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- A Wolf's Winter

Introduction to the new President:

Who is Ron Reich and how did he get a place on Lake Washburn

I was born on the South Side of Chicago the same year that the USA entered the War with Japan. My father worked in management at US Steel South Works and was not able to take vacation during the war. After the war a friend of Dad's retired and bought a resort on Pelican Lake near Orr, Minnesota. Therefore in the summer of 1946 we took our first family two-week vacation, fishing on Pelican Lake. Large northern were quite plentiful back then, but Dad, Mom and I were not very experienced at catching fish. We had to beach the boat and drag our first fish, a 6-pound northern, up on shore, obviously not catch and release.

We repeated the fishing trips to MN every summer. Even the year Dad was locked in during a strike, Mom and I rode up with friends. Dad's position with US Steel motivated visits to the open pit iron ore mines and associated mining activities in the Virginia/Hibbing area. These day trips provided a diversion from fishing for two weeks straight. This ritual was repeated every summer until I entered University of Illinois and opted to work summers to pay for college. I graduated from Illinois in 1962 and due to my familiarity with MN, passed on engineering job offers on the east and west coast and accepted a position with Control Data Corporation, at that time an unknown start up computer company. Nancy, my high school sweetheart, and I were married in fall of 1962 and started our life in MN. The move to Minneapolis allowed us to continue enjoying summer in northern MN if only on weekends and holidays. It wasn't many years later we, like many Minnesotans, decided that owning a cabin was a better option than making a reservation at the resort. Therefore in the spring of 1969 we began a serious search for a place up north. Our ideal spot was a north woods location similar to Pelican Lake where the fishing was good and you could not see your neighbors. I still remember Steve Cannon, the perennial Iron Ranger commenting on WCCO, "It's not a real Minnesota Lake if you look to shore and see a herd of cows!" First we searched close to the city in the Cambridge area, then the Mille Lacs Lake area and finally ran into a hustling real estate agent at the Gallery of Homes in the Outing Area, Gerry Smedberg. It seemed like every Friday I would come home for lunch and Gerry would be sitting in the living room showing Nancy a number of places he had available for us to visit that weekend. Finally Memorial Day weekend Gerry showed us a place on Washburn built by Zig Johnson in 1967. It was a shell cabin on frost block with no indoor plumbing. Zig's place was less than ideal but had all the woods, no lawn, almost 3 acres with 300 ft on the lake and, most of all, it did not appear there were cows anywhere around the lake. It had possibilities, and so in the middle of July 1969 we bought it.

At the time Nancy and I were counselors for the youth group at our church, Mt Hope in Bloomington. The youth group was always looking for something to do on the weekends, so within 3 weeks we planned an extended weekend to our cabin. Shortly after noon on an exceptionally hot and muggy Wednesday Nancy, Kristine (our 2 year old), and the other youth group leader set out for Washburn Lake with two cars full of youth. Since I was working, I planned to bring up a group on Friday. Most of you probably don't remember Aug 6 1969, but the two cars of youth drove on Highway 6 past Simmons Log Cabin Resort approximately 3:30pm; shortly before 4:02 the infamous Outing Tornado hit Simmons resort, jumped across Roosevelt Lake and destroyed three cabins at the **Bethany Bible Camp**. The news of the disaster was sketchy when it aired on the evening TV news that night, however I still recall seeing film clips of youth being treated in the Crosby Hospital along with the commentary that youth from Bloomington were injured by a tornado in Outing. **Bethany Bible Camp** was part of Bethany Fellowship of Bloomington, so shortly I began receiving many anxious calls from worried parents. I couldn't tell them anything,

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Cabin owners beware! Hire licensed service providers!

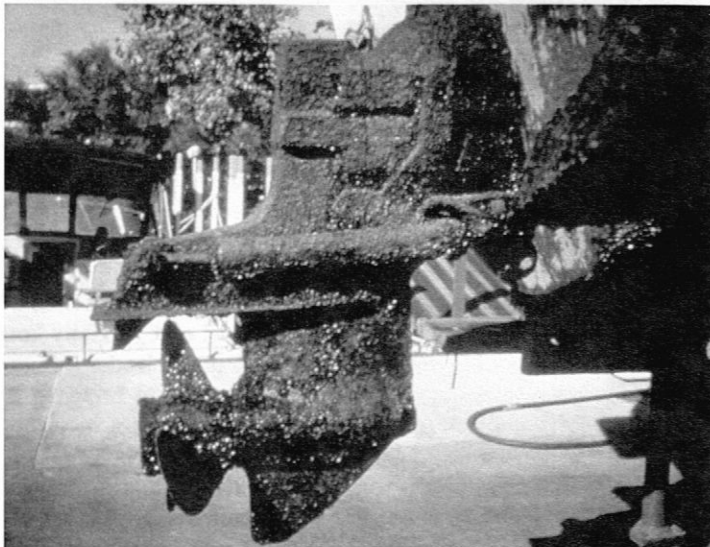
Do you have a service provider put in your dock, lifts or swimming platforms? Does a local marine ever put in your boat for you? If so, make sure you and the person you hired stay on the right side of the new AIS Legislation!

According to the law, service providers are individuals or businesses hired to install or remove water-related equipment, such as boats, docks, boat lifts or structures, from waters of the state. They are now required to obtain a permit from the DNR before providing any of those services. The DNR will begin to implement and enforce this during the 2012 open water season.

All service providers must complete invasive species training and pass an examination in order to obtain a permit. A new page on the DNR website provides information about service provider training and permitting.

Service providers' employees are also required to complete DNR aquatic invasive species training, which will be offered online. Those employees will be able to log on to a training Web page, complete the training about aquatic invasive species, laws and precautions, and receive a printed certificate upon completion. This online training will be made available by March on the DNR website. Service providers' employees will not be able to complete AIS training in person or take the in class examination.

Service providers that previously attended in person training in 2011 are required to pass the new exam.



This zebra mussel coated boat is an obvious instance of a boat which can not be moved into a non infested water! A certified service provider will also understand the more subtle ways of avoiding the spread of AIS.

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Fisheries Report Good Walleye on the Horizon?

by John N Harris

Now that we are in the "hard water" time of year there is not a whole lot of activity to report. I'm sure that the game fish are all taking life nice and easy, getting fat and sassy while identifying new structure in which to hide come the "soft water" fishing season. Hopefully the upcoming fishing season will not bring additional invasive species to our lake. You can help assure that doesn't happen. Here's what has occurred since the last report:

Electro-fishing: The DNR conducted what has become an annual electro-fishing test on Washburn. The purpose of the test is to try to determine if natural reproduction and/or stocking took hold. It is described as a very effective way of maintaining high quality walleye populations. The test target is the very young fish; for the most part, larger fish are not involved. This year, the testing was done the night of Oct 3rd. Final analysis of the results will not be ready until about March-April but the sense was that the results were better than usual. In fact, the preliminary results are very exciting! Here's what Mike Knapp, Assistant Area Fisheries Supervisor reports:

The catch rate of young-of-the-year (YOY) walleyes was the highest to date at 46.9/hr. Though preliminary, I would not expect that number to change. Also, for reference, the 2010 catch was 47.1/hr which included the frylings that were stocked earlier that year. Previous high catches resulting exclusively from natural reproduction were 28.8/hr (1999) and 27.0/hr (2009). We had good catches in other lakes as well (including Big Thunder), so 2011 was a good year for walleye recruitment.

The short version is this, with three consecutive good years of walleye recruitment in Washburn, if they can survive the gauntlet of northern pike and bass, there should be plenty of "eaters" in the next few years.

We'll be out there again to electrofish next fall with a planned netting in 2013. Thanks for your interest and the opportunity to contribute something for the newsletter. I would think the recent trend in walleye recruitment, particularly from natural

reproduction, would be of interest to folks, especially since the AMA is located on a prime walleye spawning area identified by you folks. That's definitely a success story."

A final report will be provided in the Spring.

Bear Paw Point: This is the "AMA" (Aquatic Management Area) referenced in the quote by Mike Knapp. I am including this under the Fisheries Report because the area acquired by the DNR along Bear Paw Point includes one of the two most important walleye spawning areas on Washburn. Late this autumn, the DNR cleared a trail and posted signs indicating what is public land vs. private. If you go into this area, please avoid trespassing upon the private property.

Ice Fishing: At Christmas-time, the grandkids were at first disappointed that they were unable to go sledding because of a lack of snow. That disappointment was quickly forgotten as the lake was one big, fun, skating rink. There was about 10" of clear but cracked ice in front of our cabin on Birch Bay. A couple of pickups were seen parked on the ice alongside the owners' fish houses. We drilled a few holes and tried fishing but caught nothing...we couldn't even drown the minnows impaled on our hooks (wouldn't it be nice if the minnows lasted so well in the summertime?). I did hear of a few small northern and perch being caught; no word on walleyes or crappies but then, I didn't have an opportunity to talk with many anglers. This unusual winter has created a possible ice hazard. No snow means that access to the ice via car or truck is much easier so more people than usual may be inclined to drive on the ice. But, while the ice appears to be safe, the changing weather conditions and the sun shining through the ice could result in areas of rotten ice. If you have a need to drive on the ice, please do what I would do...drive with the window open and, try to talk your fishing buddy into using his vehicle.



Photograph courtesy of Sue & Gary Gabel.

Ron Reich Introduction....Continued

because we did not have a phone at our cabin and of course cell phones **had not yet been invented!** Nancy and the group, safe at the cabin, heard about the disaster on a Brainerd radio station and immediately set about to find a phone to contact me. Since highway 6 was closed to the south by debris they had to make their way up to Remer and finally called me about 8:30pm to say they were all ok. I called anxious parents who were all relieved that our group was safe and not the Bloomington youth group in the news report. Obviously God was watching over Nancy and our youth group. Unfortunately, as you may recall 10 individuals lost their lives and many more were injured in that disaster that day.

Welcome to cabin ownership in Northern MN. The next summer Fletcher's drilled a well for us and after installing a pump we had running water. (However we still enjoy the taste of spring water and make trips to the DNR Fisheries spring.) Constantly nervous with every approaching thunderstorm, in spring 1973 we had the cabin lifted and installed a full basement, i.e. Tornado Shelter. Here is a photo of Kristine and the cabin being raised during construction of the basement.



Well that's how we ended up on Washburn over 40 years ago. Since then we have spent many hours fishing and enjoying the north woods with our family, Kristine & Jon DCamp, AJ 17, Heidi 14; Karoline & Dave Warner, Maiya 5. Oh yes and just a few hours working on improvement projects. I retired in 2000 from General Dynamics. The Space and Defense Systems Division of Control Data transitioned to Computing Devices a division of Ceridian and eventually was bought by General Dynamics. Since retirement I have had a little more time to spend at Lake Washburn. In spring of 2003 Nancy & I attended a Shoreland Volunteer class in Grand Rapids. In June 2005 we participated with a large group of club members in an all day

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Searching for EWM: Lesson Learned & Volunteers Needed

As discussed in the last newsletter we are making great headway in containing and pushing EWM out. One thing we learned this year is that we need to do more surveying later in the summer. EWM and Northern Water milfoil can come in later in the summer and then grow into early September. This past summer we scuba-surveyed a great deal early in the summer and found nothing. On our final dive we found a small patch, an Eastlake Resident helped find another small spot a couple of weeks later. We treated and hope to have knocked it out.

The lesson was — time spent in August is valuable, and we should focus more efforts in that period. So next year we will try to get as many divers, snorkelers, kayakers, and boaters out on the **weekend of August 17th 2012**. Snorkelers and boaters are helpful that late in the year because often plants have grown close enough to the surface to be visible, and we have some shallow areas well suited to snorkeling. If weather is poor we can try again the following weekend, but one morning that weekend is likely to be suitable weather. More to come....

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Shoreland workshop that replanted two Washburn Lake properties. The story of how these properties have been successfully transformed has been covered in previous newsletters. The main objective of Shoreland Volunteers is to promote awareness of the damage that runoff and chemicals can do to our lake and to educate property owners on ways to transform their lakeshore into an ecologically friendly native plant environment that will preserve both their lakeshore and the water quality of Lake Washburn. For the last eight years I have also been working with the Pollution Control Agency as a Citizen Lake and Stream Monitor taking SECCI readings of Lake Washburn and reporting lake clarity to the PCA. In a future article I will cover more information on SECCI reading and associated technology.

I have also been involved with the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee, though ever so slightly. The major kudos for battling Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) go to Past President and current newsletter Editor, Ted Johnson, for without Ted's leadership and tenacity Lake Washburn would be in a much more vulnerable position with respect to EWM. Ted has taken the battle against EWM personally and as noted elsewhere in the newsletter the amount of EWM discovered and treated in 2011 is significantly less than previous years. Through the efforts of Ted and many others on the AIS committee we appear to have EWM in check; **however we cannot afford to let up in our efforts in the battle**. I urge each of you to keep on the lookout for EWM. We know it is still present in the lake so it could sprout up anywhere next spring, consequently we must remain vigilant. Once again Thank You Ted for all your work on AIS; your shoes will be very difficult to fill.

This past summer I have been involved in obtaining the proper

location of marker buoys. As you know the club assists the Cass County Sherriff to maintain safe boating on the lake. To that end we are attempting to determine accurate GPS locations for the navigation buoys that we maintain for the Sherriff on the lake. Our goal for this effort is to publish a map on the web site showing the locations and GPS coordinates for the buoys. Hopefully copies will be posted at the public landings and made available at the resorts. Steve Carlson and Scott Mark are working on this project and should have the initial map available in the newsletter. As you review the map, if you believe buoys are not properly located or additional hazardous areas are in need of buoys, please let us know.

At our fall directors meeting we discussed vision, goals, and objectives for the Lake Washburn Association. The Board of Directors needs your input on topic. In spring we will be developing a visioning activity but in the meantime feel free to send us your thoughts concerning what you believe our Lake Association should be about.

Finally I would encourage every owner to get involved with your lake association to help preserve the lake and surrounding environment for our children and grandchildren. Below are just some of the activities where we need help. Please write, call or email me with your questions comments and concerns.

- Officer or Director
- Boat Monitoring
- Highway 48 Clean Up
- Shoreland Volunteer
- Loon Watch
- Meeting Arrangements and Speakers

Wishing you all a great 2012,

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Another Account of Finding a Way Home

By Bob Lundquist

I was delighted to read "Finding a Way Home" by Bob Holman in the Autumn newsletter of the LWA. It brought back so many memories, I simply had to write.

My family first visited Lake Washburn in 1952 when I was five years old. We lived in St. Paul, and my father, a mid-level executive with 3M, had heard of this remarkable place, Birch Bay Lodge. We would rent a cabin from the Mechelkes' every summer, at first one week, then two weeks, and before I left for college, three weeks. My folks loved it, and it was a paradise for kids. Pat and Glen (and Ed and Alice) had made it so. They all had the patience of Job, Glen taking his guests water skiing on Wednesdays and Sundays. Beyond the woods, the lake, the sky, there was an archery range, tennis court, skunk hunts, hay rides, pot luck night, and for the kids, square dances and ping pong on certain nights.

I was there at Birch Bay Lodge, I swear, on the night Bob writes about. I was a teenager, as well, though a few years younger. Those evenings of the square dances were very special for us teenagers. We would fire up the Mechelkes' jukebox and have at it - - I think they kept the coin box open so that we could "recycle". One of the highlights of those evenings was watching the kids from elsewhere on the lake come over in their boats (word of these events was spread quickly and widely in those days). I remember the thrill of watching Bob drive up in his classic light blue speed boat, which had fins bigger than an old Chrysler, sporting a huge tower of a Mercury outboard. It was so magnificent as it gracefully arched out in the lake and slowed down to come to the Birch Bay docks. (It was rivaled only by the Towner's wooden Chris Craft Hornet, and later Dick Seelye's bullet of a boat.) In one sense, there was some hesitation in seeing these guys come - - they were older, and cooler, and were from the well-to-do North Lake where people actually owned cabins and homes. However, it turned out that they were all good, decent guys, and coming along with them were girls, especially Penny and Connie Towner, Johnnie's little sisters. (Johnnie Towner is a legend at the lake - - among other things, he is the architect of placing a Volkswagen on the Birch Bay swimming dock, and moving it out to sea.) Steve Reynolds and his brother Ken also made their appearance. Their boat was not too shabby either.

A good time was had by all, twirling, stomping, and allemandeing left, playing ping pong and socializing. We learned a lot about people, and life, in those times. I do indeed remember one night when a storm came up, and these folks had to hit the trail in their boats.

Though not trying to better Bob's story, here is another for posterity regarding our beautiful lake:

As we got older the square dancing/ping pong events moved to "The Point". (Not to be confused with Dead Man's.) Just down from the Birch Bay beach, on the east side of the lake, is The Point, which we all used for water skiing in the day time, as it has a steep drop off a matter of ten feet or so from the beach (the deepest part of the lake is there in that bay, going to 120 feet.) On the weekends or special evenings, the teenagers would adjourn to The Point for a fire, guitars, and the moon and the stars. And music.

On one of these nights, Penny Towner (a girl of every teenage boy's dreams - - beautiful, musical, humorous and classy) had brought her little sister Connie (no slouch herself), several years younger than I was. Connie had to get home, on the North Lake. Penny asked to get her there by her curfew. I had gone out to The Point in our fourteen foot Alumna Craft with an old five hp Evinrude. My dad had put on a cover to the flashlight, with red on one side and green on the other, port and starboard.

The fire was glowing, and guitars were humming, along with classic folk songs. Though I did not wish to leave, it was indeed my "duty". This was the first time I was out on the lake at night, beyond going back to our cabin, a few hundred yards down. It was a beautiful, starry night. It was calm, though I heard other boats out there. I kept the "running lights" held in my hand, working the old Evinrude with the other. We made it through the Big Lake, the Narrows, and across the North Lake. I dropped her off at the Towner dock and waited until I saw her get to the door. I had done my duty.

The trip back home was a mystical experience. Alone on the lake in the dark, I relied on my rudimentary knowledge of the way home. Though I loved to have that old outboard at full throttle, I was not so bold going through the Narrows. In the Big Lake I saw a shooting star. I stopped and shut down the motor. Stars, the Milky Way. Silence. Then the sound of a loon, and once the hum of the internal combustion had faded, frogs, from the shores of bays and inlets in the distance. I was experiencing Heaven. No worries. I felt responsible, important, and blessed.

After a quick stop at The Point to report a successful journey, I had to get back to our cabin with our little boat. I slept well that night. I dreamt of new friends, new possibilities.

Bob Lundquist and his family bought a couple of Mechelkes' Birch Bay Lodge cabins in the late seventies after Bob's dad passed on. (One of those is the very cabin they were staying in on the night of the story.) He and his family, who now live in all points of the compass, return to Birch Bay every summer, and at other times. Bob is a semi-retired lawyer living in Tucson, Arizona.

News Bits from around the State

Zebra Mussels invade Seven more Lakes

Zebra mussels infested seven more Minnesota lakes in 2011, including Lake Irene in Douglas County, a full 60 miles from the nearest known infestation. DNR believes a boat lift transferred from an infested lake is the culprit. Mussels were concentrated on the feet and tubing of a boat lift transported to that lake.

The invasive critters were also discovered earlier in Rose Lake in Otter Tail County. It is not known how the zebras traveled there, but inter-lake boats are the prime suspects. DNR plans to treat the small area in Lake Irene with copper sulfate, a common chemical used to treat snails that cause swimmers itch. The treatment, a test, was done this fall by a licensed aquatic pesticide contractor. DNR is hoping early detection and rapid response might prevent an infestation. They won't know if the treatment works until next summer.

Boat owner nabbed at public access

In one of the first known instances of the new anti-AIS law being enforced, a boater from the Twin Cities area was stopped and legally cited this summer for his boat carrying suspect vegetation and its boat plug still in while being transported north to a Crow Wing county lake.

It happened on **Lower Hay Lake, part of the Whitefish chain**, as a result of a DNR-certified AIS inspector on site spotting the boat at the public access. Upon inspection he saw what turned out to be Eurasian milfoil, as suspected, on the boat about to enter the lake. (It never did get into the water. It was stopped at water's edge.) **The DNR-trained AIS inspector** contacted the local conservation officer who confirmed the boat was (1) carrying milfoil

and (2) was being transported with its boat plug in, both violations of the AIS law passed in the last term of the legislature, with help of the state's lake associations.

Minnesota Lists 500 Bodies of Water as Impaired

Minnesota is adding another 500 lakes and stretches of river to its list of impaired waters.

This new list brings the total number of impaired rivers and lakes to more than 3,600. Impaired means the waters have excess nitrogen, phosphorus, mercury, bacteria or other pollutant to support activities like swimming or fishing, or even to provide healthy habitats for fish and wildlife.

Listing these lakes and rivers is the first step in attempts to fix them. But some critics say the state isn't doing what it takes to clean up the pollution. Once they're on the list, the state works with local governments and citizen groups to design clean-up plans. So far, researchers have found that about 40 percent of Minnesota's waters are impaired.

The federal Clean Water Act requires states to update their list of impaired waters every two years. Minnesota is one-fifth of the way through surveying its nearly 12,000 lakes and nearly 70,000 miles of rivers and streams.

In the nearly twenty years these efforts have been under way, about 900 clean-up plans have been approved or are being developed. But only 15 water bodies have been removed from the list because of actual clean-up.

County 48 Clean-up Volunteers Needed!

County Road 48 Cleanup is scheduled for 9 June. We need volunteers to do about an hour's work along 48 picking up trash. We would like the volunteers to meet at the Lake Washburn boat landing at 10 AM to receive instructions, orange vests and bags. After completing the cleanup, please leave the vests and bags at the corner of Peninsula Road and County 48. Cass County will pick up the bags the following week.

Important Training For Boat Inspectors!

The Lake Washburn Association has organized a training session May 19 at 9-11 AM at the Narrows for Boat Inspectors. This class will teach its participants to conduct inspections and help the DNR enforce the new AIS legislation. This is a critical piece of our strategy to stop the spread of AIS. Contact Bob Holman (outingbob@gmail.com) or Keith Alquist (612 799 5787).

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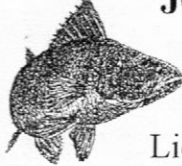
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Becker County COLA Champions AIS Summit

Though the bill signed into state law by Gov. Mark Dayton at the end of the 2011 legislative session was a positive step, there is still much work to be done when it comes to preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species infestation in Minnesota lakes.

“The law signed by the governor on May 27 didn’t go far enough,” says Terry Kalil, vice president of the Becker County Coalition of Lake Associations.

This is part of the message that area water quality organizations hope to bring to state legislators at the second annual Aquatic Invasive Species Legislative Summit, which took place Saturday, Jan. 14 in the conference center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College-Detroit Lakes.

The summit, which was based on the theme “Bold Action Now,” is intended to show the urgency of taking action to shield Minnesota lakes from infestation from aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil and spiny water fleas.

Kalil points to a recently filed court case in which a 54-year-old North Dakota man has been accused of moving a boat lift from Lake Lizzie — a lake known to be infested with zebra mussels — to Rose Lake, near Vergas, without taking the necessary steps to decontaminate the lift.

The man, identified as George Wynn, has been charged with a misdemeanor, which carries a maximum penalty of a \$1,000 fine and 90 days in jail under Minnesota law.

Yet the cost of treating Rose Lake with chemicals this past fall in an attempt to prevent the spread of the zebra mussels has already risen to \$18,000, says Kalil. What makes this such a concern to area lake associations, Kalil noted, is that Rose Lake is located at the top of the Ottetail River, which has more than 80 lakes located farther downstream.

“The potential for damage downstream (if the zebra mussels spread) is tremendous,” she says. “They (the Legislature) have got to do more in the way of penalties.”

“The goal of the summit is to provide legislators with a clear understanding of the challenges AIS pose for local governments, business, tourism, anglers and property owners,” says Dick Hecock, president of Becker County COLA.

In order to further this goal, many of the speakers at the Jan. 14 summit were “real world people” who have been directly affected by AIS infestation, Kalil adds.

For instance, Erika Johnson, a fourth generation resident of Pelican Lake, will talk about the impact zebra mussels have had on her family’s memories of summers spent on the lake.

“She’ll be showing a video of kids’ bloody feet getting bandaged (after being cut on the sharp edges of the zebra mussel shells),” Kalil says.

Scott Mehlhaff, owner of both the Lodge on Lake Detroit and the Best Western Holland House in Detroit Lakes, will discuss the potential impact of AIS infestation not only his family’s business, but also local tourism and lakeshore property values.

Barry Chouinard, tournament director for FM Walleye, Inc., will discuss the reasons why AIS decontamination is such a huge issue for his organization, and how the tournament protocols that have been implemented in other states can serve as a model for this state as well.

“Fishing tournaments are big business,” Kalil says. “They want to be the model for good (lake) stewardship because of how this (AIS infestation) impacts them.” Hecock spoke, along with Jeff Forester of the Minnesota Seasonal & Recreational Property Owners.

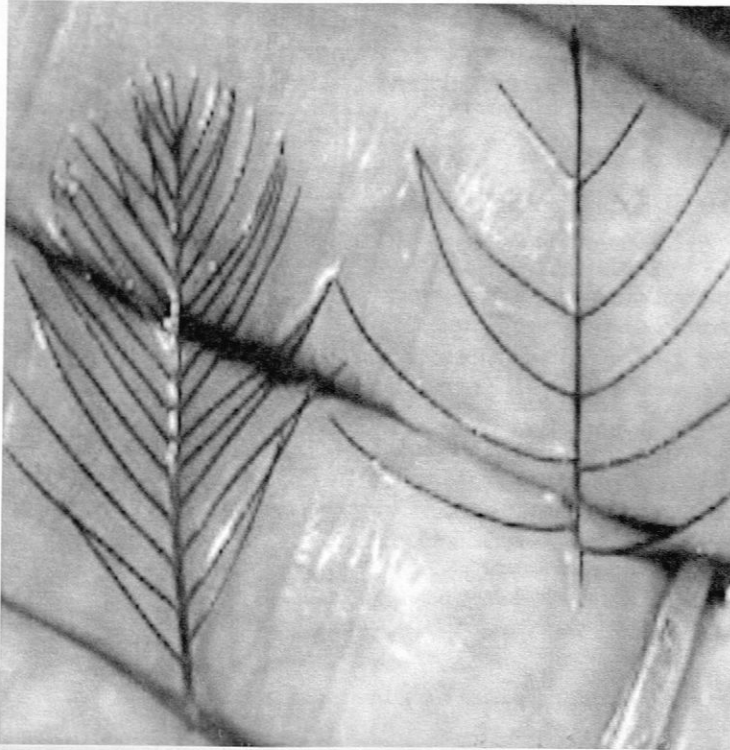
Besides the speakers, the summit featured exhibits from all its 20 co-sponsors as well as other nonprofit environmental organizations in the area.

Co-sponsors of the 2012 Aquatic Invasive Species Summit include Becker County, the City of Detroit Lakes, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District; Pelican River Watershed District; the Hubbard, Otter Tail, Kandiyohi and Becker County Coalitions of Lake Associations; MSRPO; Fargo-Moorhead Chapter of Muskies, Inc.;

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| May 19 | Boat Monitor Training (see pg 7) |
| June 9th | Highway 48 Clean-up,
Annual Spaghetti Dinner |
| August 11 | Annual Meeting
(Sandwich Dinner Planned) |
| Aug. 17- 19 | Group EWM Search. |

Retest your Eurasian Water milfoil Knowledge



QUESTION 1: The sample on the:

1. Left is Eurasian Water milfoil
2. Right is Eurasian Water milfoil.
3. Neither is Eurasian Water milfoil.
4. One needs more of the plant to identify it.

QUESTION 2: EWM spreads and reproduces by:

1. Releasing seeds in the fall that take root over the winter and will become mature plants by the following August.
2. Fish, loons, and water flow causing pollen from male and female plants to mix resulting in fertilized seeds that take root.
3. Causing Northern Water milfoil to mutate and a genetic level causing all future offspring to become Eurasian Water milfoil.
4. Plant fragments which break off and take root somewhere else.

QUESTION 3

The easiest way to make sure EWM is dead is:

1. Expose it to hot water.
2. Dry it out completely
3. Spray it with Clorox.
4. All of the above.

QUESTION 4 Eurasian Water milfoil generally has more than ____ leaflets whereas Northern Water milfoil has less than ____ leaflets.

1. 12 and 10.
2. 15 and 16.
3. 9 and 5.
4. 12 and 12

QUESTION 5: It is critical when combating EWM to :

1. Raise money sufficient to allow timely treatment.
2. obtain very accurate information of where the plants are located.
3. Contain the plant as much as possible, by reducing boat traffic in infested areas.
4. All of the above.

QUESTION 6: The Minnesota DNR serves two primary roles after the discovery of an infestation of EWM:

1. Advise and treat.
2. Fund and treat.
3. Monitor and treat.
4. Monitor and permit treatments.

QUESTION 7: The number of lakes who have gotten rid of EWM in the United States is:

1. Zero
2. Less than 10
3. Less than 50
4. Less than 100

QUESTION 8 : Once a lake has EWM there is no point worrying about any other aquatic invasive species because it has the worst one.

True/False

QUESTION 9: Lakes with EWM and Rusty Crayfish provide better fish habitat. True/False

QUESTION 10: Once a lake has EWM you might as well sell, because it will take over everything. True/False

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Answer Key from Page 13

1. 1. Leaflets are counted (or one side of the leaf). The sample on the left has about 16 leaflets; anything over 12 indicates EWM.
2. 4. This is important because if fragments are collected and not transported around the lake by boats, it slows or prevents the spreading.
3. 2. Once dried out completely, EWM is harmless. Answer A does not work at all! Answer C is what one can do to live with and boats to deal with water born invasive species like spiny water fleas, and zebra mussels.
4. 1. The number of leaflets, are clear determinates of EWM.
5. 4.
6. 4. The DNR's role is very limited—they do not treat any

lakes! That is left to Lake Associations.

7. 3. There are many lakes in Washington state which have eliminated EWM.
8. FALSE. Some species can make the EWM spread faster and they also bring unique problems.
9. FALSE. Some bass fishermen have made this claim, but while bass might benefit some in certain infestations, the native fish balance will be upset. Moreover chemical treatment will often destroy more aquatic vegetation cover than it creates. Cover is habitat for all fish. The rusty crayfish is also a myth. Studies have shown that bass prefer native crayfish to rusty crayfish.
10. FALSE. Lakes like Bay Lake have demonstrated that although property values and lake enjoyment are hurt initially, if the lake responds well and gets control, values and lake enjoyment come back!

Below are the GPS locations of female wolf in the Washburn area during the winter of 2010-2011. Every fifteen minutes her collar device reported back to the satellite time and place of her location. She covered a much larger area other than Washburn lake. The other areas were again on lakes where deer feeding was taking place. One dot is one location. Minnesota DNR Dr. John Erb's opinion, is that she was hanging around closer to lake homes of deer feeding congregations.

Special thanks to Richard Nelles, and the DNR for this information.

