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INSIDE

"WATER WATER EVERYWHERE..."? THE NEXT BIG ENVIRONMENTAL BATTLE IS CLOSER AND WETTER THAN YOU THINK

If you're looking for something new to be concerned about, put Minnesota's alleged abundance of water on your list and put a question mark next to it. Why? Because at some point – perhaps even not that far down the line – you may see a highly charged public debate here and elsewhere about whether the state should start exporting our most precious natural resource for profit to private companies, water brokers, appointed and elected water czars in other states and so on. Sound crazy? It's not.

In 2019, Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) reported "the surprising news that a company in Lakeville, Minn., wants to pump water from below the ground in Dakota County and transport it by rail to the western United States, where water is scarce. Environmental groups quickly opposed the idea. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources said the plan likely won't meet state law. But could a plan like this ever become reality?"

Water scarcity, especially out West, is not just an issue in this country. It's a dramatically growing global problem. According to the Bloomberg Green business publication, "2 billion people now live in nations plagued by water problems, and almost two-thirds

of the world could face water shortages in just four years, Tim McCourt, global head of equity index and alternative investment products at CME, said in an interview. "The idea of managing risks associated to water is certainly increased in importance."

What Mr. McCourt and many others mean when they talk about "managing risks" is making water a commodity like grain, oil, gold, other minerals, etc., to be freely traded on a stock exchange. While you were busy in December prepping for the holidays, dodging the pandemic and doing your regular routines, one such exchange already opened.

Water began trading as a commodity on Wall Street December 8, 2020, when the nation's first water market launched on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, with \$1.1 billion in contracts tied to water prices in California, Bloomberg News reported." It was tied directly to the California Water Index, California being one of the large states out West -- like Colorado -- that always seems to be at the mercy of nature to provide good snow packs for trickle down water resources for many uses, from agriculture to potable water. Now you can add investors to that wet mix.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2020 - 2021 WATER TESTERS



Water testers for last summer & for this summer are:

Ken Wentz -
Blanche Lake
Steve Mouritsen -
Round Lake
Paul & Laura Oxberry -
Long Lake
Kate Wing -
Ottertail Lake

Not pictured: Stan Satre -
Walker Lake
Mark Wing -
Ottertail Lake

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President's Corner



Roger Anderson
OTLPOA President

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021!

As we look in the rearview mirror, the year 2020 was certainly filled with challenges. I believe it will be the most defining year for our nation and our communities. We are optimistic that our local businesses will survive these trying times and will thrive in the coming year. A big shout out to all our businesses as they have used creativity and ingenuity to work around state and federal mandates and have maintained high levels of customer and quality services. Our local businesses help to provide the wonderful quality of life we all enjoy on our beautiful lakes. Please do what you can to support them by shopping locally.

It has been a mild winter so far. Many have enjoyed our frozen lakes as we bundle up to ice fish, cross country ski, snowmobile, skate and more. Remember to keep our lakes clean as you enjoy these winter sports.

As spring approaches, OTLPOA will continue to work to monitor lake and water quality. Help us to continue this good work by continuing to support our organization and encouraging your neighbors to do the same.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the rest of this beautiful winter on the lakes.

OTLPOA Mission Statement

The object and purpose of this corporation shall be to promote the community welfare and civic development of all areas of Otter Tail County bordering on or approximate to the shoreline of Otter Tail Lake and such other land areas further removed therefrom as its members shall from time to time determine, and to assist the property owners within said area in the preservation of their civic areas and those of Otter Tail Lake itself, including the planting and promulgation of fish therein and the protection and preservation of wildlife on the land areas adjacent to Otter Tail Lake as may be determined by the members, to promote and develop the horticultural development of the areas described, to promote the cultural and social lives of the inhabitants of said area and to provide a vehicle by which legal or political problems common to the areas and the inhabitants thereof, including tax problems, may be resolved in any manner provided by law for the common welfare of the members of this corporation; and to that and this corporation may acquire by purchase or other means such real or personal property as may be necessary in carrying out its stated objectives and to mortgage or sell or exchange the same and to do any and all other acts permitted by the laws of the State of Minnesota in furtherance of its stated purposes.

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2020 AUGUST DINNER MEETING

Left: Bernie Steeves giving a short update on a promising treatment of Zebra Mussels

Right: Roger Anderson, newly elected president, leading a short business meeting before dinner. Pat Hunke, treasurer, and Scott Simdorn, past president, looking on



Bottom Left: This outside event was held at Amor Park. On the left is new potential board member Overton, Paul Ness, Deb Ness, Kathy and Fred Rizk, and Linda Snyder

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From Left to Right: Stan Feters, Steve Mouritsen, Jon Anderson, Pat and Bernie Steeves, Eric Gerkis, Kathy & Rob Bope

Trail Expansion Fueled with \$150,000 Grant

Written by Dan Malmstrom

Glendalough State Park and the Battle Lake area continue to draw visitors at an increasing rate due in part to the popularity of the Glendalough Trail and will likely continue based upon park developments.

Park Manager, Jeff Wiersma recently received news from Minnesota DNR Parks and Trails Director, Erika Rivers that Glendalough State Park has been selected to receive a \$150,000 Federal Recreational Trails grant to construct an exciting trail segment in the park! Wiersma authored the grant application and enlisted help from Park Partner volunteers for collateral and influence. The grant award combined with \$24,700 awarded from a 2017 grant – also authored by Jeff – and \$25,000 of matching funds from the Glendalough Park Partners earmarks nearly \$200,000 for a new Sunset Lake paved trail. The trail will begin at County Highway #16 at the park's entrance, traverse through the western prairie and unite with the paved bike trail at the Annie Battle Lake Bridge.

The Sunset Lake trail segment was developed in a collaborative planning effort between the Minnesota DNR and the Glendalough Park Partners. The new trail is designed to take trail enthusiasts off the Whitetail Lane roadway for a safer, smoother ride while providing a beautiful prairie grassland experience. This segment will be particularly appealing for roller blades and road bike tires as it creates a seamless, smooth paved trail surface from Battle Lake all the way through the park.

This trail segment is part of a larger park plan that includes a new Trail Center; a project which has amassed nearly \$1,000,000 in state bonding and philanthropy through Park Partner volunteer efforts. The Trail Center design and construction is now being managed by DNR engineers with the funds raised.

The next step regarding the new Sunset Lake Trail is to complete the paperwork required by the Federal Highway Administration to establish a formal trail project and release project funds. The Minnesota DNR has started the trail engineering and design process, although archeology studies have been delayed by Covid-19 and will hopefully resume late summer or fall.

The timing of Sunset Trail completion is not certain, although projects for this Federal Recreational Trail granting program are intended to be completed by 2022. The overall timing is perfect considering the new Trail Center timing and the City of Battle Lake upgraded trail segments as part of the road project along the lake. The developments will greatly enhance the already popular 12-mile trail system.

Congratulations Jeff, Glendalough Park Partners, DNR and the City of Battle Lake for continued success by working together for the benefit of so many!



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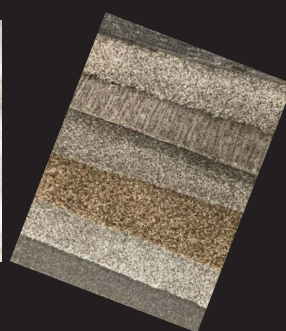
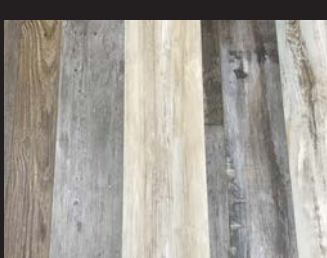
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The same article notes that “climate change, droughts, population growth, and pollution are likely to make water scarcity issues and pricing a hot topic for years to come.” Guess where many could look to supply H₂O? Yes, the land of 10,000 freshwater lakes and our Great Lakes, chief among them, Lake Superior. The largest freshwater lake in the world, Superior currently is estimated to contain 3 quadrillion gallons -- enough to cover both North and South America under a foot of water, says visitcookcounty.com!

For now, protective legislation like The Great Lakes Compact in 2008 bans water diversion from the Great Lakes, with some exceptions. But as that 2019 MPR report noted, our state may even face its own water shortages: “Minnesota is starting to come to grips with the fact that it does not have an endless supply of water. There’s growing concern in certain parts of the state — including the Twin Cities metro area and farmland in central and southern Minnesota — and that development and irrigation of farm fields are depleting groundwater sources too quickly.”

Remember Chinatown? The Film about Water Rights – and Theft?

You don’t have to look far to begin to understand that the issues and implications around water scarcity are widespread and often complicated. Remember that classic movie Chinatown with Jack Nicholson, with its steamy and shocking subplot? At the heart of the film was a story about water rights – and theft – in California set many decades ago. So what should we be thinking about our water in Minnesota – and about water and water rights in general everywhere?

Perhaps a bit more background, like this insightful story from Erb Institute for Business Sustainability (A Right to Water – Is Water a Human Right or a Commodity?), will help give us some clarity. “In 2010, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution affirming the human right to clean drinking water and sanitation. The motion passed with 122 nations voting in favor and no votes against, but 44 nations abstained. Those that abstained—including the United States (my emphasis)—suggested that a right to water was unclear, unnecessary or premature, given existing rights and other ongoing negotiations. The countries supporting the resolution argued that water was essential for life and noted that large portions of the population lack access to clean drinking water and adequate sanitation.”

In 2002, the same report continues, “the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights had adopted Comment 15, which stated: ‘The human right to water is indispensable for leading a life in human dignity. It is a prerequisite for the realization of other human rights.’ The 2010 declaration reaffirmed this right and made it explicit, and it was subsequently approved by consensus at the UN Human Rights Council, of which the U.S. was a member, in motions in 2010 and 2011, making it legally binding in international law.”

So is water a human right or a commodity?

“The problem is that it’s both,” said Peter Gleick of the Pacific Institute in Berkeley. Everyone has a right to safe, clean water, he said, but because of government failures, 1.1 billion people lack access to it,” reported the Los Angeles Times in 2012. “A new trend is clear. Both Suez and Vivendi [big French companies that supply water to urban areas in the first and third worlds] expect double-digit annual growth in their water business, and each already has contracts that total more than \$10 billion a year. Puerto Rico just hired Suez to distribute its water.”

Meanwhile, back on the new water stock exchange, “the market allows farmers, hedge funds, and municipalities to hedge bets on the future price of water and water availability in the American West. The new trading scheme was announced in September, prompted by the region’s worsening heat, drought, and wildfires fueled by climate change. There were two trades when the market went live Monday,” Bloomberg News reported in December.

Other proponents say the new exchange “will clear up some of the *Water*,

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End of 2020 MAISRC Research Report

Dear friends,

It has been a wild year with lots of challenges, but I would like to personally assure you that MAISRC is still here and working as hard as ever to develop research-based solutions to reduce the impacts of aquatic invasive species in Minnesota. I hope the research highlights included in the report (which only scratches the surface of our progress!) will surprise, inspire, and give you hope.

Like the year 2020, research can often challenge the status quo. We test hypotheses, adjust to findings, and learn new things all the time. This year in particular, flexibility has been one of our strongest assets. In the spring, our research teams quickly and effectively activated socially distant work plans to complete a truly remarkable amount of field and lab work. Meanwhile, our admin team has never broken stride despite working remotely full-time since March...

Invasive Fish - Big Win

In 2020, researchers collected hundreds of samples from a Koi Herpes Virus (KHV) -endemic lake to better understand the ecology of this potentially useful virus for biocontrol of common carp. As expected, KHV was widespread within the common carp population, with increasing prevalence in gill tissue during the warmer months, indicating an active outbreak. Importantly, the replicating virus was never detected in any of the native fish

tested. These findings were supported by laboratory trials that also demonstrated the high host-specificity of KHV. Learn more about this project: [MAISRC.umn.edu/native-pathogens](https://maisrc.umn.edu/native-pathogens). See more invasive fish research highlights in the full report.

Invasive Plants - Big Win

After analyzing 11 years of starry stonewort treatment data across three states, MAISRC researchers have found that current methods (generally copper-based algaecide treatments) are not slowing starry stonewort's expansion within infested lakes. However, treatments can be effective at reducing abundance, e.g., biomass, of starry stonewort in localized areas, providing nuisance relief. Researchers also found that if infestations are found early enough—when they are still small—sustained hand removal efforts can be highly effective for reducing and containing infestations. These findings emphasize the need for early detection/containment efforts and identify a pressing need for continued research into effective control options for established infestations. Learn more about this project: [MAISRC.umn.edu/starry-analysis](https://maisrc.umn.edu/starry-analysis)

See more invasive plants research highlights in the full report.

Invasive Invertebrates - Big Win

Our researchers have identified downrigger and surface fishing line and residual water in bait buckets/

livewells to be two of the highest risk factors for spreading spiny water fleas. Armed with this knowledge, MAISRC, in partnership with St. Louis County and Minnesota Sea Grant, began a multi-media communications and awareness campaign to educate Minnesotans. Efforts have included PSAs on local television stations in areas with infestations and the distribution of 6,000 absorbent towels printed with tips for how anglers can help stop the spread. Learn more about this project: [StopSpiny.org](https://stopspiny.org). See more invasive invertebrates research highlights in the full report.

Cross Cutting - Big Win

Researchers launched a one-of-a-kind, online dashboard specifically for aquatic invasive species surveillance and watercraft inspections in Minnesota. The dashboard uses a robust lake-connectivity network generated by over 1.6 million data points of boater movements and a complex array of river connections. The dashboard both forecasts the introduction risk of aquatic invasive species to individual waterbodies and provides decision-making support for optimizing watercraft inspection efficacy. MAISRC also hosted multiple workshops to train state and local resource managers how to use the dashboard. View the dashboard: AISexplorer.umn.edu. See more cross cutting research highlights in the full report.

Outreach - Big Win

Due to COVID-19, MAISRC pivoted on our outreach initiatives to provide a variety of digital content to our stakeholders and the public. In September, our annual Research and Management Showcase was held online for the first time. Despite being an untraditional format, researchers and over 300 attendees were able to connect and discuss current research studies and management options. Additional online engagement opportunities included providing recorded Showcase presentations online, monthly AIS Detectors webinars, and online input opportunities for our biennial Research Needs Assessment. By moving these events and resources online, we are able to break down geographic and time barriers and expand the accessibility of our content. Watch the 2020 Showcase presentations online: z.umn.edu/ShowcaseVideos. See more outreach highlights in the full report.

MAISRC thanks all of the federal, state, tribal, local, and private support that makes our research possible; especially the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. We couldn't do this work without you!

Source: Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center

Round Lake Fish Stocking Action Plan

OVERVIEW

A historic winter fish kill occurred over the 2018-2019 winter on Round Lake/Everts Township, Battle Lake, MN. Observations of dying fish both under the ice and on the shores and bottom of the lake at ice melt confirmed the kill. Plans were made with a local fish hatchery to restock the lake over the next three years. All numbers are estimates and will depend on fish hatchery experts, the DNR, the weather and future dollars raised by property owners and funds donated or matched by either/ or the OTLPOA or the Foundation. The DNR does not stock Round Lake as we do not have a public access, but we have been part of the Otter Tail County COLA and OTLPOA since it was organized in 1967 and have a membership rate of 44 paid sites of 63 as reported by the board on June 27th, 2019.

GOALS

1. To use available donations in a responsible manner that will sustain a balance of fish in our lake that can be supported and executed for generations to come as stated in the mission statement of OTLPOA: “... and to assist the property owners within said area in the preservation of their civic areas and those of Otter Tail Lake itself, including the planting and promulgation of fish therein and the protection and preservation of wildlife on the land areas adjacent to Otter Tail Lake as may be determined by the members”.
2. To increase active membership, education, and involvement in our OTLPOA.
3. Receive matching funds from our OTLPOA to help support our goals up to \$4500.00

STEPS TAKEN:

Spring Fish Stocking/Permit #: MN-128-115-19 - May 31st, 2019 - \$3,000 paid
Flyers/informational letters prepared and delivered to property owners.
100 lbs. Black crappie (1-4 inches including adult males and females)
100 lbs. Bluefill (1-4 inches including adult males and females)
100 lbs. Yellow perch (1-4 inches including adult males and females)
100,000 walleye fry

Current donations from property owners, family, and friends

As of July 17 2019: \$4050.00 (efforts continue to secure more donations from property owners - projected to cap at approximately \$4500.00 (this will be updated before July meeting)

Board Meeting June 27, 2019

We presented our request to board members on June 27th for matching funds up to \$4500.00. The board requested time to discuss and research and would like to revisit as old business at the July board meeting.

Fish Hatchery Expert and DNR Expert

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Action Plan - Based on DNR and hatchery experts recommendations for timing, species, and numbers of fish for our lake capacity.

Spring 2019: completed as noted above \$3,000
Fall 2019: Monitor viable numbers this fall with our hatchery expert (by seining in the evening) and determine whether to stock walleye fingerlings or wait until spring. ~~Planned stocking \$1500.00~~ (This was not done - as per discussions with DNR and Jim Bosek- as per threat of spreading zebra mussels into our lake)
Spring 2020: Stock bluegills,crappie, perch and walleye fry - based on hatchery and DNR experts recommendations: Planned stocking \$2500.00 (Done - paid \$2500.)
Spring 2021: Planned stocking \$1500.00
Spring 2022: Planned stocking \$1500.00
* schools of fish have been noted along shoreline and under docks - although water temperatures are a bit too cold yet to see spawning, etc.

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Top Left: Reagan Long
Top Right: Parker Manninga (from Nimrod) - first time ice fishing on Ottertail

Middle Left: Reagan and Gina Long
Bottom Left: Aaron Kern - first time ice fishing
Bottom Right: Aaron and "Cat" Kern snowmobiling

Photos submitted by the Long Family from Ottertail

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February 2021 Featured Plant: Dotted Blazing Star (*Liatris punctata*)



Photo Credit: Prairie Moon Nursery

Planting Recommendations & Uses

Dotted blazing star flourishes in full sun and sandy soils. In prairies or roadsides, it is often found on south-facing slopes. This perennial may be started from seed or grown from containers available at native plant nurseries. Because seeds need cold, moist stratification to germinate, it's easiest to broadcast them by hand, and then lightly rake them into the soil in late fall. Be patient; blazing stars tend to grow only a couple of inches the first year while roots develop. Those roots can grow nearly 3 feet long. The underground

corms can be divided in spring or fall, and then replanted. Dotted blazing star has a high fire tolerance, and a controlled burn can expand its population. Seeds are a good option to include in pollinator meadow and prairie restoration mixes. Container plantings work well in native pocket

gardens. Complementary native plants include prairie dropseed grass (*Sporobolus heterolepis*), hoary vervain (*Verbena stricta*), pale purple coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*) and prairie Junegrass (*Koeleria macrantha*).

Developed by Jenna Benson, a College of St. Benedict junior pursuing a degree in environmental studies.

Family: Aster (Asteraceae)

DESCRIPTION: Grouped in spiky clusters, rose-to-purple flower heads bloom from the top down. Plants grow 1 to 2 feet tall; grasslike leaves grow up to 4 inches long. One plant can contain many upright stems and several flower heads that open from July to September. Found throughout much of Minnesota's prairie region, dotted blazing star provides pollinator habitat.

SIMILAR SPECIES: The number of disk flowers and characteristics of bracts help to distinguish blazing stars that grow in dry prairies. Rough blazing

star (*Liatris aspera*) has 25 to 40 disk flowers with round bracts. Mainly found in southeastern Minnesota, the shortest native species, cylindric blazing star (*Liatris cylindracea*), has brown to purple bracts and tubular flowers with antennalike protrusions coming from the center.

ID: Circular, rose-to-purple flower heads are composed of three to eight disk flowers. Bracts have long, white hairs along the edges. Dotted resin covers the lance-shaped leaves, which are shorter near the top of the plant, and edged with short white hairs.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2021 Upcoming Board Meetings

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Name of Property Owner living

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(must be valid US Postal deliverable address) City/State Zip _____

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How can the association better serve you? (On another sheet of paper)
What lake related topic or issue is most important to you? How do you think our Association can help?

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Action Plan

PROACTIVE WINTER KILL PREVENTION:

Communication among lake property owners of Round Lake has been increased by collecting emails, phone numbers, and addresses which will allow us to monitor lake conditions over future winters to prevent a winter kill of this extent. With the help of the DNR and increased education, efforts will be coordinated to plow our lake as needed (snow-cover dependent and winter length) to increase oxygen levels and support our fish stocking efforts and investments for future generations. We are also considering monitoring dissolved oxygen levels beginning January 2021.

Thank you,

Round Lake Property Owners and Dean and Lana Ouren

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Local Lakes are Tops for Clean Water Grants

The 2021 Clean Water Legacy Grants were recently announced and the #1 and #2 projects in Minnesota are on two local lakes. Both lakes are large and high quality with excellent clarity that has been improving for several years. These Clean Water Legacy investments will extend those lake's lifespans maintaining the current high quality for additional generations.

The number one Clean Water project in Minnesota for 2021 is the \$2 million Rice Lake project to protect Detroit Lake in Becker County. Detroit Lake is over 3000 acres and currently has 14 foot water clarity. The number two Clean Water project this year is the \$1 million project protecting Lake Ida which is 10 miles south of Otter Tail County near Alexandria. Lake Ida is over 4000 acres and has 20 foot water clarity. The water clarity in both lakes has been improving, likely due to zebra mussels filtering out the algae and redepositing it on the lake bottom.

Clean Water Legacy investments like these can preserve high quality lakes for additional generations. Reducing the amount of sediment and nutrients that reach our lakes slows the natural lake aging process. Both grants are funding large single site projects that restore some of the watershed's natural filtration capacity. Larger projects can be very effective and long lasting helping them rank high in grant applications. Protecting high quality lakes for future generations is one of the priorities for the Clean Water Legacy Grants, and for our local communities!

Congratulations to the local community partnerships of the Lake Detroiters - Pelican River Watershed District and the Lake Ida Association - Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District.

Submitted by Steve Henry

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We continue to partner closely with the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Paul Peterson began serving as the new AIS Deputy in July 2020. Deputy Peterson met 267 watercraft and provided a visible reminder of Otter Tail County's commitment to Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention.

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uncertainty around water prices for farmers and municipalities, helping them budget for the resource, according to the Yale Environment 360 source. “But some experts say treating water as a tradable commodity puts a basic human right into the hands of financial institutions and investors, a dangerous arrangement as climate change alters precipitation patterns and increases water scarcity.”

Minnesota is the top of three continental- sized watersheds. At Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, we believe we bear a responsibility to the states downstream. But Minnesota also has falling aquifers. Fifty six percent of Minnesota’s lakes and rivers are listed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as impaired. Water is a public good, and not a commodity to be traded or sold. We do not support exporting Minnesota’s water out of state through a pipeline, tanker truck, ship or rail car.

The issue is bound to become more focused and controversial as water becomes less available and climate continues to exacerbate water issues. You know the issue has arrived when even Stephen Colbert recently tackled the subject in one of his funny-but-serious “Uh-Oh” TV segments!

And then there’s water’s potential connection to pipelines. When water becomes more valuable than oil, will those pipelines pump the other direction?

Jeff Forester is the Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, <http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org/> and the author of “The Forest for the Trees, How Humans Shaped the Northwoods,” an ecological history of the BWCA.

Source: Jeff Forester; www.mnlakesandrivers.org
Submitted by: Martin Keller

DO I NEED TO BUY A FISHING LICENSE?

You need to buy a Minnesota fishing license if you’re 16 or older. Annual licenses allow you to fish from March 1 to the last day of February the following year. Lower-cost licenses are available for shorter time periods. There is an added cost to fish for trout, salmon or sturgeon. In most cases, Minnesotans don’t need a license if you’re fishing in a state park. The DNR’s complete listing of fishing licenses can help you decide what to buy.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/fishing/index.html>



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Sunday School 9:30 am, refreshments following
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First Baptist (ABC) - Battle Lake
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www.firstbaptistbattlelake.org
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401 W. Gilbertson St., Battle Lake
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Mass Times—218-864-5619
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St. James Catholic - Maine Township
Saturday Mass 5:00 pm, October 1 - May 1

Saint Edwards - Henning
Sunday Mass 8:30 am - October 1 - May 1

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Sunday Mass 10:30 am



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Battle Lake Campus:
Meets at Lakes Area Community Center
112 West Main St., Battle Lake
218-862-4903
Sunday School 9:15 am
(no Sunday School during summer months)
Worship: 9:00am & 10:30 am
Website: bethellutheran.church

First Lutheran - ELCA
505 W. Holdt St., Battle Lake
Bradley Skogen, Pastor
bfirfirstlutheran.org
Church—218-864-5686
Coffee Fellowship: 9:00 am
Worship: 10:00 am
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sverdrup Lutheran Church
PO Box 70
209 Southern Ave. E., Underwood
Tammy Jacobson, Pastor
Church—218-826-6919
Worship 9:00 am

Tingvold Lutheran Church
6 miles north of Underwood, Co. 1 & Co. 35
Martha Halls, Pastor
Church—218-826-6487
September 1-May 31: Service 11:00 am
Fellowship 10:00 am
June 1-August 31: Service 10:30 am
Fellowship 9:30am

Zion Lutheran - ELCA
36051 Co. Hwy. 74, Amor
Hwy. 1 & 74, 10 miles north of Battle Lake
James Gronbeck, Pastor • Church—218-495-2563
Email: zionamoroffice@prtel.com
Website: www.zionamor.org
Summer Services May 12 - September 15
Worship 8:15 am & 10:00 am
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
8:15 am - Traditional Service Weekly
10:00 am - Informal Service 1st & 4th Sundays (Piano)
Contemporary Service; 2nd & 3rd Sundays (Praise Team)
Fellowship and refreshments between services.
Bible Study - Tuesday 10:00 am, Covid-19 social distancing protocol in place, services are also live streamed.

METHODIST

Ottertail United Methodist Church
104 Shores Drive, Ottertail
Rod Turnquist, Pastor
Church—218-367-2270
Worship 8:45 am
Coffee Fellowship following Worship

Richville United Methodist Church
130 SW 1st Ave., Richville
Rod Turnquist, Pastor
Church—218-346-5656
Worship 10:30 am
Coffee Fellowship following Worship 2nd & 4th Sunday

PRESBYTERIAN

Maine Presbyterian
30761 Co. Hwy. 45, Maine Township
2 miles north of Phelps Mill
Tom Junkert, Pastor
Website: mainepresbyterianchurch.org
Church—218-495-2539
Summer - Worship 9:30 am (Thru August)
Coffee Following Worship Service
Winter - Worship 10:00 am

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TWP	LAKE	PROPERTY TYPE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PRICE
EVERTS	DEER	SEAS/RES REC	GILL,DAVID R & JERRY R & CYNTHIA M & JAMES D	EVY,SUSAN	\$187,850
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	THIMJON,TROY & DARLA	IHLAND,PAUL R & EMILIE R	\$411,000
GIRARD	HANSON	RESIDENTIAL	ESTATE OF SON,JA D. WALKER	WALKER,PAUL D	\$125,500
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	MELROE,KEITH / MONROE,OLIVIA	NELSON,BRUCE & COLLEEN	\$450,000
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	SIEMS,JAMES D	SIEMS,DIRK A	\$55,000
OT CITY	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	REUTHER,BETTI	SAULSBURY,ROBERT A & JANET M	\$560,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	HMSTD RESORTS	ENERSON,DARRYL L & TERRY L	GRUENENWALD,MARC A / GRUENEENWALD,KATHLEEN	\$104,000
GIRARD	ETHEL	SEAS/RES REC	HESCHKE,BEVERLY J.	HAGEN,MICHAEL A. & JILL	\$134,600
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	BAKER,PAMELA JO	STOLL,ANTHONY & ROSE	\$475,000
EVERTS	SILVER 3RD	SEAS/RES REC	LUSIGNAN,JAY T & MOLLY T	HANSEN,AMANDA S & TED P	\$135,500
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	GECKLER,ROGER W	KERN,GERALD & IVY	\$229,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	SHOBE,JOEL C. & SUSAN M.S.	BREUER,DAVID J. & SHIRLEY K.	\$185,000
GIRARD	W BATTLE	RESIDENTIAL	BERRY,MICHAEL D. & GRACE L	SCHULTZ,WENDY J.	\$509,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	WIENBAR,DANNY D & KELLY J	RAUSER,JOSHUA P / JOHNSON,DAWN L	\$599,250
OTTER TAIL	BUCHANAN	SEAS/RES REC	DUNN,KATHIE & DUANE	MAROTZ,VERNEAL & CARMELA	\$343,555
OT CITY	PELICAN BAY (OT CITY)		SEAS/RES RECHUNKE,RYAN & ALISON	VAN ENGEN DEVELOPMENT LLC	\$375,000
OTTER TAIL	LONG(O T & RUSH)		SEAS/RES RECNAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	BRAATEN,MICHELLE	\$99,015
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	KERN,IVY & GERALD	RASMUSSEN,CHARLES & KRISTINA	\$1,280,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	NELSON,ROBERT H. & DARLENE A.	BEITHON,MARK & SHARLA	\$538,150
GIRARD	ETHEL	SEAS/RES REC	SAUERBIER,BRUCE	WULFEKUHLE,RANDY & KAREN	\$198,000
EVERTS	SILVER(EVERTS)		SEAS/RES RECHOHN,JEFFREY J & CHRISTINE A	SKALSKY,ANDREW J	\$190,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	SAULSBURY,ROBERT & JANET	FLATAU,MARTY D & SHEILA R	\$270,630
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	STOLLER,AMY M / STEARNS,MICHAEL P	NELSON,DAVID A & MARY P	\$482,250
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	GRUSS,TERESA E	KERN,GERALD & IVY	\$1,150,000
OT CITY	DONALD (OT CITY)		SEAS/RES RECNEUMEISTER,WILLIAM A / ZEE,JUDY	HURT,BRUCE D & CYNTHIA R	\$135,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	BAALKE,TRENT & BETH	SMITH,JAMES W	\$520,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	BJERKAAS,CARLTON L & LINDA	KYLLO,SHANE S & DEANNA A	\$545,500
OT CITY	PORTAGE	SEAS/RES REC	GUCK,THEODIRE	OLSON,RICHARD & KARISSA	\$195,000
GIRARD	W BATTLE	SEAS/RES REC	HAGEN,JEFFREY S.	HAGEN,BRIAN J.	\$485,000
GIRARD	E BATTLE	SEAS/RES REC	LINDQUIST,KARL D. & SAMANTHA S.	LAHLUM,DAN & JENNY	\$120,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	HELANDER,JON	HELANDER,MATT	\$40,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	HABERMAN,JOCELYN K & DEANNA K & DAVID J	CAT LRM PROPERTIES, LLC	\$300,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	LUNDEEN,MARY	SATTLER,JAMES & RENEE	\$160,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	NICKANDER,JOAN E & GARY L	MILLER,KATHLEEN & BRUCE	\$435,300
OT CITY	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	PRESCHER,BRADLEY & LUANN	SWANN,KEVIN & BARBARA	\$395,000
OT CITY	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	STOWER,JASON	PRESCHER,BRADLEY & LUANN	\$200,000
GIRARD	E BATTLE	SEAS/RES REC	AMUNDSON,ERIC & KAREN	JENSEN,STEVEN & SUSAN	\$215,000
EVERTS	ROUND (EVERTS)		SEAS/RES RECDEAL,THOMAS B & CINDY M	CANNADY,STACY J	\$130,000
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	KUMMER,PAUL	CARLSON,JOAN	\$265,500
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	GLORVIGEN,BRUCE & JUDY	GLORVIGEN,JESSE & DANIELLE	\$100,000
OT CITY	DONALD (OT CITY)	SEAS/RES REC	FARRELL,JAMES & DEBBIE	MATTSON,JUSTIN S & CHELSEA J	\$155,500
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RIVER(OT)	SEAS/RES RECVEIL,JESSE & KIMBERLY	BLUE BILLS PROPERTIES LLC	\$187,000
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	BLESSUM,JAMES RAYMOND & CHRISTINE ANN	BLEICHNER,RICHARD & JANET & BROCK	\$331,500
EVERTS	W BATTLE	RESIDENTIAL	BUSSA,ANTHONY M & MOLLY S	KALIHHER,JON A & RENAE J	\$692,800
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	LOVE,ROBERT ALLAN & MARCIA ANN	LEAPALDT,DONALD & ELLA	\$610,500
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	WILSON,THOMAS C. & ROBIN A	HAMMERS RENTAL PROPERTIES, INC.	\$445,975
OTTER TAIL	BUCHANAN	SEAS/RES REC	ANDERSON,LARRY & SHERRY	WORWA,TIMOTHY J & CLAUDETTE L.	\$90,000
GIRARD	BLANCHE	SEAS/RES REC	DAVIS,BERNICE A & GERALD D	DAVIS,GERALD L	\$167,591
OTTER TAIL	LONG(OTCITY & TWP)	RURAL	VACANT LAND BRASEL,TERRY & KAREN	JUVRUD,JOHN W & CARY	\$133,000
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	GODEL,ANGELA M	BOE,CHRISTOPHER & MIA	\$500,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RIVER(OT)	RESIDENTIAL SCHNEEWIND,DANIEL	JURGENS,CARY & JERRI	\$380,000
OTTER TAIL	LONG(O T & RUSH)		SEAS/RES REC SOWERS,DAVID & KATHERINE	BECKERS,WILLIAM J. & SHARON A.	\$35,000
AMOR	WALKER	SEAS/RES REC	WLP DEVELOPMENT LLC	OBRIGHT,JEREMY & CARRIE	\$52,500
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	BREWER,KAREN L	DAHLEN,JOSEPH & JODI	\$509,900
GIRARD	ETHEL	RESIDENTIAL	CHASE,ALLEN	TROM,RYAN & JACQUELYN	\$283,850
GIRARD	E BATTLE	SEAS/RES REC	COX,ROBERT R. & BECKY L.	HOFFERBER,MARY & DREW	\$243,800
GIRARD	ETHEL	RESIDENTIAL	TROSEN,RITA	CHASE,ALLEN	\$240,000
GIRARD	E BATTLE	SEAS/RES REC	DOLL,MARK & KARLENE	GARLINSKI,ANDREW & KELLY	\$218,000
GIRARD	E BATTLE	SEAS/RES REC	LARSON,JACQUELINE M & THOMAS A & CHRISTINE &	HAMMER,RONALD & ROXANNE	\$165,250
OT CITY	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	THE HUNKE FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED	MAUCH,ERIC JAMES & JASON MICHAEL	\$968,000
GIRARD	STUART	SEAS/RES REC	GILBERT,KEVIN WILLIAM & RONDA	SCHARF,THEODORE A & LISA M	\$140,000
OT CITY	DONALD (OT CITY)	SEAS/RES REC	JACOBSON,LARRY D. & LAURA M.	KANGAS,JESSIE L. & KENNETH L.	\$14,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	HOWARD A JENSON REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST / JANE	WALTERS,DANIEL J & ERIN S	\$570,000
AMOR	WALKER	SEAS/RES REC	SCHLICHTING,MARK & JANET	KUCHERA,ANDREW P	\$50,000
GIRARD	W BATTLE	RESIDENTIAL	HORGEN,JEROLD E. & GRACE E.	GARCIA,LUIS ARTURO & GRETA	\$639,900
OTTER TAIL	LONG(O T & RUSH)		SEAS/RES REC PINE LAKES LAND CO LLC	KALINOSKI,MICHAEL T / DUBOSE-BRISKI,VICTORIA	\$39,900
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	WENTZ,MARK A & NANCY A	REUTHER,BETTI	\$310,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	YOUNGSM,GALEN L & LAURA A	MOE,MARTIN T	\$331,500
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	COMPTON,CHARLES E. & SHELLEY A.	JENZEN,NEIL W. & KELLY L.	\$279,000
OTTER TAIL	LONG(O T & RUSH)	SEAS/RES REC	STRANDEMO,STEVEN & KAREN / BLANCHARD,JAMES	MEDCALF,BRENDA & MICHAEL	\$38,000
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	FLOERSCH PROPERTIES, LLC	FOSSEN,SCOTT	\$235,000
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	FLOERSCH PROPERTIES, LLC	FOSSEN,SCOTT / KRUEGER,JESSICA	\$147,000
GIRARD	W BATTLE	SEAS/RES REC	SANDBERG,PHILIP M	NEIBER,GERRY G & DIANE C	\$320,000
EVERTS	ROUND (EVERTS)	RESIDENTIAL	DEAL,THOMAS & CINDY M	STAFFORD,KEITH & CYNTHIA	\$323,400
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	KUCHERA,ANDREW P & PATUMRUT	BAUMANN,MICHAEL D & MARLYS A	\$113,750
EVERTS	W BATTLE	RESIDENTIAL	NESS,THOMAS E & DENISE E	STICH,MARY & BRIAN	\$515,000
OTTER TAIL	LONG(O T & RUSH)	SEAS/RES REC	PINE LAKES LAND CO, LLC	EGGERT,STEVEN D & CHERYLL A	\$49,900
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	STICH,BRIAN KEITH & MARY ELIZABETH	ERICKSON,ADRIAN J & TERESA A	\$372,500
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	BJORGUM,ARLYN E & NANCY R & JAY D & VIRGINIA	SHERRY & KEVIN II, LLC	\$399,500
OTTER TAIL	LONG(O T & RUSH)	SEAS/RES REC	PINE LAKES LAND COMPANY, LLC	HILLMER,RICHARD P & NANCY D	\$134,900
OT CITY	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	DEBOER,JAMES & CHERYL	SAND BOX, LLC	\$755,000
GIRARD	W BATTLE	RESIDENTIAL	EDMONDS,RICHARD	SCHROEDER,CHRISTOPHER & LINDSAY	\$530,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	MEYER,TRISHA	MORITZ,RACHEL	\$1,100,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	STREHLOW,WM. CRAIG & MARCIA & RYAN W & CAROLE	STREHLOW,M. BLAKE & KATHLEEN B	\$300,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	CHRISTENSEN,JULIE	HENSEL,MICHAEL & JENIFER	\$518,200
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	CHRISTOPHERSON,CHARLES & JEAN	JULSON,DANIEL R & SENA K	\$546,000
GIRARD	W BATTLE	SEAS/RES REC	CLIFFORD,JAMES R	AEIKENS,GARY & CHERYL	\$545,000
OT CITY	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	HURT,BRUCE D & CYNTHIA	O'DELL,GENE & KAREN	\$449,250

TWP	LAKE	PROPERTY TYPE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PRICE
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	MILLER,ROBERT P & SYLVIA	EHLERT,ARNOLD D	\$299,190
EVERTS	DEER	SEAS/RES REC	MOORE,TIMOTHY M & DENISE A	DAHLHEIMER,JERRY & LYNNE	\$130,000
OTTER TAIL	LONG(O T & RUSH)	SEAS/RES REC	PFEIFER,DEAN & JULIE K	STOETZER,PAMELA J & TROY	\$220,387
EVERTS	SILVER(EVERTS)	SEAS/RES REC	ROSS,VICKI L & ARTHUR / KROG,MITCHELL D & DEB	LARSEN,JAMES C & LORI	\$191,400
OT CITY	BUCHANAN	SEAS/RES REC	HAATAJA,ERIC & RACHEL	BAKKEN,KENNETH & SHERRY	\$260,000
GIRARD	W BATTLE	RESIDENTIAL	LACHER,CRAIG P. & PAMELA KAY & COLLIN P. & HO	SHAW,BETHANY M. & JACOB J.	\$398,400
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	WRIGHT,ANTHONY P & MARY L	KUBELA,JACOB & DAWN	\$173,900
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	EXNER,ERIC & CHRISTINA	OLSON,BRIAN F & KIRSTEN	\$106,900
EVERTS	ROUND (EVERTS)	RESIDENTIAL	HASKINS,RUSTY & LUAN	JOHNSON,JANE AILEEN	\$467,050
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	LOFF,BRYAN & JULIE	NORDICK,MICHAEL & KATIE J	\$350,000
EVERTS	SILVER(EVERTS)	SEAS/RES REC	R2M2, LLC	BRANDON,CHRISTOPHER & RIKKA	\$395,000
OT CITY	DONALD (OT CITY)	SEAS/RES REC	ADAMS,DOUGLAS & BOBBI JO	ENGLER,ERIC & BECKY	\$112,500
OT CITY	DONALD (OT CITY)	RESIDENTIAL	BRUTLAG,STEVEN A & SALLY	SCHNEIDER,DANIEL P & JOAN P	\$359,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	HENSEL,JENIFER & MICHAEL	EMBRY,STEVEN	\$315,500
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEAS/RES REC	LUNDEEN,MARY D	WIBE-BJERKE,JENNIE M / BJERKE,BRIAN	\$354,500



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As an organization, OTLPOA recognizes the importance of a well-informed, well-educated membership. Strong effort has been made to not only increase membership, but to assure our members are well-informed through our "Lakeshore News" publication. By teaming with Midweek Publications, we have improved our five publication/yearly news source by increasing the number of members' photos included, informing members in an up-to-the-minute fashion of critical events, legislation, and problems/solutions, and by addressing individual members' concerns when possible or referring them on to a source for answers. Additionally, because of our concern and belief regarding not only a well-informed membership but a well-informed public, stacks of The Lakeshore News are placed in businesses in the surrounding communities.

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May



June



July



August



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OTTER TAIL LAKE’S PROPERTY OWNER’S ASSOC. INC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Sep. 24th, 2020 7 PM

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by President Anderson. Members present: Wentz, Kemling, Cave, Bope, Ness, Feters, Rizk, Simdorn, Hunke, Overturf and Gerken. Absent: Gedde, Snyder,

Approval of Agenda- unanimously approved as distributed
Approval of Minutes-unanimously approved as distributed
Approval of Bills –Approved unanimously as distributed

Presidents Report- Pres. Anderson introduced Gary Overturf. A vote of approval was taken for him to join OTLPOA board, he will be replacing Marc Wing.

Committee Reports

Membership-Wentz reported we are at 1045 members. Discussion about replacing computer, Ness stated that a new computer was purchased and will work with Wentz to make sure it is set up with OTLPOA membership info. Ness submitted bill for new computer, was approved for payment by board.

Auditing/Finance-Annual audit letter was submitted by Anderson, shows all finances have been verified and are correct. Audit letter is available for anyone who requests it. 2021 budget is done.

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Foundation- nothing to report at this time

Rearing Pond-Bope displayed new signs for rearing pond. Open house being planned for spring 2021. Summited additional bill due to Cline and Jensen, motion below.

MOTION ON ADDITIONAL BILL DUE TO JENSEN AND CLINE TO BE PAID WITH WCI FUNDS

I would like to make a motion authorizing West Central Initiative to pay the attached invoice for \$470.50 to the Law Firm of Cline Jensen for services related to the Rearing Pond Trails. The funds used to pay this invoice come from donations made by concerned citizens and sporting

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Sep. 24th, 2020 7 PM

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by President Anderson. Members present: Wentz, Kemling, Cave, Bope, Ness, Feters, Rizk, Simdorn, Hunke, Overturf and Gerken. Absent: Gedde, Snyder,

Approval of Agenda- unanimously approved as distributed
Approval of Minutes-unanimously approved as distributed
Approval of Bills –Approved unanimously as distributed

Presidents Report- Pres. Anderson introduced Gary Overturf. A vote of approval was taken for him to join OTLPOA board, he will be replacing Marc Wing.

Committee Reports

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MAISRC Priority Species 2020

The Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) undertakes an annual process to prioritize the aquatic invasive species that may be targeted for its research. The high priority species are those that are in Minnesota or likely to be in the state or areas immediately adjacent and that are likely to cause significant damage. The species are also those for which key uncertainties exist that impede understanding risks or developing effective prevention or management/control programs. On a biennial basis, MAISRC systematically identifies research needs related to these high-priority aquatic invasive species in order to direct research efforts and investments on the state’s greatest needs.

The species prioritization is conducted by the eleven member inter-organizational MAISRC Technical Committee (MTC), with input from the Center’s Advisory Board and the Center Faculty Group. MTC recommendations and updates from its 2019 review of emerging threats are outlines below.

Priority AIS Fish Species (11)

Justification (species that fall into one of the following categories): Species present in MN, widespread, known to have high impact (A); Species localized in MN but spreading and known to have high impact elsewhere (B-H); Species not known to occur in MN but presumed high risk to occur here and have high impact (I-K)

A. Cyprinus carpio	Common carp/Koi
B. Hypophthalmichthys nobilis	Bighead carp
C. Hypophthalmichthys molitrix	Silver carp
D. Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp
E. Osmerus mordax	Rainbow smelt
F. Gymnocephalus cernua	Ruffe
G. Neogobius melanostomus	Round goby
H. Carassius auratus/gibelio	Goldfish/Prussian carp
I. Sander lucioperca	Zander
J. Mylopharyngodon piceus	Black carp
K. Channa argus	Northern snakehead

Species evaluated but not selected: Alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*), Fourspine stickleback (*Apeltes quadracus*), Three-spined stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus*), White perch (*Morone americana*), Sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*), Tubenose goby (*Proterorhinus marmoratus*), Common rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*), Yellow Bass (*Morone mississippiensis*), Tench (*Tinca tinca*).

Priority AIS Harmful Microbes (7)

Justification (Species that fit into one or more of the following categories): Species that generally harm multiple species; pathogens that cause high mortality or morbidity, Species with high economic impact; species that can transform ecosystems;

- A. Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus (VHSV)
- B. Baitfish viruses
- C. Heterosporis
- D. Didymosphenia geminata
- E. Rickettsia-like organisms (RLOs)
- F. Cyprinid Herpes Virus-3 (CyHV-3)
- G. Chytrid fungus

Species evaluated but not selected: *Aeromonas salmonicida*, Bass tapeworm, *Clostridium botulinum*, *Cylindrospermopsis raciborskii*, Dermal sarcoma, Lymphocytis, Lymphosarcoma, Myofibrogranuloma, Neascus, *Renibacterium salmoninarum*, Tilapia Lake Virus, *Piscirickettsia salmonis*, carp edema virus (CEV), Spring viremia of carp virus (SVCV)

Priority AIS Invertebrate Species (10)

Justification (species that fit into one of the following categories):

Species established or identified in MN with known high risk of spread and high impact (A-D); Species established or identified in MN but with uncertain likelihood of spread and/or level of impact (E-H); Species not known to be present in MN, pathway risk unknown, but with high impact elsewhere (I-J).

Species evaluated but not selected: Fishhook waterflea (*Cercopagis pengoi*), Chinese mysterysnail (*Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata*), Golden clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), Chinese mitten crab (*Eriocheir spp.*), Common waterfleas (*Daphnia lumholtzi*), Banded mysterysnail (*Viviparus georgianus*), Caspian mud shrimp (*Chelicorophium curvispinum*).

A. Bythotrephes longimanus	Spiny water flea
B. Dreissena polymorpha	Zebra mussel
C. Dreissena rostriformis	Quagga mussel
D. Bithynia tentaculata	Faucet snail
E. Orconectes rusticus	Rusty crayfish
F. Potamopyrgus antipodarum	New Zealand mudsnail
G. Echinogammarus ischnus	A Ponto-Caspian amphipod
H. Procambarus clarkii	Red Swamp Crayfish
I. Hemimysis anomala	Bloody red shrimp
J. Dikergammarus villosus	Killer shrimp

Priority AIS Plants (12)

Justification (Species that fit into one of the following categories): A: Species widely distributed in MN, that cause high impacts and with control potential (A1-5); Species localized in MN but that have spread and caused high impacts nearby (A6-8); Species not yet in MN but arrival is likely imminent and impacts likely to be very high (A9). B: Species not likely to be in MN but have spread and caused impacts in inland waters of other cold- temperate regions (likelihood of establishment in MN uncertain) (B1-3).

A1.Potamogeton crispus	Curly-leaf pondweed
A2. Myriophyllum spicatum, M.spicatum x sibiricum	Eurasian water milfoil, hybrid watermilfoil
A3. Typha x glauca, T. angustifolia	Hybrid/narrow leaf cattail
A4. Lythrum salicaria	Purple loosestrife
A5. Phragmites australis subsp. australis	European haplotype-common reed
A6. Najas minor	Brittle naiad
A7. Butomus umbellatus	Flowering rush
A8. Nitellopsis obtusa	Starry Stonewort
A9. Hydrilla verticillata	Hydrilla
B1. Nymphoides peltata	Yellow-floating heart
B2. Cabomba caroliniana	Cabomba
B3. Hydrocharis morsus-ranae	European frog-bit

Species evaluated but not selected: Water hyacinth (*Eicchornia crassipes*), Brazilian waterweed (*Egeria densa*), Dwarf hygrophila (*Hygrophila polysperma*), Pale yellow iris (*Iris pseudacorus*), African elodea (*Lagarosiphon major*), Water clover (*Marsilea*), Watercress (*Nasturtium officinale*), non-native water lilies, Reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), Giant salvinia (*Salvinia*), Water soldier (*Stratiotes aloides*), Water chestnut (*Trapa natans*), Parrot feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)

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Ice skating at Blanche Lake



Having fun snowplowing the ice rink



Dogsledding at Streeper Kennels

An Escape to Winter Wonderland

They landed in the driveway at 3:30 in the afternoon, pulling luggage and belongings from the car with greetings and hugs. Into the house they came, unloading belated Christmas gifts in the living room. "Look at the lake!" several exclaimed. Almost immediately they cried "Let's go ice skating!" Donning winter gear and skates we all headed out to the frozen lake where our skating rink had been cleared. First time at the lake in winter, they marveled at the ice and snow plus the fact that there were no docks. The novelty of coming to Blanche Lake in winter made this all the more exciting and everyone skated for over an hour when hunger and the oncoming night drove us inside for a warm meal. We couldn't help but compare this to summertime when swimsuits and jumping in the lake provide the first of vacation activities.

A day after Christmas our son, his wife, and their three kids ages 16, 13 and 10 arrived for a few days of winter fun on beloved Blanche Lake. Hearty meals kept everyone well-energized for expending energy outside. We tromped through the snow, ice skated at least twice a day (so convenient to be able to just step outside and skate whenever!) and were introduced to ice fishing by our friend Bob Anderson. The kids were fortunate enough to catch a few fish and particularly enjoyed watching the fish via Bob's underwater camera. Luckily he provided rides out to his fishhouse on his quad, snow flying as he drove at top speed.

Another day took us to Streeper Kennels near Snellman, MN for dogsledding. It was well worth it as the dogs pulled our sled through beautiful Smokey Hills State forest, newly coated with snow. Ethereal! Ed Streeper, world class musher, shared much information about the sport and allowed us to see the numerous trophies and medals won.

Endless games of Monopoly and other board games kept us gathered around the table and for variety we paid a visit to Ben's Bait in Battle Lake. Picking up and consuming many bottles of unique and delicious flavors of hard cider from 1910 Sip House on the shore of Ethel Lake (thank you Jeff and Karen for opening up just for us!) was an adult favorite for evenings. Our sleeps were well-earned and coffee in the morning was a must.

As usual at the close of vacation, everyone was asked to rank activities and it is no surprise that ice skating was the #1 favorite activity of everyone. Josephine, our 13 year old granddaughter mentioned especially that ice skating as the sun set was particularly a favorite. How many people have the opportunity to ice skate right outside their front door as a colorful sunset creates an atmosphere of serenity, giving one the feeling of awe at what nature provides?



Jumping in the snow after racing on the ice



Heading out to a fish house on Blanche Lake to do some ice fishing

A quote from Josephine, sums it up quite nicely: "I really enjoyed staying at the lake in winter. I had fun skating in my grandparents backyard, dogsledding, ice fishing, and playing an abundance of board games. Even with being super busy we would always save time to watch the breathtaking sunset across the lake."

DNR's 2020 Fish Stocking Successful, Despite Challenges

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Anglers can look forward to positive results from fish stocking that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conducted in 2020, despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the vast majority of fish in Minnesota waters are the result of natural reproduction in healthy habitats, stocking can provide angling opportunities where they might not otherwise exist.

"This ended up being a productive year for fish stocking even as COVID-19 changed how we performed our work," said Brian Nerbonne, DNR central region fisheries manager. "Our staff were able to find creative ways to stock fish in Minnesota waters."

In mid-April, the DNR canceled its 2020 egg collection operations for walleye, northern pike, muskellunge and steelhead because the work could not be done safely under COVID-19 guidelines. Without its own source of newly hatched fish (known as fry), the DNR could not stock its rearing ponds where fry grow larger (into fingerlings) before being released into Minnesota's waters. But hatchery operations were able to continue with COVID protocols, and other sources of fry and fingerlings helped fill the gaps.

Walleye stocking

Collecting walleye eggs from spawning fish in the wild is a labor-intensive effort that requires teams of six to eight people working closely together. The DNR collects and fertilizes eggs each spring to hatch, raise and then release fish either as tiny fry or larger fingerling size. These fish are then stocked in Minnesota waters that have low or no natural reproduction.

This year, instead of relying on the usual spring egg collection, the DNR was able to use fish produced from other sources. DNR fisheries crews harvested and stocked 42,000 pounds of 1-year-old walleye from rearing ponds that did not suffer winterkill in 2019. In addition, the DNR purchased about 40,000 pounds of fingerling-sized walleye from private producers. The White Earth Nation assisted by stocking fry and fingerlings in several Becker County lakes and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe provided walleye fry that the DNR stocked in a handful of lakes. All told, the DNR stocked over 82,000 pounds of walleye, representing about 71% of stocking originally planned for the year.

"We have reason to be grateful despite

a challenging year. We appreciate the creativity of our partners and DNR staff who found ways to locate and raise fish to stock," Nerbonne said.

Muskie work-around

Muskie stocking also helps grow populations for future angling. In a typical year, the DNR stocks about 28,000 muskie fingerlings in 35 to 40 lakes.

In late spring, Muskies Inc. chapters in the Twin Cities, north metro of the Twin Cities and Fargo Moorhead purchased year-old muskies from a private grower who had fish that survived the winter of 2019. Fish donated to the DNR grew over the summer at the DNR's Waterville hatchery, where they increased in size by another 5 inches.

The DNR was able to stock about 1,370 of these larger muskies. DNR crews also harvested and stocked nearly 600 yearlings that survived the winter of 2019 in natural rearing ponds.

"The muskies grown at the hatchery had over 91% survival in ponds through the summer, which is outstanding," said Craig Soupir, the DNR's Waterville area fisheries supervisor. "And these 17-inch muskies that were stocked will provide an opportunity in the coming years for us to learn important information about yearling stocking."

The DNR expects larger fall yearlings to have higher survival rates, and by stocking them, the agency may be able to achieve population numbers similar to those reached by stocking larger numbers of small fish.

Trout stocking continues

2020 presented little disruption to the usual stocking patterns for most trout species. Brook and brown trout, and two strains of rainbow trout, are raised using eggs and sperm from captive broodstock. The young fish are grown for several months in hatcheries, and were already growing there when the pandemic started. More than 400,000 rainbow trout, more than 40,000 each of brown trout and brook trout, 35,000 steelhead and 2,200 lake trout were stocked in lakes and rivers during the spring and summer.

Anglers curious about stocking efforts can check stocking reports for lakes across Minnesota by searching the DNR LakeFinder on the DNR's fishing webpage, or by contacting a DNR area fisheries office.

Full information from 2020 will be available online in the future.

Source: Pelican Rapids Press

Submitted by: OTC COLA January 2021 E-Newsletter

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