

The Namakagon Lake
Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 536
Cable, WI 54821



Message from the NLA Board...

I'm pleased to report that the results of phase one of the environmental survey of Lake Namakagon by Liesch Environmental Services are in and so far there is no evidence of aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in our Lake. The second survey is scheduled to be done the week of July 16-20 with the final survey to be accomplished the week of August 20-24th. Liesch was retained by your Board after a grant was obtained from DNR through the Town of Namakagon which will pay half the cost of the survey.

As most of our membership is aware your association purchased two remote operated camera monitors for the landings at Garden Lake and Funny's Bay. As of this writing, while the installation of both cameras was a bit more challenging than anticipated, both are operational and functioning as intended. Hopefully they will have the desired effect of encouraging boaters to clean their boats prior to launch in order to keep AIS out of our Lake.

Along that same vein, your Board has hired the host at the USFS campground to spend an average of four hours per day, seven days per week monitoring the landing at the USFS campground. The Board received permission from the Great Divide District Ranger and

her staff to do this and again roughly half the cost of this monitoring program is covered by our DNR grant through the Town of Namakagon. If you run into our Town Chairman, Bob Rasmussen or our Supervisors, please thank them for their assistance in this effort.

Clyde Wishart has arranged for "Clean Boat/Clean Water" volunteers to monitor the boat ramp on County Hwy D during peak hours.

Finally, your Board hopes you will participate in our annual Fun on the Water Day which will be held on July 29th at the USFS campground. Any questions you may have should be addressed to the Chairman of that event Al Stawicki (794-2397). We hope to see all of you there. Thanks for your support of NLA and please be sure to cast your ballot or vote in person at the annual meeting on August 18th at 9 AM at the Namakagon Town Hall for your new board of Directors for 2007-2008.

Regards,
Steve Riley, 1st VP

CELEBRATE THE SUMMER WITH COURTESY AND CAUTION!

WATCH OUT FOR LOONS

BE SAFE WITH FIREWORKS-LIMIT WHEN THEY ARE USED (Get the necessary permits)

OBSERVE BOATING REGULATIONS

Personal Watercraft:

- no wake within 100' of other boat or PWC
- no wake within 200' of shoreline

Motor Boat:

- no wake within 100' of any dock, raft, pier
- unlawful to create hazardous wakes

Age Limitations:

- no person under 10 may operate a motor boat
- no person under 12 may operate a PWC

DO NOT FERTILIZE NEAR THE SHORE

(If you must fertilize, use zero phosphate fertilizer)

DO NOT LITTER IN THE LAKE: PLEASE PICK UP ANY LITTER YOU SEE!

CONSIDER ELIMINATING HIGH INTENSITY QUARTZ LIGHTS OR TURN THEM OFF AFTER 10:00 PM

CONSIDER TURNING LAKE FRONTAGE INTO NATURAL SHORELINE. SUBURBAN TYPE YARDS HARM LAKES!



Photo courtesy of Denise M. Dupras

NOTICE OF THE NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The NLA Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, August 18th, beginning at 9:00am at the Namakagon Town Hall. We will have the vote for board of director's vacancies.

NOMINEES FOR THE NLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DENISE DUPRAS

Home Residence: Rochester, Minnesota
Namakagon Resident: Since 2005
Profession: General Internal Medicine Physician

What I bring to the Board: My passion is nature photography and Lake Namakagon provides many opportunities to make great images. I support conservation of the lake, land and creatures so that future generations will be able to see and enjoy the natural world. I believe it is critically important to find the right balance of conservation with the recreational needs and desires of the people who live and play on and around the Lake. As a member of the Lake Association, I would work hard to find the right balance on issues of conservation and recreation.

TOM NELSON

I have spent the past twenty seven years enjoying beautiful Lake Namakagon from my parents cabin on Eagle Point. During the past year I have built a home on the property and am now a full time resident. I have also started a caretaking service named, "Welcome Home". Previously I was a resident of Key West, Florida where I owned a bed and breakfast for seven years and a retail store for twenty one years. I was born and raised in Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Minnesota.

STEVE RILEY

I currently serve as 1st VP on the Namakagon Lake Association Board after running for election last year for one of three open seats. My duties on the Board include oversight responsibility for Aquatic Invasive Species monitoring at our landings, lake sampling with our consulting engineers and serving as Plant/Lake Management Coordinator.

To that end I have actively proposed, promoted and arranged funding for the installation of two Internet Landing Device Sensors which will operate 24/7 during the boating season at the Funny's Bay & Garden Lake landings. At your Board's direction, I asked for and received enthusiastic support for this project from both of the Towns of Namakagon & Grand View along with financial support from other NLA association members such as Mike Cibulka, Jim McMillan, Scott Campbell, Bill Porter, Rick Yerhot, Phil Rasmussen, Larry Stroup & The Landing Bar.

Much additional work remains to be done. Our resorts need to monitor their landings, as Lakewoods has agreed to do, lesser used landings need to be closed and we need to negotiate with the Forest Service & WDNR to deal with sites such as the campground on Missionary Point and the landing on County

Road "D". We also need to be far more aggressive in our grant writing requests to receive our share of funding for lake environmental projects such as AIS monitoring & shoreland restoration.

I would very much appreciate your vote to allow me to continue my efforts on behalf of our lake. Keeping invasive species out of this Lake has to be our number one priority; if we fail, let it not be for lack of effort on all of our part. Thank you for your consideration & past support.

JOHN SCHNEIDER

I work and have a home in Minneapolis but live on Jackson Lake where my wife and 3 kids (ages 14, 9, 5) have had a lake home for 6 years. I am a wealth management consultant in US Bank's Private Client Group and my wife is a VP of Sale and Marketing for a mid sized company. I first started coming to the Cable area in the 70's with my parents to ski Telemark, then I started doing the Birkie ski race and Chequamegon Fat Tire and simply fell in love with the forest. Since I grew up near Lake Minnetonaka and spent a lot of time on my family's small boat water skiing and love being out on the lake, it was only a matter of time before I purchased a lake home in the Cable area.

My top interest in becoming a board member is to help continue the association's mission of keeping out Eurasian milfoil and of course other aquatic species out of Lake Namakagon and other local lakes for that matter. I have personally seen the lake I grew up on become infested with milfoil and over the past 2 years it has overtaken a small lake near my Minneapolis home.

LAKE NAMAKAGON COURTESY CODE

- More of us enjoy the lake in a variety of ways.
*Some seek: *peace *quiet *nature *fishing *boating*
- How do we share with the creatures that "need" to live here and the people who "prefer" to live/visit here?
- How will our actions affect the lake and its inhabitants?

R - E - S - P - E - C - T

RESPECT: The rights of others

ENVIRONMENT: Enjoy wildlife from a distance.

SAFETY: Heed the boating regulations - go slowly.

PEACE: Watch your noise and your wake.

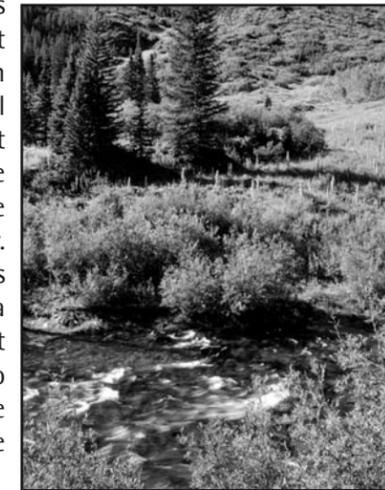
ENJOY: Have fun - share the moments with your friends.

CONSIDER: Other people and creatures on the lake.

TRASH: Take your trash home.

BIO-SECURITY

These are changing times and we are recognizing that humans are the reason so many unwanted species are showing up in our waters. We all need to look at making a cultural shift in how we behave when it comes to boating and using our waters. To make sure our waters remain resilient we must not move any boat or equipment from one waterbody to another without practicing good bio-security. That means each of us must thoroughly clean, drain and decontaminate all boats and equipment each and every time we move from one waterbody to another. Until we all do this religiously, there is a great likelihood that we will continue to spread aquatic invasive species from one lake to another.



NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Jim Krueger	(715) 798-2365
1st Vice President:	Steve Riley	(715) 794-2069
2nd Vice President:	Jim Fogarty	
Secretary:	Bill Porter	(715) 794-2601
Treasurer:	Rick Yerhot	(507) 287-6900
Director:	Jared Jackman	(715) 794-2434
Director:	Phil Rasmussen	(715) 794-2561

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board@nlaonline.org

Visit our website:

www.nlaonline.org

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

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!
brought to you by:

Namakagon Lake Association
P.O. Box 536, Cable, WI 54821

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

(June 2, 2007)

The meeting was called to order by President Krueger at 9:10 AM

Board Members Present: Jim Krueger, Steve Riley, Bill Porter, Rick Yerhot

Board Members Absent: Jim Fogarty, Jared Jackman, Phil Rasmussen

Besides the Board members, there were seven association members present.

Minutes of April 14, 2007 read and approved by motion.

Treasurer's report read. Balance as of April 30, 2007 was \$29,445.02. Approved by motion.

Fun on the Water (Youth Safety and Skills Day). Al Stawicki was present to inform the members and Board present of the program and what will be in store for this year's event. It will be held at the Federal Camp Grounds, off Hwy D on July 29th from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Lots of games, food and fun are planned. Volunteers are needed and a start on that list was circulated.

Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor. Steve Riley updated us on the cameras at the Garden Lake and Funnys Bay Boat launch areas. The Garden Lake camera is operational and the Funnys Bay camera will be installed during the week of June 3rd. A special Board meeting was called for during the month of July to resolve any questions the Board has of Environmental Sentry Protection Co.

Clean Boats/Clean Water Program. After discussion of the inactivity of the program, Clyde Wishart volunteered to make some contacts and try to reactivate the volunteer program of personal monitoring at two launch sites. The two prioritized sites are DNR ramp on Cty Hwy D and Lakewoods Resort.

Lake Clean-Up. Bill Porter reported that the program was a success as far as volunteers to clean up our shoreline. The lake was divided into 17 distinct shoreline stretches and 17 teams selected and cleaned a stretch. Special thanks were given to all involved.

Namakagon Lake Association membership is now at 453.

Newsletter distribution. Along with distribution to our NLA members, newsletters were distributed through the Cable Chamber of Commerce and the local realtors.

Jim Krueger spoke about a request for pontoon boats for the upcoming NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference Pontoon Classroom event.

Nominees for NLA Board. To date we have 3 candidates for the upcoming Board Election on August 18th. Steve Riley, Tom Nelson and Denise Dupras.

Annual Meeting. Discussed speakers for the meeting. Jill Scharpner, our new DNR Officer and an informative speaker on the fishery threat of VHS (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia) will be invited. An election supervisor will be asked to conduct the election.

The By-law policy of absenteeism of Board Members from Board meetings was discussed. A motion was made to abide by the By-laws more stringently.

AQUATIC PLANT INSPECTIONS FOR LAKE NAMAKAGON

Liesch Environmental Services, Inc. is under contract with Namakagon Lake Association to follow WDNR protocol for aquatic plant survey collecting, mapping, preserving and data entry for baseline aquatic plant sampling of our lake. The following is a letter received from Jacob Krueger, Liesch Project Manager, after this years first inspection, June 20, 2007.

"Last week I completed the sampling at the nine launch sites on the lake (Funny's Launch, Federal Campground Launch, Chicago Avenue Launch, Four Seasons Launch, Lakewood's Launch, Garmish Launch, County Hwy D Launch, Namakagon Chief Launch and the Garden Lake Launch). I DID NOT find any Eurasian Watermill Foil or Curly Leaf Pond Weed at any of my sampling points. In July I will be sampling these launch sites again along with 4 strategically selected bays. In August I will again be sampling the launch sites along with the 5 more strategically selected bays."



NLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTING PROCEDURES

- To be eligible to vote, you must be 18 years of age and a paid member as of June 18, 2007.
- Voting is by ballot only, with three ways to cast your votes:
 - Place a ballot from the newsletter in a sealed envelope marked "ballot", enclose this in a return envelope along with your NLA member name and marked "ballot", so the election committee can ensure each member only votes once. Mail to NLA, PO Box 536, Cable, WI, 54821 to be received by no later than August 17, 2007.
 - Bring your ballot from the newsletter to the Annual Meeting on August 18th.
 - Pick up your ballot at the Annual Meeting on August 18th.
- Each member eligible to vote can vote for up to two candidates.

NLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS "BALLOT" FOR AUGUST 18TH MEETING (VOTE FOR UP TO TWO)

- DENISE DUPRAS
- TOM NELSON
- STEVE RILEY
- JOHN SCHNEIDER

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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.

"FUN ON THE WATER" YOUTH SAFETY AND SKILLS DAY

On July 29th (Sunday), we will be sponsoring our annual Fun Day for all Youth. Please bring you children, grandchildren and great grand children to this fun event. (It will be held at the National Forest Campground on Hwy D).

Lake skills and water safety, casting contest, kayak races, diving for treasure, Frisbee golf, sand sculptures, and water balloon toss!

DNR-Bayfield County Sheriff presentation: Warden Jill Scharpner and Deputy Larry Loch.

Lake appreciation lunch, awards, and raffle.

The cost is only \$5.00 per family. Paid families by July 16th will be eligible for a free raffle.

Please make checks payable to

Namakagon Lake Association c/o Al Stawicki
45020 Sugar Bay Drive,
Cable, WI 54821
\$5.00 for the whole family.



If you would volunteer to help with this event, it would be appreciated. Please volunteer by e-mailing board@nlaonline.org or alsmagic@cheqnet.net. Please come join the fun... get to know your neighbors and your NLA Board!



VIRAL HEMORRHAGIC SEPTICEMIA (VHS): ANOTHER AQUATIC INVASIVE

If you have followed the issues that have faced Wisconsin lakes over the years, you have certainly seen an ever-increasing list of "new" aquatic species that had never been seen in our waters before. Plants, fish, zooplankton, mussels...the list goes on. Some have been aggressive and are causing major concerns and management costs, while others have been less of an issue. All have come into our waters because of some human activity which had unintended consequences. The latest addition is a virus that kills fish called Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS).

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) virus is a disease that can affect both fresh and saltwater fish. The VHS virus was first reported in the 1930s when it was isolated in farm-raised trout in Denmark. In 2005 it was discovered in Lake Huron, Lake St. Clair, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River, but it is believed to have been in the Great Lakes since 2003. It is not known to cause harm in humans, but it is considered so serious to fish that it is listed as a reportable disease by the World Organization for Animal Health.

WHAT FISH MAY GET VHS?

This virus received national attention when a number of fish die-offs occurred in the Great

Lakes. This is the first time any virus has affected so many different fish species from so many fish families in the Great Lakes. Researchers believe these fish kills in the Great Lakes region represent a new strain of the virus. As many as twenty-five species of fish may be susceptible to the virus, including muskellunge, smallmouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch, black crappie, bluegill, bass, walleye and others.

WHAT DOES IT DO TO FISH?

VHS can be spread in fish fluids such as urine and reproductive fluids. The VHS virus can remain viable up to 14 days in water, so it could easily be spread in bait buckets or live wells. The virus reproduces best in fish when water temperatures are cool (37-54°F). Some fish show no external signs of the virus while others show signs that include bulging eyes, bloated abdomens, and red spots caused by hemorrhaging in the eyes, skin, gills, and at the base of the fins. If there are no physical signs it is hard to tell if fish are infected or not. Moving these seemingly unaffected fish from one waterbody to another may spread the virus. Testing in a lab is necessary to determine whether a fish is actually infected.

The virus infects the gills and within two days a fish can be contagious. The disease seems to transmit easily between fish of all ages. It has

been discovered that some fish do not die from the virus, and may actually develop antibodies. The trouble is, the level of antibodies in the fish may decline over time and the fish may start spreading the virus again, which could cause a cycle of fish kills.

WHAT IS THE DNR DOING?

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is taking VHS very seriously and has initiated a major effort to test for the virus and control its spread. A few of their efforts include testing wild and hatchery populations of fish. The DNR has also informed the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab about the VHS virus in the Great Lakes and, with their help, has been monitoring spawning salmon and spotted musky for the virus since the fall of 2005. In 2007 the DNR initiated an expanded VHS virus testing plan, including fish from the Great Lakes and Mississippi River drainages, bait fish, and invertebrate bait species. In April 2007 emergency rules went into effect to help control the spread of the VHS virus.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- DO NOT transport live fish or bait from one location to another.
- Drain all water from your boat, bait buckets, coolers and motors before you

leave a landing.

- DISINFECT your boat (inside and out) and equipment with 1/3 cup bleach to 5 gallons of water. Disinfect away from any waterbody.
- DO NOT empty bait buckets or live wells into lakes or rivers.
- DO NOT use minnows in any Wisconsin waters unless they were purchased in Wisconsin, or you legally caught the minnows from the place you are fishing.
- DO NOT use "cut" or dead bait from other Wisconsin waters (except when fishing in Green Bay, or Lake Michigan).

Report fish kills to your DNR fish biologist.

For more information on VHS and details on the rules:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/pages/vhs.html>

As this issue of Namakagon Lake Association goes to press, VHS has been found in a Wisconsin inland lake: Little Lake Butte des Morts.

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