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JULY 11, 2015

9:00AM

AQUATIC SPECIES
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10:00AM

ANNUAL MEETING
PINE VALLEY

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3-5 PM

PRES. PROSE

Spring for me is the long awaited awakening of the earth after a deep sleep. I usually can't wait to plant my annuals and herbs and end up covering them with old sheets each evening until we get past the frosty nights. I also search for each green blade of grass, red buds on the maple, and the waxy white blooms of Leatherleaf on the shore. Most exciting of all is the return of the Trillium flowers, which I have transplanted from other parts of the woods, in my wildflower garden. As I write this column they are sprouted, leafed out and starting to send up the flower shoot. Yes, I love wild flowers, trees, and enjoy observing the changes of nature from season to season.

This is also the season where we need your attention and assistance in order to keep our natural beauty continuing. There are a few simple things you can do to help yourselves and our lakes:

Sign up to monitor the boat landing. It is really peaceful to sit at the shore. Often you meet new people who also love and respect the water. For more information on how we monitor for Clean Boats Clean Waters go to this website <http://vols.pt/gnwQMt> and pick a date or call Nancy 715-202-3344 on Forth Lake and she will talk you through the process and even provide training. We have official gear, a training packet, forms, and information at the shelter. It is easy to monitor. I find it invigorating to sit at the landing, listen to the birds, watch the sky change color, play with the rocks, and of course protect our Moen Lake Chain by making sure no one brings in invasive species. Make it a date and ask a friend to join you. It is fun and you will feel a sense of accomplishment for volunteering.

Learn about "Fish Sticks" an innovative way to provide habitat for fish. We have a DNR program available that provides for the building of them. The program is for individual homeowners however it has to be coordinated through a lake association. Our Moen Lake Chain Association Fish Committee chair will be talking about this at our annual meeting.

Attend our MLCA Annual meeting Saturday July 11, 10am-noon at Pine Valley Lodge and our Annual Picnic Saturday August 22, 3-5pm at the Birchwood Bar and Grille. This is a great way to meet your lake neighbors and learn interesting facts about our area.

Volunteer to serve on our MLCA Board. It is easy and fun we meet 4-5 times per year and all share the love of our lake. Each one of us brings a gift of knowledge and skill that is valued. Come and share yours.

Sally

'15 SPRING BOARD MEETING

After approving the minutes on April 27, the board took up several items that you may find of interest.

- ◆ The January 12 Board minutes were approved.
- ◆ The treasurer's report confirmed that the Association is solvent.
- ◆ Dan Kuzlik was appointed as the Association representative to the Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association.
- ◆ Vice President Nancy Sattler reported that Association now has 137 paid members, including 35 new members. Board members were asked to personally contact nonmembers in their home areas. (There are 284 property owners on our chain). A membership brochure is in the works.
- ◆ moenlakechain.org website has received 2,467 hits February through December 2014. (If you're not one.....)
- ◆ The CleanBoat/CleanWater effort had only 25 volunteers to inspect boats at the launch site last year.
- ◆ Dan Carlson was elected to chair the Channel Marker Committee. He reported that the markers south of the "C" bridge have been replaced with "floaters".
- ◆ Gary Berweger's "Fish habitat" report is included in this newsletter.
- ◆ Pennants, "T"s, hoodies, cozies, totes, caps, white visors, & more are in the list of new and old Association "Gear" this summer.
- ◆ A suggested organizational restructure including committee changes and position description changes was submitted by Gary Berweger.
- ◆ The annual meeting (10:00AM July 11, Pine Valley Resort) and the premeeting aquatic specimen identification session (9:00AM) was discussed.
- ◆ The annual picnic will be held at Birchwood Beach on August 22, 3:00 to 5:00PM.
- ◆ MLCA will again partner with Birchwood to present the July 4th fireworks.

WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

THE MLCA DICTIONARY

ABDICATE (v): To give up hope of ever having a flat stomach
COFFEE (n): The person who is coughed upon
CARCINOMA (n): A town in California named for a TV person
CIRCUMVENT (v): The opening on a pair of boxer shorts
ESPLANADE (V): To attempt an explanation while drunk
FLABBERGASTED (adj) Appalled over your weight gain
LYMPH (v): To walk with a lisp
TESTICLE (n): A humorous question on an exam
WILLY-NILLY (adj): Impotence



ARE YOU A DEER HUNTER?

The NRB (Natural Resources Board) has been altering the rules back and forth for deer hunting over the past two or three years. The following are some of the recommended changes.

Deer population goals will now be measured as increase, maintain or decrease (no numbers).

Deer Management Units will be relegated to county boundaries. County Deer Management Advisory Councils will be created to advise the DNR plus a Deer Management Assistance Program for interested land owners.

Antlerless deer tags are to be county-specific, public or private.

The standard nine day hunt the week of Thanksgiving is unchanged, followed by the Ten Day muzzle loader hunt. Archery/crossbow - mid September to early January now has no limitation as to participants. The December four day statewide hunt will now be regulated at the county level and subject to the individual county permit regulations. The DNR will be able to forbid youth hunting in such units.

The DNR accepted the 72 county councils' recommendations for herd maintenance: 40 counties' numbers would remain unchanged, 34 would increase numbers, and six would decrease (forested/farmland county division account for the extra numbers).

These population numbers would be in effect for three years.

These new rules require the approval and signature of the Governor. Enaction is expected by mid to late June from: Lakeland Times

Moen Lake Chain Association
Fish & Habitat Committee Report 04/27/2015

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1) Panfish Regulation Proposal:

The new panfish regulations were passed by the public at the spring hearings on 4/13. John Kubisiak, DNR Fisheries Biologist says the next steps are "DNR will look over vote totals and comments and submit a recommendation to Natural Resources Board (I don't anticipate any changes to what is proposed in Oneida County). NR Board, Legislative Committees and Governor all get a review. Fisheries rule changes that go forward normally go into effect the following May (2016)." The Moen Chain is proposed for the 25/10 bag limit. (25 panfish per day, including no more than 10 crappies, 10 perch and 10 bluegills + pumpkinseed).

2) Ceded Territory Walleye 3-bag Rule Proposal:

Per John Kubisiak "Most lakes in the Ceded Territory will have a 3-walleye daily bag limit for 2015, pending final passage of an emergency rule. The emergency rule is scheduled to take affect May 2, 2015, but it can be in place no longer than 240 days (about 8 months), so we are working on a permanent rule. I had an opportunity to recommend rule changes for lakes where the current rule does not fit the walleye population, **and I recommended changing Moen Chain from the 1-over-14 to a 15 inch minimum with a 20-24" protected slot.** (15" minimum, but walleye between 20-24" may not be kept, and only 1 walleye larger than 24" may be harvested). I did not recommend a more restrictive 18-inch min. because of slow growth. We will have an opportunity to recommend additional changes to specific lakes for the permanent rule, and there will be public hearings in June."

3) Statewide Trolling Rule Proposal:

John Kubisiak says "For May 2 fishing opener, trolling is not permitted on Moen Chain. The trolling rule (1 line per angler and up to 2 lines per boat) was signed by the Governor in February. There are some legislative review periods and it takes time to publish, so the earliest it can be in effect is mid-summer 2015. I don't know if it will go into effect immediately or be effective the following year."

4) Healthy Lakes Initiative Speaker:

John Kubisiak has another commitment the weekend of our annual meeting. He will help us connect with another DNR program if we ask (maybe Kevin Gauthier with the Lakes program).

5) 2015 Registered Tournaments on Moen Chain (as of today):

Charlie Baker Memorial Musky Tournament 6/27-28, 50 boats max.

Hmmm? (Answers - Page 4)

- A. Johnny's mother has three children. The first child was named April, the second May. What is the name of the Third child?
- B. A butcher shop clerk is five feet tall and wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
- C. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
- D. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by four feet?
- E. What word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly?
- F. Billy was born on December 28 but his birthday is always celebrated in the summer. How come?
- G. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?

If a tree falls in the woods does it make a sound?
Only if it falls in the water on your shoreline.

There has been recent questions raised about what you can do and what you cannot do if a tree falls in the water from your property.

In short, You can remove it within two weeks. After two weeks, it is considered part of the lake bed and habitat for fish and other lake occupants. In order to remove it now you must have a permit because it is considered dredging.

The DNR says that our lakes are "starved" for woody debris and would hope that landowners would allow the tree to remain there.

What about the tree branches above water? You can cut them off as long as you do not disturb the part of the tree lying on the lake bottom.

Thanks to Gary Berweger for this information

Water Quality

NOTES & NUS

Water quality in our lakes is an important issue to all of us. Maintaining or improving the water quality in the Moen Chain assures continued use of the lakes for recreation and it protects the value of our properties.

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) present threats to the water quality in the chain. 2205 separate bodies of water in the State of Wisconsin have been identified as having AIS. Included in this list are Moen, Fourth and Fifth lakes. AIS include algae, plants, fish, crayfish, and invertebrates other than crayfish.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has personnel and procedures in place to aid in diagnosing and addressing AIS when they are identified.

Preventing the spread of AIS and identification of the presence of AIS in a body of water is largely championed by non-governmental organizations such as the Moen Lake Chain Association (MLCA).

The MLCA uses a three-layered approach to prevent and monitor the spread of AIS. The Clean Boats Clean Waters boat inspection program has done great work in preventing the spread of AIS into the Moen Chain. Property owners on the Chain are asked to do shore line surveillance and submit documented reports of their observations. We are all asked to be alert for unusual plants, and water borne life forms and to report any unusual findings to WDNR directly or through the members of the MLCA Board of Directors (BOD). The final layer in monitoring is the Water Quality committee of the MLCA BOD.

Ideally the Water Quality committee would consist of 5 individuals, one person from each of the lakes. These people are responsible to perform a routine of water sampling and turbidity measurements two or three times annually. These samplings normally occur between May and September and take a few hours to perform. Samples and reports are submitted to the WDNR and become part of the Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network (CLMN).

We currently have committee members available to monitor 4th and 5th Lakes. We are in search of committee members who would be willing to monitor water quality on Moen, 2nd and 3rd Lakes.

A representative of the WDNR will provide training for water quality monitors in May.

If you are interested in being a member of the Water Quality Committee please contact Scott A. Patulski at sapatulski@gmail.com or 715-369-7345. More information on AIS can be found at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/>.

S.A.Patulski

STATEWIDE TROLLING LEGISLATION

As this Newsletter goes to press, the rule has not been approved. It will (would have?) allowed anglers to drag a line behind a moving motor boat with minnow, sucker, worm or other lure. 63 counties now have the right to troll. The new rule is intended to reduce confusion and includes a three year sunset provision to May 4, 2018.

FISH HATCHERIES

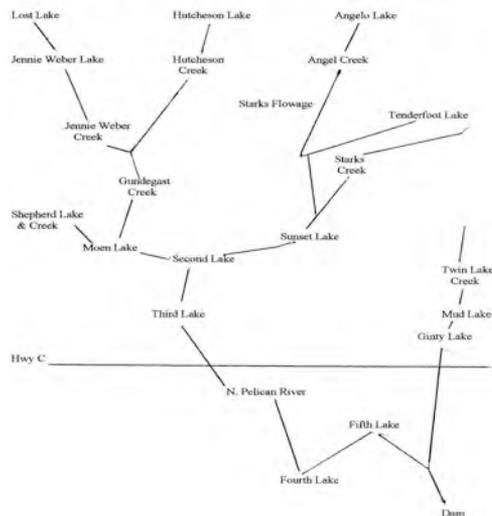
Wisconsin has two fish hatcheries: Art Oehmcke Hatchery in Oneida County and the Tommy G. Thompsom Hatchery in Washington County.

The Oneida County Hatchery will receive a \$4.6 million upgrade. The monies will go mostly to water filtration and disinfection. The Washington County plant will receive \$2.5 million for similar screening and filtration plus repair of levees and egg disinfection procedures. Go to dnr.wi.gov and search "hatcheries and rearing stations" for more information.

BIKING/HIKING/WALKING ENTHUSIASISTS

The 12 mile Agonikak Trail from the Ottawa National Forest Visitor Center in Land-O-Lakes, Wisconsin to the Town Park in Watersmeet, Michigan is open. The trail is 10 to 12 feet wide of compacted gravel. The initial stretch along Hwy 45 from Land-O-Lakes was widened & repaved to provide safer access.

The watershed that feeds the Moen Lake Chain of lakes Covers approximately 100miles. The rough east/west boundaries are between State highway 17 and U.S. highway 45. The north/south boundaries are county highway A & U.S. highway 8.



The MLCA watershed

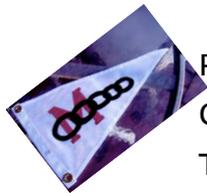
Quiz Answers

- a. Johnny, b. meat, c. Mt. Everest, d. There is no dirt in a hole, e. Incorrectly, f. Billy lives in the southern hemisphere, g. You can't take pictures with a wooden leg

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SMALL LOGO ON FRONT, LARGE LOGO ON BACK WITH STANDARD RED "M" & BLACK "CHAIN" - ADD 3.00

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