



# Lake Washburn Association NEWSLETTER

*Working to Protect our Beautiful Lake and its Environment for Future Generations*

## SUMMER 2009

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*Annual Meeting*

*Saturday, August 22nd at 5:00 p.m.*

*County Road 48 Pick Up*

*Saturday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m.*



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*by Ted Johnson*

### **Eurasian Watermilfoil Discovered in East Lake**

Unfortunately the DNR has discovered Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) in Lake Washburn. The DNR staff was doing some shoreline study work when they discovered plants near the public access in East Lake. Washburn is only the second lake in Cass County to be infested (Leech is the other).

The DNR now will survey the whole lake to locate any more EWM infestations. Then based on what is found Lake Washburn Association will develop a plan to combat the infestation.

This is terrible news, and the threat to our water quality, fishery, and property values is real. According to the Darrin Hoverson, Aquatic Biologist - Invasive Species Specialist, with the DNR, even when caught early lakes have had limited success in containing the infestations. Nevertheless Washburn might be able to fight the spread if we are vigilant and aggressive. Mr Hoverson also said that the healthier the body of water the less likely EWM is to spread.

EWM is most commonly spread when plant fragments find lake bottom to take root. Mr. Hoverson recommended not allowing the plants to be disturbed (which creates plant fragments) and trying to keep EWM from finding lake bottom where it can take root. Here are some things we can do right now to prevent or slow its spread:

- Do not use anchors. If used, clean them and the anchor rope thoroughly before moving to another part of the lake.
- When passing through any aquatic vegetation try to limit your speed and disturbance (trim up your motor). If you might have traveled through aquatic vegetation and might have some on your propeller, clean your propeller before leaving the area.
- Stop removing aquatic vegetation from your shoreline. That is like tilling a field for the EWM. If native vegetation is established it will often prevent EWM from taking root. If you use a weedroller or similarly clear native plants, EWM has a very easy time taking root, and will take over.

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT (from the front page)

- For boats traveling from East Lake to the rest of the lake strongly consider observing a no-wake zone from the beginning of the buoys and make sure your boat is clean. The reason for this is that the vegetation in that channel serves as a filter which will slow the spread from East Lake to the rest of Washburn.
- Buoy off the area where the plants are found to prevent boats or swimmers from fragmenting the plants. If they are undisturbed they will not fragment and spread.
- If you don't live on East Lake, if possible use private landings on the lake. This will reduce the traffic and disturbance at the site of the infestation.

According to Mr. Hoverson, EWM most commonly infests a lake near the public landing because the boat traffic clears native vegetation and this is where the plants are introduced.

This terrible news underscores the need for all owners at Lake Washburn to come together and get involved in the Lake Association. While the DNR will help with studies and advice, they will not implement a treatment plan for the lake - this burden rests with the Lake Washburn Association. While the Lake Association may be able to receive limited funds from the State to help manage and treat this problem, the process of obtaining this funding may take significant time.

Currently, less than 50% of the property owners on Lake Washburn are members of Lake Washburn Association and pay annual dues of \$25.00. Now more than ever, we need all property owners to join Lake Washburn Association and help us preserve our beautiful lake. If you are a member, we thank you for your continued involvement and support - please reach out to your neighbors and let them know that the work the Association does and will do makes a direct impact on their use and enjoyment of the lake. **We will not succeed in fighting this without everyone's financial support, volunteer time, and personal vigilance** to preserve the health of the lake.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for  
**Saturday, August 22nd, 5:00 p.m.**



Lake Washburn Association will be holding its Annual Meeting. We will have a **FREE** picnic supper and short business meeting to elect officers and three board members.

We will also be able to provide you with more information on the milfoil situation.

While the supper will be free, dessert contributions are welcome! If you would like to help defray the cost of the meal, donations will be accepted, but **NOT** required.

Come and enjoy a picnic supper and visit with friends and neighbors!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

## 2009 BOARD MEMBERS & STANDING COMMITTEES

Listed below are the 2009 Lake Washburn Association board members as well as their general responsibilities and the standing committee chairs. Please contact any of these with your questions, concerns, or suggestions.

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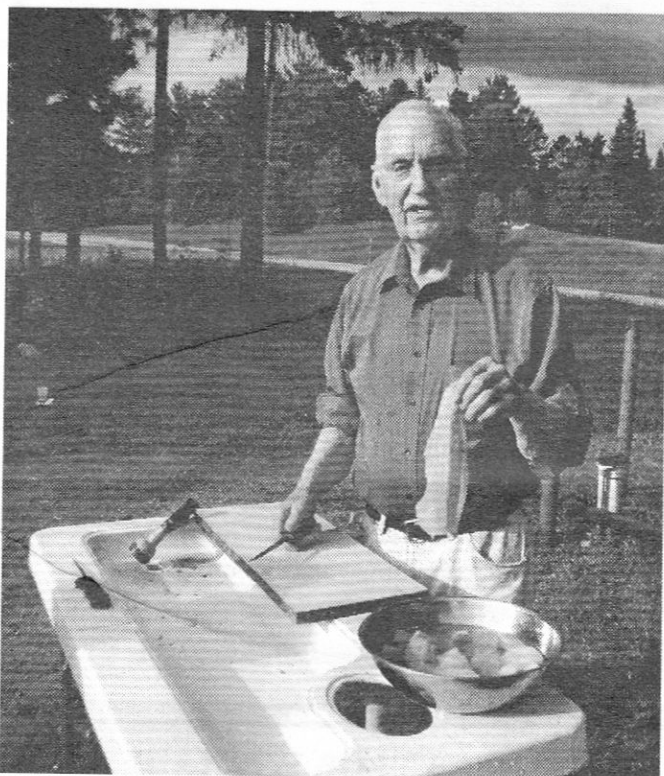
The spaghetti dinner was a huge success attended by more than 80 association members! A HUGE thanks to those of you who helped with the setup and clean up.

We would like to thank Howard Dutton who demonstrated his method for filleting northern pike (as well as large mouth and rock bass) at the June Spaghetti dinner.

Howard is pictured below with a boneless fillet from an 18-inch northern pike. About 35 folks took in the show. For those who missed it here are links to a couple of YouTube videos that are similar to Howard's technique - **Howard's is better, naturally!**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhKB-U9X9U8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uSGvrzjQjs>



## Northern Minnesota Meets Latin Cuisine!

*Submitted by Ted Johnson*

My wife and I started making ceviche from our abundant northern pike supply a couple of years ago. It is very good, healthy, and refreshing. Try it once and you might surprise yourself and love it. The fish is uncooked by heat but the lime juice chemically cooks it, changes the consistency and color (to pure white) and lime juice is antibacterial so it kills any parasites or germs just like cooking would.

### Peruvian Ceviche

**Serves 6-8**

This a great summer dish. It is cool and refreshing.

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs Northern Pike fillets or other firm white fish fillets, cubed (the marinating dissolves small bones so for northern below 18 inches you can leave the y-bone in and simply filet to remove the rib cage and backbone only).

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- 8-10 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 2 tsp fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 habanero, or a more mild, pepper, seeded and chopped (to taste)
- 8-12 limes, freshly squeezed and strained to remove pulp, enough to cover fish
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced and rinsed

Directions:

1. Combine all ingredients except red onion and mix well.
2. Place red onion on top and let it marinate in the refrigerator for at least 2-3 hours before serving.
3. Before serving, mix well and serve with lettuce, corn, avocado or other cold salad vegetables on the side.
4. It is important to use a juicer that squeezes the juice out of the limes, not one that will tear the membrane of the lime sections since this will make the lime juice bitter.
5. Serve with tostados or eat as a salad.

### Mexican Ceviche

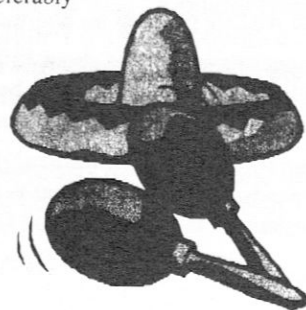
Similar to Peruvian ceviche and equally cool and refreshing.

Ingredients:

- 1 lb Northern Pike fillets or other firm white fish fillets (the marinating dissolves small bones so for northern less than 18 inches you can leave the y-bone in and simply filet to remove the rib cage and backbone only)
- 5-6 limes (enough juice to cover fish)
- 1 cup diced fresh tomato
- 1 green pepper, sweet, chopped
- 4 T chopped parsley or chopped cilantro
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp oregano
- 2 jalapeno peppers, chopped (to suit your taste)
- 2 T white vinegar
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 T fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 dash Tabasco sauce (to taste)
- lettuce leaf (to line serving bowls)
- avocado (optional)
- black olives, sliced (for garnish, optional)

Directions:

1. Dice the fish.
2. Marinate fish in the lime juice in the fridge overnight (this step cooks the fish).
3. Pour off most of the lime juice (just leave it moist).
4. Add remaining ingredients except lettuce, avocado and olive. Do this preferably a few hours before serving & refrigerate.
5. If you wish garnish with sliced avocado and sliced black olives.
6. Serve with tostados or eat as a salad.





## **CITIZEN LAKE MONITORING PROGRAM VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**



### **CLMP volunteer recognized for lake stewardship**

In October 2008, CLMP volunteer, Richard Nelles, was honored by 1,000 Friends of Minnesota and the Department of Natural Resources with a Lake Stewardship Award for his shoreline revegetation on Washburn Lake in Cass County, for removing an old cabin just 80 feet from the water's edge, and for placing 40 acres under a permanent conservation easement.

A resident of Lake Washburn for more than 60 years, Nelles loves the outdoors. For the past 38 years, he's been an avid DNR volunteer, trapping deer, martens, fishers, wolves and bears for research. Because of that

volunteerism, a lake neighbor informed Nelles about the Citizen Lake Monitoring Program (CLMP) ten years ago. He's been dipping the Secchi disk ever since.

Nelles said he enjoys being involved in the CLMP to help in part with protecting the water quality of the lake. "I have been on this lake since 1946, so believe me, I can relate to many changes to the lake," Nelles said.

After years of only one other neighbor on the east side of the lake, there are now more than 50 cabins and Nelles has seen how the extra boat traffic and development has affected the lake. Active on the lake association board, Nelles has helped to improve the lake quality by adding buoys in high-traffic areas and he also started an "adopt a loon" platform program on the lake a few years ago.

"When I do the water quality check [Secchi disk readings], I can also check out the loons," Nelles said. "We put out five to six new chicks a year with this program."

Johanna Schussler, CLMP program coordinator, said that it's a pleasure to work with dedicated individuals like Nelles. "The MPCA sincerely thanks Richard for all of the time and energy he puts into protecting and preserving the environment," Schussler said.

Nelles takes his commitments very seriously, even saying that his retirement is being a CLMP and DNR volunteer. "I am proud to be a volunteer," he said.

*Reprinted from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's "Secchi Reader", Spring 2009*

**CONGRATULATIONS, Richard!**

## **JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE**

*by Jack & Grace Schuller*

There was a 4th of July Boat Parade, held on Birch Bay. This was the 17th year for the parade. A record number (50) of boats participated from many areas of the lake. There were spectators in boats plus many spectators on shore. Some years have seen a Statue of Liberty and a "Train" among the decorated boats. The weather was the greatest with little wind and no rain and it wasn't too hot.

You should check it out next year!



## **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:**

When changing your address, please include the association in your list of those you need to notify. Because we want to keep our records updated we use the 'Address Service Requested' available from the post office. There is a charge for this service and by notifying LWA of your address change, it saves us money.

**ALSO . . .** If you know of someone who has sold their cabin or someone who is new to the lake and not receiving the newsletter, please let us know.

The next issue of the Newsletter will include "Remembering Our Washburn Lake Friends". While I have been notified of the loss of some of our members and seen obituaries in the paper, please send me any information you may have and want included in the next issue.

Send the above items to: Linda Snesrud c/o Lake Washburn Association, Box 26 Outing, MN 56662, or email me at [snesrud@usfamily.net](mailto:snesrud@usfamily.net).

**THANK YOU!**

## VALUES (from page 4)

### AQUATIC PLANTS SERVE MANY IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS:

#### Provide fish food

More food for fish is produced in areas of aquatic vegetation than in areas where there are no plants. Insect larvae, snails, and freshwater shrimp thrive in plant beds.

Sunfish--Minnesota's most sought-after game fish--eat aquatic plants in addition to aquatic insects and crustaceans.

#### Offer fish shelter

Plants provide shelter for young fish. Because bass, sunfish, and yellow perch usually nest in areas where vegetation is growing, certain areas of lakes are protected and posted by the DNR as fish spawning areas during spring and early summer. Northern pike use aquatic plants, too, by spawning in marshy and flooded areas in early spring.

#### Improve water clarity and quality

Certain water plants, like bulrushes, can absorb and break down polluting chemicals. Nutrients used by aquatic plants for growth are not available to algae. This reduces algae abundance improving water clarity. Aquatic plants also maintain water clarity by preventing the re-suspension of bottom sediments. Algae, which thrive on dissolved nutrients, can become a nuisance when too many submerged water plants are destroyed.

#### Protect shorelines and lake bottoms

Aquatic plants, especially rushes and cattails, dampen the force of waves and help prevent shoreline erosion. Submerged aquatic plants also weaken wave action and help stabilize bottom sediment.

#### Provide food and shelter for waterfowl

Many submerged plants produce seeds and tubers (roots), which are eaten by waterfowl. Bulrushes, sago pondweed, wild celery, and wild rice are especially important duck foods. Submerged plants also provide habitat to many insect species and other invertebrates that are, in turn, important foods for brooding hens and migrating waterfowl.

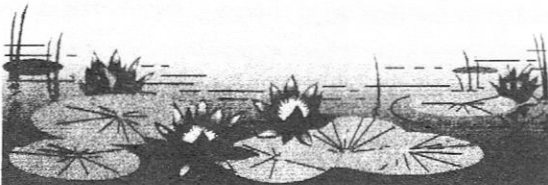
#### Improve aesthetics

The visual appeal of a lakeshore often includes aquatic plants, which are a natural, critical part of a lake community. Plants such as water lilies, arrowhead, and pickerelweed have flowers or leaves that many people enjoy.

#### Provide economic value

As a natural component of lakes, aquatic plants support the economic value of all lake activities. Minnesota has a huge tourism industry centered on lakes and the recreation they support. Residents and tourists spend more than \$1.5 billion each year to hunt, fish, camp, and watch wildlife on and around the state's lakes. The wild rice harvesting industry alone is worth at least \$2 million to Minnesota's economy.

Source: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/index.html>



## THE COST OF EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL!

by Ted Johnson

Bay Lake in Crow Wing County is not very dissimilar to Lake Washburn . . . They have an established Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) infestation and Lake Washburn has just discovered EWM. In order to keep it in check their Lake Association has grown in importance, and cost.

In 2007 the Bay Lake Association raised and spent around \$170,000 on milfoil treatment and water quality . Bay Lake has extremely high participation in their Association and boasts around 500 members. **Nevertheless that means the average cost per member was \$340 just because of milfoil!**

Bay lake is slightly larger (2400 acres) but if Washburn treated a similar infestation our cost would be well over \$100,000 per year! Moreover the effect on water quality and property values would be significant.

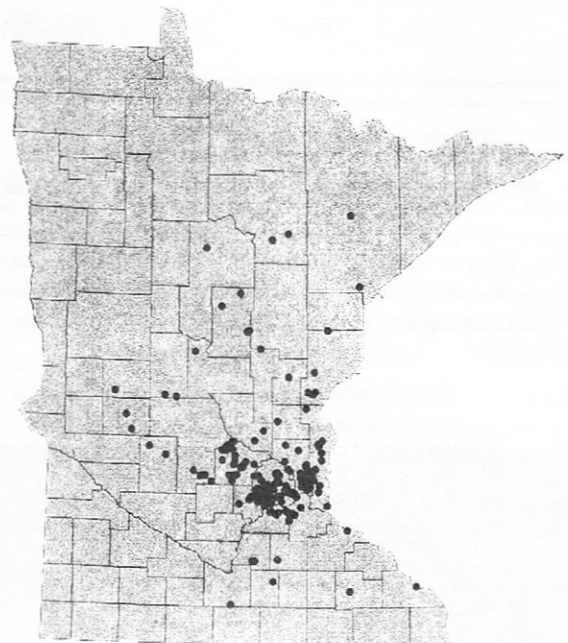
So what should we do:

- ◆ Monitor the Public Boat landing as much as possible!
- ◆ Owners of private landings should make sure that they do not allow an uninspected boat to access the Lake.
- ◆ Monitor the aquatic vegetation to detect the infestation in an early stage.
- ◆ Leave native aquatic vegetation in place because if removed infestation is more likely and spreads quickly as it has great habitat to take root.

Here are some internet sites that information of milfoil and how to identify it!

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/weeds/milfoil.html>

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticplants/milfoil/index.html>



DNR map of Eurasian Watermilfoil infested waters  
Source: [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticplants/milfoil/infestation\\_map.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticplants/milfoil/infestation_map.html)

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## How important is water quality and properly working septic systems to you? Here is how it ranked to other Crooked Lake residents.

**Crooked Lake Planning Commission  
Survey in May, 2004**

Question #6

- Drinking water and lake clarity depend on proper septic system operation. Should Crooked Lake Township work with Cass County to help bring septic systems in the Township into compliance?

Enthusiastic Yes

Sounds okay to me

Do not really know/no opinion

Really do not like that idea

**73 % affirmative response with 52% strongly affirmative**

**Five Year Services Needs: Water quality ranked #1**

**Survey of Landowners in the  
Pine River Watershed, 2006**

**Crooked Lake Township Responses**

- Local groups can be effective in maintaining or improving water quality.  
**69 of 90 (76%) of respondents agree with this statement.**
- Watershed sources of phosphorus are an important water quality problem.  
**66 of 77 (85%) of respondents agree with this statement.**

**Crooked Lake Township Visioning Workshop  
October 7, 2006**

Water quality, including erosion and pollution from road runoff and noncompliant septic systems, was among the top concerns of the citizens of Crooked Lake Township.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Boat Monitoring

By Ted Johnson &  
Brad Johnson

In 2008 the Association contracted with the DNR to have the boat landing staffed with a DNR worker who conducted inspections. The DNR charged the Association for the service and we spent just over \$2,300 for just under 200 hours of monitoring.

Due to concern over the cost versus the membership revenue we did not renew the contract for 2009, and have been using LWA volunteers to do inspections. The majority of feedback we received is that we should do more inspections and continue using a hired resource.

Assuming sufficient membership revenue, in 2010 we plan to use a hybrid and contract with a third party to do inspections for approximately 200 hours and then continue LWA volunteer inspections which we hope to approximate 100 hours. All tolled the 300 hours represents around 30% coverage during the summer.

If you would like to volunteer please indicate that on you membership forms, contact Linda Snesrud or the committee chair so your name and email is added to the contact list. Thank you to the boat monitors who helped us so far this summer:

#### Memorial Day :

Richard Nelles  
Marv Hildreth  
Jerry Ballard  
Pat & Ron Behning  
Rollie Hirman  
Wayne Lindblom  
Debbie & Steve Skalbeck  
Dale Hovind  
Chuck Johnson  
John Harris  
Ted Johnson  
Brad Johnson

#### 4th of July:

Jerry Ballard  
Ron Baker  
Dale Hovind  
Richard Nelles  
Dave & Linda Snesrud  
Ted Johnson  
Brad Johnson  
Sharon & David Reier  
George Fortmeyer

Over the 4th of July weekend 51 boats and trailers were checked. Of those, 27 were last used on Washburn and 24 were last used in other lakes. Four jetskis were checked as well.

### Newsletter Sponsors

Rollie Hirman has been doing this solely on his own and could use your assistance on his team to actively recruit sponsors or to refer potential new sponsors to him for his follow-up.

Please contact Rollie, his cabin phone is 218-792-5528 or email him at [hirmanrollie@brainerd.net](mailto:hirmanrollie@brainerd.net).

### Water Patrol

We would like to thank the following who are currently volunteering their time: Jerry Abts, Rick Blackmon, Gary Gabel, Rollie Hirman, Greg Hosch, Dan & Karen Laakso, Ron Nichols, Don Peterson, and Jon West.

If you have an interest in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Gary Gabel, 218-792-5709 or [gabelggsg@aol.com](mailto:gabelggsg@aol.com).

### County Road 48 Cleanup

Lake Washburn Association  
Annual County Road 48 Clean Up  
Please join us Saturday September 5th at 9:00 AM

What to bring:

- Gloves
- Sturdy shoes
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Blaze orange or brightly colored cap

Vests and bags will be provided

Meet at County Road 48 (Washburn Lake Road) and  
Longwood Point Road (Lake George Road)

Contact: Pat Behning  
218-792-5111  
[patb@brainerd.net](mailto:patb@brainerd.net)

A sign up sheet will be available at the Annual Meeting.

### Water Testing

by Linda Snesrud

Water testing is done 5 times a year, once a month during the months of May through September. There are four sites on the lake where testing is done: East basin, North basin, West basin, and Birch Bay.

Water samples are sent to RMB Environmental Laboratories in Detroit Lakes for testing. RMB has been testing our samples since 2005. Results for past years as well as the current year can be found on their website at [www.rmbel.info](http://www.rmbel.info) and click to enter 'Lakes Monitoring Database'.

Please feel free to contact Dave Snesrud with any questions He can be reached by email at [snesrud@usfamily.net](mailto:snesrud@usfamily.net) or by phone at 763-442-2183 and will be available as well at the August Annual Meeting.

### Loons & Wildlife

by Richard Nelles

We have seven loon platforms scattered around the lake. The following have "adopted" them and put them in and take them out.

Kevin and Susan Estvold – one platform  
Jerry Hagel and Greg Hosch – one platform  
John Harris and Jerry Abts – one platform  
Dick and Sandy Seelye – one platform  
Dave and Linda Snesrud – one platform  
Richard Nelles – two platforms .

As of July 4th we had 25 adult loons and five chicks. All of the chicks have come from the loon platforms.



COMMITTEE REPORTS continue on the next page

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Your Fisheries Committee Report

by John Harris

**Leadership Change:** Harold Cazier who headed up the Fisheries Committee stepped down last autumn because of health issues. John Harris agreed to fill the open position. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, you may contact John at: 792-5725 or at jnhnj@yahoo.com.

**Electro-fishing:** Electro-fishing tests were conducted on Sept 29th by the DNR and they plan to conduct a survey using nets this coming summer. The report provided by the DNR includes the following discussion:

*"Walleyes have been stocked into Washburn Lake on a somewhat regular basis since 1948. Stocking was discontinued in 1999 due to past evidence of significant natural reproduction. Stocking was resumed in 2005 and Washburn is currently stocked on a contingency basis if the fall YOY walleye electrofishing catch is below 15/hr.*

*Night electrofishing was done on September 29, 2008 to monitor the abundance of young-of-the-year walleyes (YOY). The surface water temperature was 64 degrees F. The total sample time was 2 hours resulting in a YOY walleye catch rate of 7.5/hr run-time.*

*The YOY catch rate has been as high as 28.8/hr (1999). These fish ranged in size from 4.6 to 6.1 inches. Walleyes that were age one and older were captured at the rate of 11.0/hr run-time. These fish ranged in size from 8.3 to 26.8 inches and had a mean length of 12.2". Aging showed that 32% of the fish were from the 2007 year class when walleyes were not stocked. Growth was normal."*

This is a bad news/good news report. The bad news is that although improved, the young walleye catch rate is still very low. The good news is that we should be in line for further fingerling stocking this autumn.

**Fingerlings stocked:** The DNR "stocked" 748 lbs of walleye fingerling in Lake Washburn on Nov 6th, 2008. This represents approximately 15,525 young walleye that will hopefully have success in maturing to catchable size within the next two - three years. LWA and the DNR Fisheries Dept have been working together closely for several years to improve the fishing experience for anglers on Lake Washburn and this is one outcome of that cooperation. Greg Hosch reported that the very next day a couple of otter were seen munching happily on what appeared to be small walleye. If we don't get more walleye out of this we'll at least have chubbier otter!

**Crappie/bass spawning bed survey:** The DNR was scheduled to assist the Committee in locating crappie and bass spawning beds in late May. However, the cool (cold), windy weather delayed the spawn or perhaps even stopped it. The DNR reports that in cold springs it is not unusual for crappies and bass to absorb the eggs and not spawn at all. In any event, the study was not conducted this year. We'll try again in 2010.

**Catch and Release:** It is tough to catch walleye on Washburn. And when you do catch a really nice one, the temptation is to keep it for both bragging rights and a meal. However, those big walleye are usually females in the prime reproduction stage of life. Did you know that 55% of the 2.5 lb (19") walleye are female? This

increases to 65% at 3 lbs (20") and 85% at 5 lbs (24"). Consider releasing any walleye over 2.5-3.0 lbs. Also, northern over 27". It'll help the fishery.

**Fishing log:** We are still trying to determine how many active fishing hours it takes to catch game fish on Washburn. If you actually fish (not just dragging a line while on a "cocktail cruise" please pick up a log sheet in the box at the public landing and keep track of how long it takes to catch walleye, northern and or bass. When the log is full or at the end of the season, get it to Howard Dutton. This is just another way for us to help the DNR improve fishing on the lake.

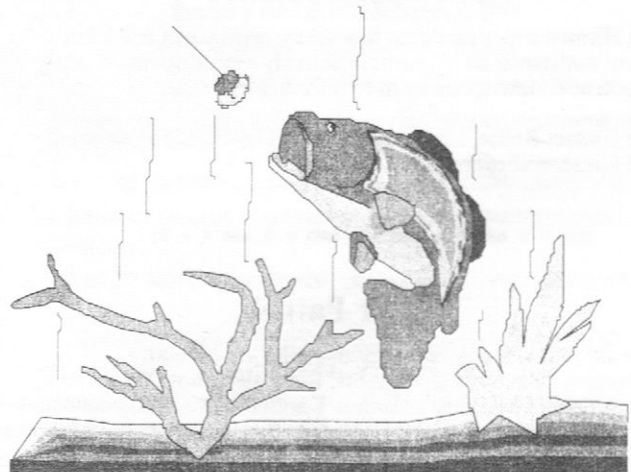
### Buoys

Buoys have been a problem area for the Association for the past couple of years. In the past generous members of the Association took care of buoys and stored them, put them out, monitored them, and took them in. Over time many of these volunteers have become physically unable to continue because the buoys are heavy and awkward for young strong people to handle let alone more senior lake residents. So we tried to have a local vendor, Brian Olds, help us, but we did not do our share of directing, supervising, and organizing. Late lake ice-outs and equipment problems also caused the buoys to be incomplete and not always accurately placed.

So here is the plan going forward. We have a map of the lake which shows all the buoys, and we have labeled them. We have recorded the correct GPS coordinates for those buoys and all that information will be available shortly on our website: [www.minnesotawaters.org/LWA](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/LWA). Any time you notice that a buoy appears out of place or is missing call the Chairperson of the buoy committee and he/she will check into it as soon as possible. The person will listed on the website, and right now that person is Ted Johnson ([ttjohnsonCPA@comcast.net](mailto:ttjohnsonCPA@comcast.net) or 612-619-6533).

Please remember a couple of things though!

- Not every rock and shallow area is marked, nor can be marked.
- When going to parts of the lake with which you are not familiar, exercise caution and consult a lake map with depths in advance.
- When two buoys are in a channel, pass between them with care. When you see buoys in the center of the lake this is marking a rock or rock pile—stay away and do not pass between them!



## COMPARE WHAT YOUR DUES CAN DO

<b>LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>STATE, COUNTY, ETC.</b>
<p><b>Fishery:</b> Successfully lobbies to make sure that Washburn Lake is included in walleye stocking programs. Works closely with the DNR to identify game fish spawning beds. Works to increase our knowledge of the fishery.</p>	<p><b>Fishery:</b> Fish testing and stocking</p>
<p><b>Buoys:</b> Maintains buoy system including installation and removal. Works with the Cass County Sheriff's Department to obtain buoys and buys supplies to repair buoys.</p>	<p><b>Buoys:</b> Provides buoys and most materials. There are not any Cass County lakes for which the Sheriff's department maintains the buoys.</p>
<p><b>Water Patrols:</b> Perform regular water patrols of the lake each year.</p>	<p><b>Water Patrols:</b> Supplies a boat for the volunteer water patrols. Patrols the lake a few times per year.</p>
<p><b>Water Quality:</b> Obtains water samples at 4 sites five times a year and sends them for testing.</p>	<p><b>Water Quality:</b> Minnesota Pollution Control Agency monitored the lake in 1986 and 2004 as part of the Lake Assessment Program.</p>
<p><b>Water Clarity Testing:</b> Volunteers take secchi disk readings at multiple sites weekly throughout the year.</p>	<p><b>Water Clarity Testing:</b> Citizen Lake Monitoring Program maintains data and makes available to the public.</p>
<p><b>Roads:</b> Has adopted County Road 48 and cleans it twice a year.</p>	<p><b>Roads:</b> Provides and maintains roads.</p>
<p><b>Community Support:</b> Provides financial support for local volunteer services. (EMTs, Fire, severe weather warning siren, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Community Support:</b> Provides protection (Cass County Sheriff)</p>
<p><b>Exotic Invasive Species:</b> Treats Purple Loosestrife infestation which was found in 2007 by an association member. Monitors boat traffic to help prevent the introduction of exotic invasive species.</p>	<p><b>Exotic Invasive Species:</b> Provides signage at the public landing. The DNR did an aquatic vegetation survey in 2006.</p>
<p><b>Loons:</b> Built and maintains 7 loon platforms for loon nesting grounds. (Most of the lake's loon reproduction comes from these platforms.) Monitors the loon population and reports to the DNR.</p>	<p><b>Loons:</b> The DNR maintains Volunteer Loon Survey Program records.</p>
<p><b>Voluntary Annual Dues:</b> <b>\$25.00</b></p>	<p><b>Mandatory (Estimated Average) Annual Real Estate Taxes:</b> <b>\$1500.00</b></p>

## 2009 MEMBERS

The following **120** property owners (and immediate family members) are 2009 members of Lake Washburn Association. This is less than 50% of all property owners! We need everyone's support. If you don't see a friend or neighbor listed, urge them to join.

**Thanks to those of you who are supporting the Association!!**

- Abts, Jerry & Judy  
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Appel, Marty & Karen  
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Barron, Ruth  
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THERE'S STILL TIME...



TO SEND IN YOUR 2009 DUES

(Check your mailing label for your membership status.)

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THANK YOU!!!

Reminder: Joint property owners may each be members as well as other adult family members.

Have you checked out the Lake Washburn Association web site?

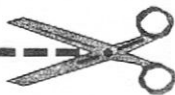
If you are not already aware, our Association has a website, located at www.minnesotawaters.org/LWA. The website is a convenient, always-on place for you to find out Association details such as our mission, projects, Board of Directors information, and the calendar of Association events. The website shares some interesting statistics about the lake as well as maps and photos of nature around the lake.

We are currently planning some improvements, including a "swap" area where lake residents can list items for sale on the lake or items they are looking for. We will soon begin sending newsletters out through email so they are easier for you to share with friends and family and will allow us to direct more Association funds toward fishing and water quality improvements. Newsletters will be archived on the website so you can always refer back to them at the source.

What else would you like to see? Let us know!

Contact: Scott Mark
Cabin: 218-792-5873
Home: 651-488-9773
scottandkellymark@comcast.net

Please include your email address. If you do not have one please indicate that as well. In an increased effort to provide you with timely information, and soon to have the option of receiving the Newsletter by email, we are developing a list of email addresses. Please be assured that we protect your privacy and will not provide or otherwise share this information with anyone outside of the Association.



Lake Washburn Association

2009 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Please check your mailing label for your membership status.)

Annual Membership Dues: \$25.00\* (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

New Renewal Contribution Only

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City/State Zip Phone #

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City Zip Phone #

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State/Zip I will be at this address from until

I am interested in participating as marked:

- Board Position County Road 48 Cleanup Boat Monitoring Buoy Markers Fish Committee
Water Quality Water Patrol Milfoil & Other Invasive Species Prevention & Treatment

I would like to make an additional donation\* in the amount of \$ to support:

- General Fund Milfoil and other Exotic Species Prevention and Treatment

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