

The Namakagon Lake
 Association, Inc.
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NAMAKAGON APRIL 2007
Breeze
 NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Message from the President...

I am sitting here on the Monday after the Birkie watching the snow come down and thinking about the great weekend we just had. We had 27 high school, college skiers and adult skiers staying with us at our house and all had a very successful and enjoyable Korteloped or Birkie. As I watched this event develop last week I couldn't help but marvel at the hundreds of volunteers working for weeks before the event to get it ready. On Thursday I watched 1200 children under the age of 12 ski down Main Street Hayward under the guidance of volunteers in registration, at the start line, along the course and at the finish. On Friday I watched the Junior Birkie and the Citizen Sprints and it was volunteers that made it successful. Then on Saturday it was 6700 skiers in the Korte and Birkie and again the hundreds of volunteers at the start, along the route, as ski patrol, traffic control, food stops and most of all the OO finish which considering the difficult situation, was organized and ran smoothly even though the change was on short notice. If you were one of these people that helped make these events and other weekend events a success, my team, my family and myself thank you for all of your time. There is no possible way this event could have happen without you.

up from winter, and getting ready for another great summer. Play safe and enjoy all that this great land has to offer.

Best Wishes,
 Jim Krueger, President



Photo courtesy of Denise M. Dupras (NLA Member)

ALERT: IT IS TIME TO PAY OUR ANNUAL DUES!!!

YOUR DUES ARE PAID THROUGH THE YEAR PRINTED NEXT TO YOUR NAME ON THE ADDRESS LABEL

To be eligible to vote, all members must be 18 years of age and a paid member 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION RENEWAL OR NEW MEMBER REQUEST FORM

MEMBERSHIP DUE ANNUALLY ON CALENDAR YEAR BASIS

NAME OF EACH VOTING MEMBER

- Individual Membership Per Person... # ____ X \$10.00 = _____
- Wildlife Watcher # ____ X \$25.00 = _____
- Loon Lover # ____ X \$50.00 = _____
- Lake Steward # ____ X \$100.00 = _____
- Keeper of the Lake..... # ____ X \$200.00 = _____
- Other: # ____ X _____ = _____

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The success of any group or organization relies heavily on volunteers and the Lake Association is not any different. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a list of our activities for this spring and summer and each activity needs your help to be successful. Please try to give an hour or two of your time to help keep this lake as beautiful as it is. A handful of people cannot bring success to this organization, we all need to pitch in. I am anxious to hear from each and every one of you this year.

By the time you read this, spring will be here and we will be cleaning, watching and listening to the Northwoods wake

NLA BOARD NOMINEES

I know it is early. This is our second Newsletter of this board's tenure and we publish four. There is plenty of time to bring up this subject, - but, it is never too early to start thinking about NLA Board nominees to represent our Lake Association.

Election takes place at our annual meeting in August. We must have a slate of nominees by that time. Before that happens, we want to know little about the nominee and we do that through these Newsletters and introductions at our association meetings.

Consider serving! Think of conscientious folks that would be good representatives for our lake with good ideas!! Talk to them and encourage them to be nominees.

Around The Lake



WOOD DUCK NESTING HOUSES

Steve Riley, NLA 1st V.P.

For many years, my wife Julie and I have maintained wood duck houses on our property in Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin. Nothing quite compares to "Jump Day" when it arrives and you observe your Wood Duck hen call out to her brood that then "jump" out of the house individually on her command. It is simply amazing!

As a long time member of the Wood Duck Society (www.woodducksociety.com), we've learned that to be successful it is critical to follow the Society's "Best Practices" guidelines in building and placing your Wood Duck houses. Whereas in the past your due diligence would have led you to place your cedar Wood Duck homes 15' - 20' high in any available tree along your shoreline, today such placements are considered "death traps" for the occupants. You are simply setting up an easy meal for raccoons, squirrels, mink and various other predators. Additionally you are unnecessarily putting yourself and other family members at risk each and every time you climb a ladder to check or clean your nests. There is no need for your box to be more than 6' off the ground.

After many years and man hours of research, the Wood Duck Society has developed a far better way to safely and successfully enhance your enjoyment of Wood Ducks, Mergansers and Golden Eye's all of which have been known to occupy the same nests on occasion (when this happens, as it did last spring at our home on Missionary Point, the nest is known as a "dump nest"). Basically, the Society advises placing a cedar nest box (available locally from Jack Hoiby, Grand View 715-763-3101) on an 8' landscape timber (Approx. \$7 Cable Lumber) with a 26 gage galvanized sheet metal predator cone guard (\$7 cone & 2 support brackets Chappell Central, Willmar, MN 320-235-2151). The poles are placed in a 2' hole near the shoreline 8' from the nearest tree or branch (squirrels can jump 8' laterally).

This system allows you to check each of your boxes on a daily basis during the laying season so as to enable you to know when your brood is about to jump. Wood Ducks

usually lay one egg per day and they will not abandon the nest because you or the grandkids touched them. In order to predict "Jump Day", you need to get an accurate egg count and note the date before the hen commences incubation. For example, if on April 15th you check your box and notice 3 eggs, you mark your calendar. Several weeks later, if you count 12 eggs, given the fact the hen usually drops one egg per day, you add 9 days to April 15th and then add the 30 day incubation period and you have a projected "Jump Date" of May 24th. At this point you are checking your boxes on a daily basis after the hen leaves for her evening feed (the male will escort her in the morning and evening and usually fly through your yard several times before accompanying the hen into your box on the fly (they don't perch). When you find a few hatched chicks in the evening, you can expect them to jump the next day between 7 AM & 9 AM. The hen will be on the ground in front of the house & be very wary. If the coast is deemed clear, she will command the chicks to climb (they have little spurs) and jump (they bounce like tennis balls).

Don't be surprised if your Wood Ducks, Mergansers & Golden Eye's occupy the same house each spring. And don't worry about the consequences of several different breeds placing their eggs in the same house (the size, shape & color of the eggs differ). The dominant hen will almost always raise the entire brood. You'll need clean cedar or pine shavings each spring before the ducks arrive (around ice out) and you'll need to scoop out the broken shells from last spring's brood. Little else is required.

If you want to participate in this extremely entertaining activity but have no desire to assemble your own duck houses, I'll be glad to take your order and have them made for you. You can contact me with any questions at sriley@triplecrownfeed.com or 800-451-9916. For more information and Wood Duck Box designs go to: www.woodducksociety.com. The Society was instrumental in allowing me to share this information with you.

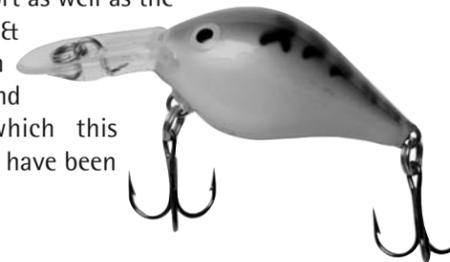
I-LIDS REPORT (INTERNET LANDING INSTALLED DEVICE SENSOR)

Steve Riley, NLA 1st VP

Agreement has been reached with both the Town of Namakagon & Grand View to allow the NLA to place our landing sensors at the boat landings on Garden Lake and Funny's Bay. Both Town Board's were extremely supportive of our efforts to prevent the spread of non-indigenous aquatic macrophytes such as Eurasian Water Milfoil, Zebra Mussels and Curly Leaf Pondweed into our lake system. The contracts to purchase and manage these two solar powered internet capable monitoring systems have been executed on schedule by the NLA Board & Environmental Sentry Protection, LLC of Plymouth Minnesota. It is expected that both sensor systems will be operational prior to this years fishing opener in May.

At the suggestion of the Town of Namakagon Board Chairman, Bob Rasmussen, the Town will consider the option of closing one or more of the lesser used landings where it is not economically feasible to place either personnel or sensor systems to protect our resource. Additionally, your NLA Board and I will continue our efforts to educate the public as to the threat AIS presents to Namakagon and other area lakes and work with the USFS, WSDNR, Lake Associations, Town Boards and local resorts to mitigate this threat to the best of our ability. I want to personally assure each and every one of you that this issue is priority number one for your NLA Board and we will not lose focus on this issue. Please address any issues, suggestions or concerns you may have to me at 800-451-9916 office, 612-616-7517 cell or 715-794-2069 Missionary Point.

Thank you all for your support with special thanks to Mike Cibulka, Bill Porter, Jim McMillan, Scott Campbell, Phil Rasmussen, Rick Yerhot and Larry Stroup for their financial and logistic support as well as the Grand View & Namakagon Town Board members and staff without which this project would not have been possible.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. was formed in 1995 for the purpose of preserving and protecting Lake Namakagon and its environs. The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. (NLA) is a not for profit organization that relies on the contributions and membership fees of land owners and other concerned citizens for its funding. It is our goal to preserve and protect Lake Namakagon as an environmentally healthy watershed, by sponsoring educational programs, adopting a proactive role in the formulation of water and shore land regulations, and responsible use of this unique and irreplaceable resource for all citizens.

NLA MEETINGS:

ALL MEETINGS AT NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL AT 9 A.M.

November 4 (Work Meeting)	February 3
April 14	June 2
August 18 (Annual Meeting)	September 15

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATIONS:

April, June, July & November

ACTIVITIES DATES:

Lake Shore Clean-Up Month of May
NLA Fun On The Water Youth Event July 29

2007 Wisconsin Lakes Convention

April 26-29 KI Convention Center; Green Bay, WI

This years theme is: *Agents of Change: we make a difference.*

2007 Northwest Lakes Conference

June 21-22 Telemark Resort; Cable, WI

As in past years, The Namakagon Lake Association will reimburse 50% of the \$40. Registration fee to any member wishing to attend the Northwest Lakes Conference. Sign up early as the conference is a "first come first served basis."

For more information and registration, go to: www.wisconsinlakes.org or call 1-800-542-5253

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EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL

Myriophyllum Spicatum

DESCRIPTION

Eurasian water-milfoil (EWM) is an invasive, underwater aquatic plant accidentally introduced in the 1940s to North America from Europe, where it is widespread. It most likely came to eastern North America via the aquarium trade, introduced when aquarium owners released the contents of their aquariums into local lakes. EWM flourished and began to spread westward by clinging to recreational boats. EWM first arrived in Wisconsin in the 1960s. During the 1980s, it began to move from several counties in southern Wisconsin to lakes and waterways in the northern half of the state. (For current Wisconsin distribution information, visit dnr.wi.gov/invasives) EWM is one of eight water-milfoil species found in Wisconsin and the only one that is not native. The most common native water-milfoil in Wisconsin lakes is northern water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum sibiricum*). It bears a strong resemblance to EWM but it is not prone to the rapid growth and canopy formation that make EWM a nuisance. It is important to be able to distinguish EWM from similar aquatic plants.

- ✗ EWM is a submersed aquatic plant with feather-like leaves arranged in whorls (circles) on the stem.
- ✗ There are usually 12 to 21 pairs of leaflets per leaf.
- ✗ The leaves have a distinct featherlike appearance, with the lower leaflet pairs about half the length of the midrib.
- ✗ Stem tips are tassel-like. Branching is abundant in water 3 to 10 feet deep.

WHY IS EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL A CONCERN?

EWM can form thick underwater stands of tangled stems and vast mats of vegetation on the water surface, especially in shallow, nutrient-rich water. These mats can limit boating, swimming, and fishing. Milfoil generally does not produce mats on the surface in water more than 15 feet deep, and doesn't usually grow in water more than 20 feet deep. EWM can disrupt the ecology of a water body by crowding out native aquatic



Photo courtesy of Denise M. Dupras (NLA Member)

plants. Because it interferes with shoreline access to shallow waters, it can adversely affect property values. Under severe conditions, property owners and lake associations can expect increased costs to keep boat channels open by mechanical harvesting and costs associated with disposal of rotting vegetation. The City of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin spends over \$100,000 annually on the control of EWM. Statewide, this plant costs citizens of Wisconsin millions of dollars annually.

HOW DOES EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL SPREAD?

EWM plants spread naturally through underground runners, but the most troubling aspect of EWM is its ability to spread through fragmentation. Stem pieces only two inches (5 cm) long can take root and start new colonies when deposited in new waters or in other areas of a lake. The fragments are transported by watercraft or on waves and currents to new areas where they can root and grow. The stems break easily and become tangled on propellers and trailers as a boat is retrieved from the water. If not cleaned off, these fragments can introduce the plant to new waters.

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT THE SPREAD OF EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL?

EWM may become tangled in boat propellers, transducers, trim tabs, bow lines, fishing nets, and on trailers. Actions you take as a responsible boater are critical in preventing the spread of Eurasian water-milfoil to other waters.

- ✗ *Inspect* and *remove* aquatic plants, animals, and mud from boat, trailer, and equipment before leaving the water access;
- ✗ *Drain* water from boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers before leaving the water access;
- ✗ *Dispose* of unwanted bait in the trash;
- ✗ *Spray/rinse* boats and recreational equipment with high pressure and/or hot tap water (> 104° F), especially if moored for more than a day, OR
- ✗ *Dry* boats and equipment thoroughly for at least 5 days.

WHAT ARE THE ABOUT EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL REGULATIONS IN WISCONSIN?

It is unlawful in Wisconsin to:

- ✗ Place a boat or trailer with attached aquatic plants or zebra mussels into Wisconsin waters.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Once EWM is well established in a lake, it is nearly impossible to eradicate. It does not cause severe problems in every water body, when it does become problematic, several management options are available.

For more information, visit:

www.dnr.wi.gov/water/fhp/lakes/aquaplan.htm

OUR LAKE ASSOCIATION NEEDS A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

Bill Porter, Secretary

A non-profit organization can not do much good without the unselfish efforts of its membership. The Namakagon Lake Association needs volunteers for a number of projects in the upcoming 2007 spring, summer and fall. We have submitted a grant to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for money to enable us to try to stay on top of Aquatic Invasive Spies (Eurasian Water Milfoil and Zebra Mussels to name a couple) If we loose the fight in preventing these species from entering our lake, we will have lost our beautiful lake plus the value of lake homes.

Specifically, the grant that we submitted calls for: Educating the public by our presence at the boat ramps for a total of 240 man/woman hours. That breaks down to: Eight weekends x 5 boat ramps x 6 hours per weekend.

Training for those not certified will consist of a three hour WDNR/CBCW Program. No expense to you. In the process you will learn to identify different weeds for your own knowledge and enjoyment and gain control of identity brochures.

We urge you to volunteer for: CBCW (Clean Boat/Clean Water) Coordinator; Boat Ramp Captain or Boat Ramp Monitor duty.

We also need help in our Lake Clean up efforts. This takes place during the month of May. In this newsletter is the list of areas needed to be cleaned (debris picked up) on our lake shore. This is generally done in a boat using a reaching stick.

We need help at the Lake Association "Fun On The Water" Youth Safety and Skills Day. This event is coordinated by Al Stawicki. We need cooks, ticket takers & event leaders. Last year, in the rain, we had 34 families/125 people enjoy the event. This years event will take place at the Federal Camp Grounds on July 29th.

The association always had a 4th of July Parade float until last year. No entry was caused by the lack of interest. It would be nice to be recognized as a Lake Organization with a Mission through an entry in this summer's parade.

Write a column for the quarterly newsletter. We started a column entitled "Around the Lake" to share your interest, hobbies and ambitions.

We need Association Board Members. Get involved in the decision-making of our association. What is important to you on and in the lake? Is change needed or is status quo good enough.

Come to Namakagon Lake Association meetings. Give input. Get to know others on the lake.

We have a membership of over 300. If everyone would do their share, it would be effortless.

Our President, Jim Krueger, has offered to coordinate a program of volunteers. You will find Jim to be an uplifting example of enthusiasm. Please give Jim a call at: 715 798-2365 or e-mail board@nlaonline.org

Thank you.

SHORELINE RESTORATION

Bob Parsonage

At the February, 2007 meeting of the Namakagon Lake Association, the Board approved the formation of a committee to guide the Association's efforts in gaining support for voluntary shoreline restoration.

Typically, shoreline restoration involves creating and/or maintaining a buffer of natural vegetation (preferably native plant species) along the shoreline. It can extend both onto the land and into the water. Its goal is to restore ecological habitats that have been reduced or lost by traditional laws in reducing water pollution from sediment and fertilizer runoff; providing habitat for fish, birds, and small animals; enhancing privacy and the beauty of lakeshore property; and boosting property values/

Namakagon Lake Association members and friends who would be interested in being involved in and supporting the work of the shoreline restoration committee are invited to contact its convener, Bob Parsonage, at 22915 Missionary Point Drive, Cable, WI 54821, or by calling him at (715) 794-2191.

CHECK YOUR ENVELOPE ADDRESS LABEL

If the number following your name (in parentheses) is (2006) or a lower number, for example (2004), your Annual Membership Fee/Newsletter Renewal is due now. If the number following your name is (2007) or higher, you are paid up. Keep in touch and keep the Newsletters coming for the next calendar year. If you have not been getting the Newsletter four times a year, you can start right now by sending in your membership dues. (It is not necessary to pay for unpaid years to reinstate the Newsletter.)

PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW NOW!!!!!!

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

(February 3, 2007)

TREASURERS REPORT read and approved. \$23,534.71 balance as of December 31, 2006

SHORELINE RESTORATION: Bob Parsonage came before the Board to request a sub-committee of the NLA dealing with Shoreline Restoration. Bob volunteered to be the committee chairman and recruiter in forming this sub-committee. They would act as consultants to property owners wanting to adapt their shoreline to enhance the lake quality and better fisheries. A motion was approved to allow this committee to be formed and evaluated after a one year existence.

GRANTS 2007: Jim Fogarty spoke on the substance of the 2007 "Lake Namakagon Aquatic Invasive Species Education, Prevention and Investigation Grant." This grant has been submitted to the WDNR for acceptance. The Methods and Activities concerned with the successfulness of this grant will be a challenge to our entire Namakagon Lake Association membership.

SENTRY SYSTEM UPDATE: Steve Riley attended meetings with both Namakagon and Grand View Townships to explain the Sentry System Surveillance workings for their boat launch facilities. Both townships were extremely supportive of our efforts to prevent Aquatic Invasive Spies from entering Lake Namakagon or any other lake in their township. Two systems were purchased and should be in place by fish opener 2007. Steve Riley has donated moneys, through NLA, for one system and Mike Cibulka has organized neighbors and friends in donating moneys, through NLA for the 2nd. Closing or chain entry was discussed as another option for some launch sites on the lake. Resort owner responsibility for monitoring their respective ramps was also discussed. Steve will follow up.

W.A.L. CONVENTION: Mike Cibulka recommended a motion from the Board to reinstate a precedent of paying expenses accrued for attendance to the Convention by any Board member willing to attend the convention. An additive to the motion was "any Board member wanting to contribute to the

expenses could do so by donation to the NLA" was recommended by Bob Parsonage. A motion was approved by the Board.

BAYFIELD COUNTY LAKE FORUM: A letter from BCLF was read encouraging our association to help represent the Southern portion of Bayfield County in the BCLF. Jim Krueger volunteered to represent us.

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROJECT: The NLA Board elected Clyde Wishart to represent the NLA during the Town of Namakagon's application for a Lake Planning Grant to assist in funding an Inventory and Trends Report as part of the town's upcoming Comprehensive Planning project.

APRIL NEWSLETTER: Board members were urged to give the secretary newsletter articles ASAP for the upcoming newsletter. The newsletter will be distributed to tourists through the Chamber of Commerce and Realtors. This distribution will be a new endeavor to communicate our Mission Statement and Goals to tourist trade.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION: The terms of two Board Members will expire in August. Anyone interested in running for the Board is encouraged to do so. Please contact a Board Member.

PROJECTS FOR 2007: Discussed and assigned to Board Members. Lake Clean-up; Newsletters; Water Testing; Trapping of Beaver in Castle Creek; Improving Fisheries projects; Literature and Flyers to new owners and visitors.

WOOD DUCK HOUSES: Steve Riley will feature an article in the upcoming Newsletter and give a presentation at the Annual Meeting on Wood Duck habitat and how to encourage and enjoy their presence.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn at 10:45 am.

Bill Porter, Secretary

LAKE AND SHORELINE CLEAN-UP PROJECT

Today the temperature outside is minus 8. Not really an appropriate time to be working on a Lake Clean up Project for the Month of May. My wife and I are planning to escape the winter elements for a few weeks in March and the Newsletter must go out in early April, so I want to get as much done on it as I can before "escaping". I am trying to compile a list of "workers" that have cleaned the shoreline in past years. Hopefully I have the list complete and somewhat accurate as to locations that you clean. As you can see, there are a few areas on the lake with no names next to them. Please call me, Bill Porter @ 794-2601 or e-mail board@nlaonline.org and volunteer to fill your name into one of the areas designated.

Thank you for your help in the past and hope you are still willing and able to help this year. We try to accomplish our mission during the month of May.

BLOOMQUIST: Jane's Bay Bridge North around Jane's Bay and Garden Lake to Garden Lake Boat Ramp

HANKS/SOKOLOSKI Jane's Bay Bridge South around Jane's Bay and Garden Lake to Garden Lake Boat Ramp.

SEMMER/MOHR: Bridge at Chief to Mortenson's

GRAGE: North side of Lower Lk from Mortenson's to the west tip of Bergundy Point

_____ : Chief - west to Garmisch

_____ : Garmisch - west to Forest Lodge Boat House

_____ : Forest Lodge Boat House to Lakewoods

_____ : Lakewoods to Four Seasons

KRUEGER: Four Seasons around Bear Point to end of Eastern tip of Juneks Point.

KENNEDY/BUDZISZ: East Point of Juneks Point to mouth of Jackson Lake

NYSTROM: Jackson Lake Et North side f/Jackson Lk around Funnys Bay to Echo Point Lodge. Including Chief Namakagon Island

JACKMAN: Echo Point Inn to Mogasheen Resort

MISSIONARY POINT ASSOCIATION: Mogasheen Resort to Federal Campground

STAWICKI/BEST/LAGE: Federal Camp Ground to Bridge and Sugar Bay

_____ : County D Bridge West to County D Culvert (around Anderson Island)

KOFAL: County D Culvert to tip of Eagle Point

NELSON: Tip of Eagle Point around Picnic Point to County D

_____ : Mum's Bay South along Cty D Et West along Burgandy Point to it's tip

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

STOP Help Stop...
the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

- Non-native, exotic species, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil, Purple Loosestrife, and Zebra Mussels threaten to harm the quality of our Wisconsin lakes.
- Before you launch your boat, please inspect and clean it, including the motor and trailer, to prevent the spread of exotic species into our Wisconsin lakes.
- Never Empty Your Bait Bucket or Release Live Bait into the Lake
- Please *immediately* report any exotic species to your local lake association, The Wisconsin Wetlands Association, or the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- Visit the Wisconsin DNR website, www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives or contact the DNR at 608.266.9270 for more information or to answer questions about aquatic exotic species.

BE AWARE of your ACTIONS and HELP PRESERVE the ENVIRONMENT!
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ABOUT LAKE NAMAKAGON

Lake Namakagon is a large drainage lake with both inlet and outlet stream flows. The lake features 3,227 surface acres of open water (including Jackson, Cranberry and Garden Lakes - basins with natural surface waters). It has a maximum depth of 50 feet and a mean depth of 16 feet. Its habitats are very diverse supporting abundant walleyes, northern pike, small mouth bass, blue gill and crappie populations as well as largemouth bass, musky, yellow perch, rock bass and other pinfish. Its shore land areas provide optimum habitat for many species of wildlife. The aquatic plant diversity is both well balanced and above average for Northern Wisconsin.