 Lac Courte Oreilles: 6,202 Mole Lake: 14,614 Red Cliff: 2,559 Lac du Flambeau: 27,868

St. Croix: 5,821-(less than '13)

This year (2014) 27,433 walleye and 301 musky were harvested. In view of the lower numbers, the DNR has raised the bag limit for sport fisherman as follows: Moen-3, Sunset-5, Second, Third & Fourth-5. Fifth-3

In the past, the DNR has lowered the bag limit for sport fishermen. This year the DNR is looking at alternative methods for managing walley in the 589 lakes spread throughout northern Wisconsin targeted by the tribes. In the "ceded territory" there are 919 walleye lakes and 623 musky lakes. Last year the DNR reduced the bag limit to one walleye on 197 lakes and two walley on 331 lakes (the normal limit is five).

Although the above soumds threatening, it is a small fraction of the total harvest. From 2008–2012 an average of 250,000 walley were taken annually by sport fishermen.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Recently, the International Great Lakes Commission announced that the efforts to control the introduction of AIS into our lakes has decreased substantially. They credit the 2006 requirement that shipping stop dumping ballast water in the Great lakes. DNR and University research has proven that water animals and birds do NOT introduce AIS in the lakes, boaters and anglers do. As a boat owner, angler, or both, you should:

- 1. Inspect your boat, trailer and fishing equipment for unwanted guests.
- 2. Always remove any plant material or water animals before launching, after loading and before transporting the rig on a public road or highway (It is against the law and fines are growing).
- 3. Drain all water from boats, motors and any other water holding equipement on shore away from the lake. Do NOT move live bait away from one body of water to another. Use leftover minnows only on the same lake (as long as no other water, bait or fish have been added to the container)
- 4. Buy minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer.
- 5. Dump used and/or unused bait in the trash.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

The Moen Lake Chain Association is happy to announce that Bryan Pierce, the Executive Director of the Northwoods Land Trust, has agreed to speak at our annual meeting on July 5 at 10:00AM at Pine Valley Lodge. He will speak to what the trust is all about and answer questions on how you can participate if you have been thiking about conserving some or part of your property.

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The Trust's mission is: *"To promote conservation by private* landowners of natural shorelands, woodlands, wetlands and other natural resources, as public benefits for present and future generations of Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Iron and Price counties and the surrounding region".

THE NORTHWEST LAND TRUST now holds 70 property easements in trust in the northwoods. These easements protect over 9.600 acres and 48 miles of lake and river shoreline. The Trust has conserved:

> Stretches of the paved St. Germaine Bike Trail Two entire peninsulas on Squash Lake with more than one mile of lake frontage

> A beautiful old growth hemlock forested State Natural Area just outside the Rhinelander city limits.

Two outpost camping sites for a large area youth

42-kilometers of premier ski and snowshoe trails at Minocqua Winter Park

A number of natural sites along the Wisconsin River for kayak, canoe and walking trails.

The Trust is currently conserving properties in seven (7) northwoods counties



Sally Latimer (Sec) Dan Kuzlik (Pr) Tony Sattler (VP)

NOW HEAR THIS!

NOW YOU CAN SCHEDULE YOUR OWN VOLUNTEER TIME AS MONITOR AT THE BOAT LAUNCH VIA THE INTERNET (no charge)

GO TO: volunteerspot.com

Register: your eddress "The Spot" will send you an access page Put that page in your bookmarks basket

Click on: "Myinvitationtab"

Click on: MLCA Clean Boats Clean Water Monitoring

Click on: "View activity" Confirm: your eddress

Scroll down to dates available and SIGN UP!!

(Choose your dates sooner rather than later. Sign up for dates in advance (all summer if you like) to insure your preferred time slots)

Contact Nancy Sattler (715-202-3344) if you have problems

2014 SPRING BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: (from the minutes)

The Association is financially secure. (State grants continue as long as the Association can continue to show property owners continued interest in volunteer activities).

Each year we have increased the number of hours our volunteers have contributed. In 2013 we logged over 300 hours. We would like to see 400 in 2014 to maximize the state grant at \$4,000.

Nancy Sattler announced the creation of a web site (Volunteer Spot) where an individual can sign up for boat monitoring times (See Page 2) in advance.

Look to the web site for a list of new invasive species.

A reminder to boat launch monitors: All Jet skis MUST, BY LAW "blow out" water from their engines before entering and when leaving a lake

Jim Pederson reported that a Water Quality report is on our web site. The quality is stable.

Remember: Dues were Due on January oneth. Mail check to Box 542, Rhinelander, 54501

A **Thank You Celebration** for all the volunteers will be scheduled at the end of the season.

The Newsletter will now be sent only in April and October (two rather than four issues). The President will send out information letters after the annual board meeting and one midwinter.

ANNUAL MEETING: JULY 5, PINE VALLEY LODGE Door prizes

ANNUAL PICNIC: AUGUST 17, 4:00 PM AT BIRCHWOOD BEACH

An Adhoc committee has been formed to find a new president. Dan Kuzlik has remained well past his servitude. Any volunteers?

As reported in the past: Since the townships won't support the placement of "no wake" markers, the ones purchased will be sold or traded for new "floaters".

Permission has been granted for placement of a second rock marker in Moen Lake.

A new Loon Watch person is needed. Contact Loon Watch.



MORE NUZ

The Association will again be part sponsor of the fourth of July fireworks at Birchwood Beach this summer. It was spectacular last summer. There must have been 25 or 30 boats on Third Lake for the show. Camp Deerhorn also presented a bright showy fireworks that evening.

OLDE NUZ

The Adopt-a-Shoreline program is one activity that you can participate in without going anywhere, unless you desire too. The idea is to use just one more tool to protect our chain - Primarily your own property. All you have to do is inspect the shoreline and the waters there at times of your choosing. Keep a records of your instpection, the time spent and anything about the shore and waters that you have a question or concern about. (printed forms are available for your convenience). The times you spend accumulate and are used to show the DNR that our property owners are engaged in fighting the invaders.

See Olde Nuz Page 4

WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

Long ago men cursed and beat the ground with sticks. It was called witchcraft

.....Today it's called golf.

Why is it the older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight?

It's because your body and fat have gotten to be really good friends.

President's Prose

"A host of golden daffodils, Beside the lake, beneath the trees Fluttering and dancing, in the breeze" William Wordsworth

Like the poet, I hope you are enjoying your own host of daffodils now that the snow has melted and we are finally seeing signs that summer will come to the Northwoods. Of course now that the snow is gone we are seeing much more boating activity on our lakes. That, in turn, creates more opportunities for invasive aquatic species to enter our waters. What has proven to be our best line of defense for invasive invasions has been our Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) monitoring program. Nancy Sattler is our CBCW coordinator and she has introduced "Volunteer Spot" to our association.

A primary feature of Volunteer Spot is the ability for our members to schedule themselves for a two hour CBCW monitoring session at our public landing. When you receive a notice from Nancy regarding volunteering at the landing, you can look over your summer calendar and schedule yourself ahead for several monitoring sessions. The Volunteer Spot program will then send you an e-mail reminder a couple of days ahead of your scheduled session. This program makes it easier for Nancy as well as our volunteers.

Another important service we provide to all of those who use the lakes in our chain is the purchase, maintenance and placement of channel markers. Kudos go out to Dan Carlson and El Felton who worked hard to place the channel markers shortly after the ice was off our lakes, providing safe boating for all.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our annual meeting on July 5, at the Pine Valley Lodge and at our summer picnic at the Birchwood Bar and Grill on August 17.

Dan Kuzlik. President

A SENIOR MOMENT

MEMORY TEST:

How many of the following questions can you answer correctly? (Close counts)

At this time today:

- 1. What were you doing an hour ago?
 - 2. What were you doing yesterday?
- 3. What were you doing a week ago?
- 4. What were you doing a month ago?
- 5. What were you doing a year ago?"

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In the hour (9:00AM) just before the start of the annual meeting, a DNR person and/or a trained member of the Association will be at a table at eh entrance to identify and describe any aquatic or earth-borne plants or animals you question. Place the aquatic sample in a baggy with a little water and bring it to the meeting.



Dan Calson: Early marker placement?

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From the Association Board of Directors,
the Newsletter contributors and I,
Have a safe and enjoyable
summer. Walt Gager

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wisconsin Lakes Partnership This monitoring is designed to help you detect new invasive species on your lake, so you can alert the DNR and so lake residents and/or professionals can respond appropriately. The purpose of the DNR waters. Remember, for prevention monitoring, a report of "no invasive" at a location is just as important as finding an invasive. One can not confidently state that the invasive is not present in an area if collecting this data is to let us know what methods trained citizens and professionals use when actively looking for aquatic invasive species. You are often the ones to alert us of new invasive's in our no one has looked and reported their findings. Knowing where invasive's are not, as well as where they are, is extremely important in being able to track and understand their spread. Knowing how often monitors are looking for a species and what they are finding is very important information.

Notice: Information on this voluntary form is collected under ss 33.02 and 281.11, Wis. State. Personally identifiable information collected on this form will be incorporated into the DNR Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) and Aquatic Invasive Species databases. It is not intended to be used for any other purpose, but may be made available to requestors under Wisconsin's Open Records laws, s. 19.32 - 19.39, Wis Stats.

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