



Deer Lake Watershed News

DEER LAKE — POPLAR LAKE — PICKEREL LAKE — BATTLE LAKE —
FIVE ISLAND LAKE — MIRROR LAKE— AND MANY OTHERS

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President's Corner by Dennis Carlson

Well, as I write this on May 1st, I can look out the window at some bare ground showing through snow banks and Deer Lake still locked tight with a couple feet of ice. There are a few flakes of snow in the air and a brisk northwest wind and 33° outside. Let's hope by the time you receive this newsletter the weather has improved, the ice is out, and the fish are biting! The topic of conversation seems to be, "Will the ice be out for the May 11th fishing opener?" My prediction is that it won't be out. Time will tell! I know we all have cabin fever and are looking forward to warm weather and a busy summer. Our watershed board has been busy discussing and planning various projects and events trying to move forward with dates and times. The weather has not been helpful. We have tried to move forward on our CCC cleanup and signage project, but have to wait until the area is logged. We're hoping that can be done this summer.

Word from the DNR Water Hydrologist is that the DNR has received money and permission to proceed and the engineering department is in the process of drawing up a design for the planned Deer Creek dam. Once finished, we will write the grant proposal for construction of the new rock gradient dam with fish migration capacity and hope for acceptance. We're hoping this doesn't get put on the back burner by the State Department of Dams.

We will again have our annual 4th of July Flotilla on Thursday, July 4th, at noon, starting and finishing in Hideaway Bay as always with refreshments following. We will also be sponsoring the 2nd Annual 5K Walk-Run-Crawl as a social event on Saturday, July 13th starting at 9:00 am from the Lovdahl's road.

The last summer event will be our 11th

Annual Meeting and Potluck at Deer Lake Charlies on Saturday, August 3rd, starting at 5:00 pm. This year we will be inviting a member of the DNR Fisheries Department to summarize our ten year Walleye slot project that will be completed on Deer, Pickerel, and Battle Lakes this year. The DNR is hoping to receive input from our members regarding the Walleye slot program and suggestions or concerns regarding continuation or changes for the project. We hope all members will give this project some thought and come to the meeting to share your thoughts or just listen and socialize. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 3rd!

All in all, it looks like another busy year. With this late spring, the summer is going to fly by. It appears that the fish spawn is at least a couple weeks behind normal so fishing will have a slow start. The DNR has scheduled a stocking of 1.4 million Walleye fry this spring into Deer Lake and hopefully the spawn will materialize so we get those little walleyes going. Our chain of lakes is also scheduled to have a netting assessment of all fish species to check numbers and growth rates for future management goals. Our Bluegills will also be assessed. It's an exciting time of the year and I hope all of you can take time to enjoy our little bit of God's Country. On behalf of our DLWA Board, we thank you for your interest and support. Have a great summer!!

Dennis Carlson
DLWA President

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A Visit to the Cabin by Art Lind

As of this writing the ice still covers most lakes in Northern Minnesota and although I was able to play golf yesterday at Giant's Ridge "The Legends" Golf Course, the fairways were lined in some places with the "white stuff" along with the sand traps filled with the "white stuff". Talk about hazard's! I would include a photograph of the lake and areas at the golf course but they don't show up well on white background, or the colored paper we use for the Newsletter, besides, in case you can't tell, I'm sick of seeing it and talking about it.

I plan on making the trip to the cabin on Friday, May 10th, for a couple of days of cabin clean up, dock inspection, and possibly some repairs. Probably I'll sit by the shoreline with a cold one, looking and listening for migrating fowl, drumming Ruffed Grouse, noisy Palliated Woodpeckers, and boisterous male Robins protecting there possible mates. It is Spring and everything is excited for the coming summer.

The March "Minnesota Outdoor News" back page article featured our/my Deer Lake, touting our success, or lack there of, slot limits, and other trivia. I sometimes wish we wouldn't get the press we do as it just increases traffic on the public access road. I guess those are selfish thoughts and others need to enjoy some of Natures wonders too.

Big Fish Contest

Our 1st Annual Big Fish Contest will be held this year to recognize the association member, or their immediate family member, who catches the biggest fish in the categories listed below. The heaviest fish will be considered the winner in each category. The contest will run from May 25, 2013 (Memorial Day weekend) through September 2 (Labor Day weekend). Winners will be selected from each of the categories, presented with a plaque/trophy, and featured in the fall-winter newsletter. Photos will be posted on the DLWA bulletin board for viewing at Deer Lake Charlies.

Categories: Northern, Walleye, Large Mouth Bass, Small Mouth Bass, Blue Gill, and Crappie.

Requirements:

A. Contestants must:

1. Be a paid member or family member of current year
2. Weigh fish using a Deliar or similar device, or have them weighed and photographed at Hideaway Resort
3. Include a picture of fish (digital or film)
4. Date of catch, lake name, and bait used

B. Fish:

1. Must be caught with hook and line
2. May be kept or released (personal preference)

Entries may be brought to Hideaway Resort for weighing and entering or mailed to:
DLWA Fig Fish Contest, 66505 Co Rd. 533, Effie, MN 56639

Nothing has been done yet on the Deer Lake CCC Camp location clean up as we are waiting for the logging company the State has contracted with for the selective harvest of trees.

It has been a long, long, winter and I'm glad it is finally over.



The ice officially went out on Deer Lake on May 14, 2013. Jim Dunlap was right on the mark with his May 14 prediction. He was the lucky winner of \$400!! Congratulations, Jim! Past late ice-out dates were in 1950 and 1953.



TO DO LIST ON HEARING RUMORS
OF IMPENDING SPRING

Get tackle and tackle box ready for fishing opener.
Keep rainsuit (or snowmobile suit?) on hand.
Give oars a new coat of paint or two.
Recycle Christmas cards, keep photos.
Buy gas for outboard and mower.
Keep snow blower handy.
Take swimsuits and sandals out of deep storage.
Find wellies for walking around yard.
Update supply of bug dope.
Leave snow shovel by door.
Look up asparagus and salad recipes.
Make a pot of chili.
Check supply of sun lotion.
Put cap and mittens in tackle box.
Decide whether chair cushions will do for one more year.
Have fleece throws on hand.
Take down wildflower book to identify firsts -- hepatica, bloodroot, wood violets.
Watch for fire pit to reappear.
Air out the house and the brain.
Remember the first snow (oh, forget it!), holidays with family, books read, card games, football, evenings by the fire, and sleeping under a comforter or two -- we are so ready to be over that!
Rumor has it the snow is melting -- yeah, right -- but it is 50 degrees!
Think spring? Think Spring. THINK SPRING!

Helen Stensrud, Late April 2013

**11th ANNUAL MEETING and
POTLUCK**

August 3, 2013, 5:00 p.m.

Deer Lake Charlie's

Guest speaker: DNR Fisheries Department,
Topic: Walleye slot limit
Summary of slot program and
discussion for continuation or changes
-- Election of new board members --
-- Great food, door prizes, socializing --

Aquatic plant removal may require permits

Lakeshore property owners are reminded that removal of aquatic plants from Minnesota lakes may require a permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

DNR staff who issue permits for aquatic plant removal can help lakeshore owners avoid harming the lake or river near their home, said Steve Enger, supervisor of the DNR's aquatic plant management program.

"Aquatic plants serve many important functions in lakes," he said. "They prevent shoreline erosion, stabilize bottom sediments, provide habitat for fish and wildlife, and tie up nutrients that might otherwise grow algae. We encourage shoreline property owners to keep the disturbance of near shore vegetation as small as possible. Removing too many aquatic plants can impair their ability to perform these important functions."

AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL:

Lakeshore property owners can control a modest area of aquatic plants for swimming or boat docking without a permit from the DNR. Cutting, pulling, raking, or harvesting submersed vegetation, like pondweeds, watermilfoil, or coontail, in an area for recreation is allowed under the following conditions:

- The cleared area may not exceed 2,500 square feet in size.

- The cleared area may not extend more than 50 feet along the shore, or more than one-half of frontage width, whichever is less.

- If cleared area does not reach open water, a 15-foot wide channel to open water may be added.

- The cut or pulled vegetation must be removed from water.

If floating leaf vegetation, like white or yellow water-lilies, interfere with boat access, a lakeshore property owner can mechanically maintain (cutting or pulling) a channel no more than 15 feet wide, extending to open water without a permit, under the following conditions:

- The cleared channel must remain in the same place from year to year.

- And the vegetation that is cut or pulled must be removed from the water.

A DNR aquatic plant management permit (the permit fee is \$35) is required if plans include the following:

- Using herbicides or algicides.
- Removing emergent vegetation, like bulrush, cattails or wild rice.

- Installing or operating an automated plant control device (such as the CraryWeedRoller, Beachgroomer or Lake Sweeper).

- Removing floating leaf vegetation, in an area larger than a 15-foot wide channel.

- Controlling submerged vegetation in an area larger than 2,500 square feet or wider than 50 feet.

- Removing or relocating a bog of any size.

The DNR aquatic plant management regulations do not allow the following activities:

- Excavating the lake bottom for aquatic plant control.
- Use of hydraulic jets.

- Using lake-bottom barriers to destroy or prevent the growth of aquatic plants.

- Removing aquatic vegetation within posted fish-spawning areas.

- Removing aquatic plants from undeveloped shoreline.

For more information on the aquatic plant management program contact nearest regional fisheries office; phone numbers are available at the following web pages, www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/regulations.html or by calling the DNR Information Center, 651-296-6157 or toll-free 888-646-6367.

Deer Lake Watershed Association Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your 2013 membership! Members receive a subscription to the association quarterly newsletter, but best of all, it feels good to know that you are doing your part to support & improve our watershed. Thank you for your support!

Deer Lake Watershed Association (DLWA) Membership Form

PO Box 23 - Effie, Minnesota 56639 / DLWA dues year extends from January 1 to December 31, 2013

Please Print or Type

Name: _____

Complete mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Dues: (please check one)

Regular (\$20/year) Lifetime (\$500 paid for life) Contributor (\$100) Donor (\$50) Other

We need volunteers to make our DLWA grow and grow!

Would you like to be an office or member of the Board? ___ Yes ___ No

Or you can volunteer to be a Committee Member in a Committee of your choice.

Mark your calendars:

Saturday, June 13 - 9:00 am

5-K Run/Walk/Crawl

Thursday, July 4 - noon - Meet at Hideaway Bay

Flotilla

Saturday, August 3 - 5 pm

11th Annual Meeting/Potluck

Saturday, May 25 - Monday, September 2

Big Fish Contest

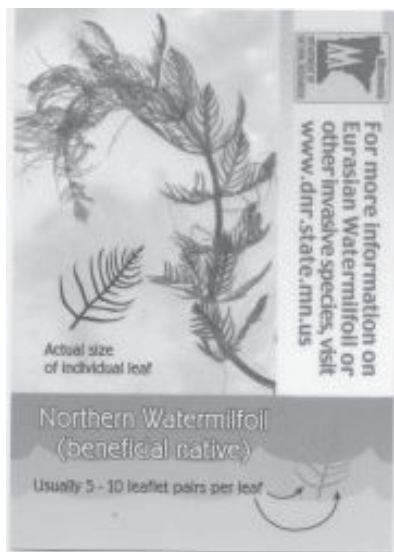


6th ANNUAL FLOTILLA Thursday, July 4th, 2013

Noon start at Hideaway Bay
Refreshments and awards following flotilla
parade, sponsored by DLWA.
Start planning your theme!

REMINDER

There is \$200 fine if transporting a boat on public roads with a drain plug in and a \$500 fine for transporting an invasive specie on equipment.



MINNESOTA Aquatic Invasive Species Laws

These laws are intended to protect your lakes and water recreation from harmful effects of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Under state law, your compliance with AIS inspection requirements is an express condition and legal requirement of operating or transporting water related equipment.

You must...

- CLEAN** visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited species off of watercraft, trailers, and equipment before transporting from any water access.
- DRAIN** water from the boat's bilge, livewell, motor, ballast tanks, and portable bait containers before transport from water access site or shoreline property.
- KEEP** drain plug out and water draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

You may not...

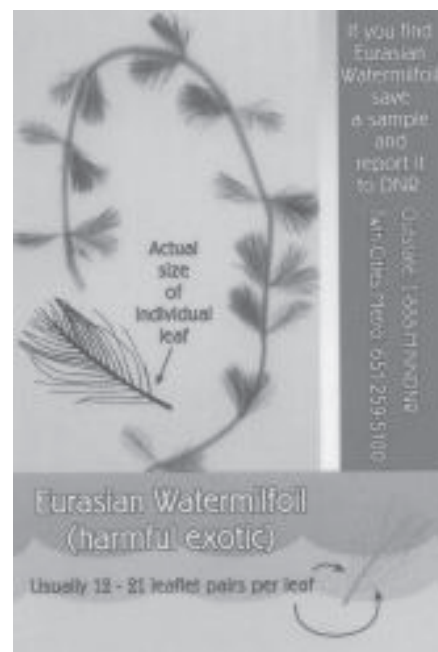
- TRANSPORT** aquatic plants, water, or prohibited invasive species (e.g., zebra mussels, Eurasian water milfoil).
- DUMP** live bait into state waters, on the shore, or on the ground.
- LAUNCH**, or attempt to place, watercraft or trailers with aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or prohibited invasive species into any waters of the state.

2012 This decal is only a summary of the laws as of August 2011.

www.mndnr.gov/invasives

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CHECK THE DRAIN PLUG!
Please wear your life jacket.
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



2ND ANNUAL



DLWA 5K RUN-WALK-CRAWL

JULY 13, 2013 - 9:00 am Start Time

A community event for friends and neighbors to gather and run, walk, or crawl 3.1 miles along scenic County Road 533, from the top of the hill at mail box 66533 to the finish line at Deer Lake Charlie's.

A fun way to meet your watershed neighbors!!!

Look for registration form insert in this newsletter



Deer Lake Watershed Association
 PO Box 23
 Effie, MN 56639



Trying to collect maple sap this spring!

WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

DNR Region II Office:.....	<u>218-327-4455</u>
DNR Division of Waters: (alteration of the bed of public waters):.....	<u>218-327-4416</u>
DNR Division of Fisheries: (removal or addition of aquatic plants, fish management:	<u>218-327-4430</u>
Itasca County:	
(zoning, landscape alterations or construction in shoreland within 1,000 feet of lakes or 300 feet from a river):.....	<u>218-327-2857</u>
Itasca SWCD: (wetland alterations, erosion control, shoreland restorations):.....	<u>218-326-0017</u>
Conservation Officer Jason Hansen.....	<u>218-832-7808</u>
T.I.P Hotline	<u>1-800-652-9093</u>
County Highway Engineer	<u>218-327-2853</u>
On-site wastewater treatment and well testing	
Itasca Zoning Office:.....	<u>218-327-2857</u>
or MN Extension Service:.....	<u>218-327-7486</u>
MN Lakes Association:.....	<u>218-824-5565</u> or <u>800-515-5253</u>

WEBSITES

MN DNR: www.dnr.state.mn.us	MN PCA: www.pca.state.mn.us
MN Lakes Association: www.mnlakesassn.org	DLWA Website: www.deerlakewatershed.org
MN Shoreland Management Guide: www.shorelandmanagement.org	