



# NEWSLETTER

## Iron River Lakes Association Annual Meeting to be held on August 2

**Our Lakes Need You!** The popularity of the Pike Chain poses a significant threat to the health of our beautiful chain of lakes. PCLA continues to work hard in a variety of ways to protect our lakes for all to enjoy and something we can all be proud of to pass along to future generations. PCLA needs your ongoing help and financial support. Please attend the annual meeting to find out how you can make a difference in helping to protect our lakes and enjoy time to connect with others who love the Pike Chain, too.

**PCLA ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Saturday, August 2, 2014**  
**Iron River Community Center**  
**9 am –11am**  
**Doors open at 8:30**

### AGENDA

8:30-9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Pay membership dues/lake contribution</li> <li>•Enjoy coffee and rolls with your neighbors</li> </ul>
9:00-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>LOON WATCH PRESENTATION</b> by guest speaker Chris Emory from the Sigrud Olson Environmental Institute of Northland College</li> </ul>
10:00-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Business meeting</li> <li>•Adjourn by 11:00</li> </ul>

### Chris Emory to Speak on the LoonWatch Program at Annual Meeting

The Iron River Lakes Association is thrilled to start our 2014 annual meeting with a very informative, interesting presentation by guest speaker, Chris Emory of the Sigrud Olson Environmental Institute at Northland College.

Chris will be discussing the Institute's LoonWatch Program that works towards conservation and protection of common loons and their aquatic habitat.

The Sigrud Olson Environmental Institute works with Northland College and regional partners to address environmental issues throughout the North Country. The Institute is named after nature writer and conservationist Sigrud F. Olson. To learn more go to <http://www.northland.edu/sigrud-olson-environmental-institute-overview.htm>

## IF YOU USE THE PIKE CHAIN OF LAKES . . .

Please support the Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association Annual Meeting!! This meeting is **ALWAYS** the first Saturday in August. Hopefully, our new "SAVE THE DATE" refrigerator magnet that is enclosed will help to remind everyone to attend and support the PCLA. This **incorporated, tax-exempt, non-profit association** was established in 2009 and is operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, specifically to promote sustainable management of the Pike Chain of Lakes.

While many of you have been attending Lake Association meetings for twenty years or more, we are now a relatively new TAX- EXEMPT organization formed to address the significant problems confronting our lakes today.

**Our major efforts have and will continue to focus on controlling the distribution and abundance of Eurasian watermilfoil and preventing the introduction of other exotic species such as Zebra Mussels. These efforts require a commitment of time and money much greater than anything we have faced in the past. Success in attaining our goal requires the charitable donation of hundreds of hours and tens of thousands of dollars annually as well as the cooperation of local, state, and federal government agencies.**

In 2009, PCLA received a 5year grant from the WDNR to help implement this plan that is now used up and gone. This past year we applied for another grant but didn't receive funding as we had insufficient points in the DNR scoring system. **THIS WILL NOT STOP US!** We will apply for future grants but still need your help.

**If you use the lakes, please get involved and support your lake association. A GREAT FIRST STEP WOULD BE TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING AND BECOME A PCLA MEMBER! You can learn more about the by-laws or the lake management plan of your PCLA at: [www.pikechain.org](http://www.pikechain.org)**

Thank you and please help sustain the lakes for generations to come.

Eddie Wangenstein, Vice President

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## ATTENTION LAKE LOVERS

We are looking for a few good people to help us out on Hart Lake. **We need volunteers to assist with the Secchi disk monitoring and watch our loons on Hart.**

The Secchi disk monitoring is pretty simple. You only need to go out once or twice a month on a sunny and relatively calm day and lower the Secchi disk into the water to check the water clarity. You record the results on a data sheet. That's about it. You don't have to live on the lake to do this. If you have access to a computer, you can enter the information on DNR's website, or I would be glad to do this for you. If you think you would like to try this out or simply learn more about it, give me a call or send me an email. My home office phone is 715-372-6304 or email me at [martha.oie@gmail.com](mailto:martha.oie@gmail.com).

**We also need someone to keep an eye on the loons on Hart Lake.** This volunteer would be part of the Loon Watch Program <http://www.northland.edu/sigurd-olson-environmental-institute-loon-watch.htm>. All you need to do is keep an eye on the loons' activities on Hart Lake. You would need to be a resident on Hart Lake.

**We really need to fill these two positions this year.** We haven't had volunteers for the last couple of years on Hart, so it's very important that we get someone to help us out. Please give me a call if you would like more info. If we had several volunteers, that would even be better—then if there is a need for a back up, someone else would be available. **Remember that this Lake Association is only as strong as you make it.** Thanks for your help.

Secchi Disk Monitors:

Ed Wangenstein (Millicent), Jack Boehler (Eagle), Glenn Viggiano (Buskey), Lona Schmidt (Muskellunge) and Martha Oie (Twin Bear).



LOON ON A NEST on the Pike Chain  
by Amy Arneson Wangenstein

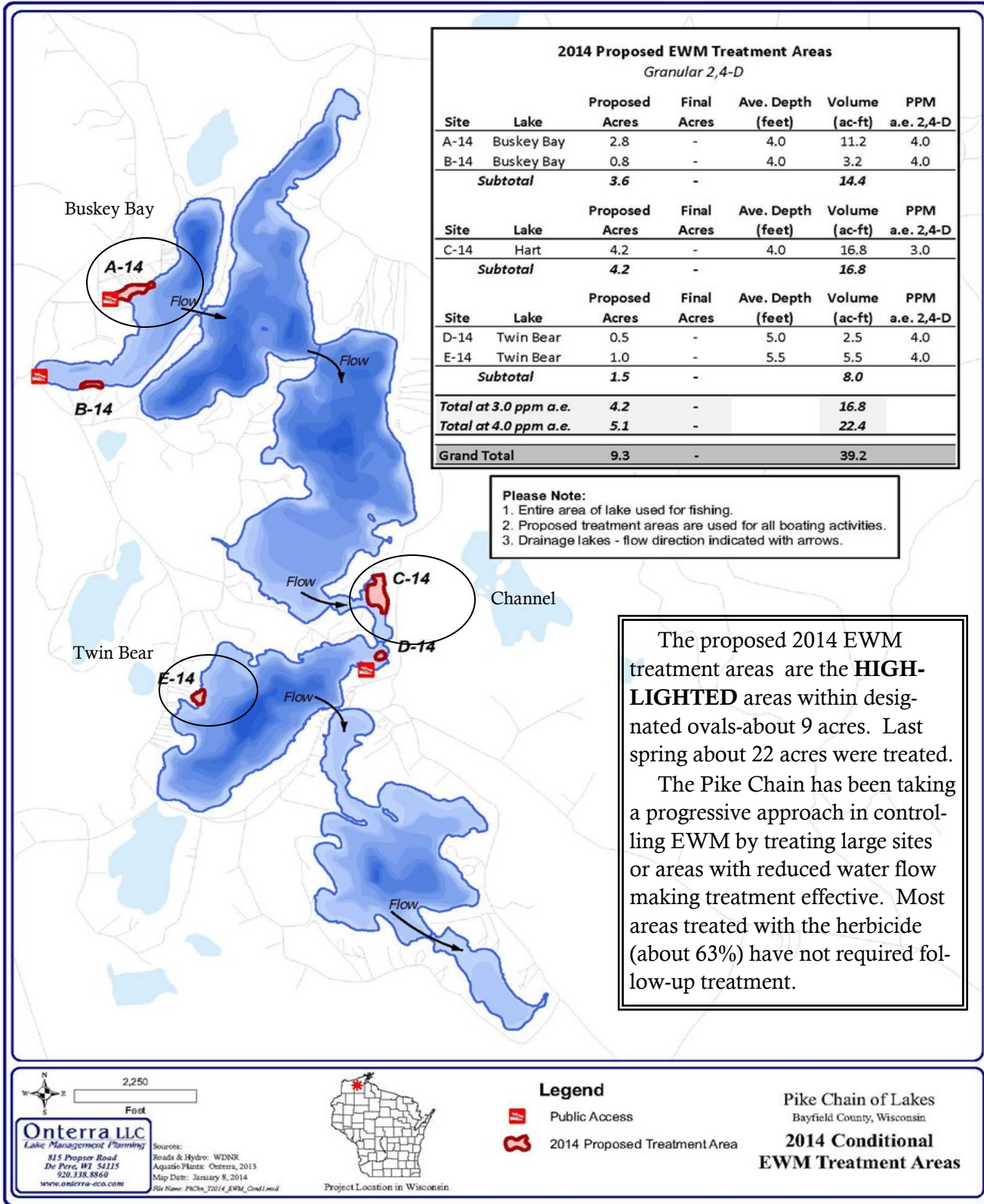
## FACEBOOK PIKE CHAIN OF LAKES



It's been two years since we started up our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/PikeChainofLakes](http://www.facebook.com/PikeChainofLakes). Our audience continues to grow, but we're looking for new visitors. Over 300 folks have dropped in from all over the country. The page is full of scenery/wildlife pictures, important updates/reports from PCLA, current happenings in the area, special reports from DNR, plus other state and regional items of interest.

We would like to see more photos and stories from the Pike Chain folks, especially from days gone by. We have some talented photographers out there, so please take this opportunity to share your pictures with others. I have set up an email account for you to send in your photos, stories, special events, etc. The email account is [pike-chainoflakes@gmail.com](mailto:pike-chainoflakes@gmail.com). Please feel free to contact me if you have questions. Thanks for your continued support.  
Jane Swenson

# 2014 PROPOSED EWM TREATMENT AREAS



**Onterra LLC**  
Lake Management Planning  
815 Prosper Road  
De Pere, WI 54115  
920.338.8860  
www.onterra-llc.com

Sources:  
Roads & Hydro: WDNR  
Aquatic Plants: Onterra, 2013  
Map Date: January 8, 2014  
File Name: PCLn\_2014\_EWM\_Cond1.mxd



Project Location in Wisconsin

**Legend**

- Public Access
- 2014 Proposed Treatment Area

Pike Chain of Lakes  
Bayfield County, Wisconsin  
**2014 Conditional  
EWM Treatment Areas**

## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) UPDATE

Our AIS Committee worked with the Wisconsin DNR and our consultant Onterra to do chemical treatment on 8.6 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil on June 17<sup>th</sup>. We had good weather conditions and posted docks in the locations the treatments were taking place. The locations of the treatments were also posted at the boat landings. We had a group of 20 individuals who reported hours for hand pulling and monitoring of the EWM in our Chain over the past 5 years. This group made our 5 year DNR Invasive Species grant work. Thank you for your efforts. We will not be asking for hours covering the 2014 year.



Our committee worked with PCLA board members, Jeremy Bates with Bayfield County Land and Water Conservation Department, our consultant Onterra, and association member Jane Swenson in applying for a new AIS grant. We had a very strong application but did not receive the needed points in the DNR scoring system to receive grant funding in this cycle. We will continue to work with our group to complete and submit future grant applications.

Bayfield County was successful in receiving a grant for the Clean Boats Clean Water Program and will be able to provide education and boat inspections at all three of the

boat landings on our Pike Lake Chain.

The past 5 years with our grant gave us the opportunity to move forward with a stable management plan. However, we are now totally dependent on the financial support and goodwill of our Association members, other property owners, and those who enjoy and use the lakes to be able to continue with our efforts to control invasive species within the Pike Lake Chain.

Thank you for your past and continued support.

AIS committee: Barb Boehler, Joann Bassett, John Westman, Al Boehler

## Notice of Aquatic Plant Management on the Pike Chain in Bayfield County

Dear Lake Shore Property Owner

The intent of this letter is to notify you that the Iron River Lakes Association has hired Northern Aquatic Services, an herbicide application company for hire, to treat the nuisance exotic Eurasian watermilfoil in the Pike Chain. The Wisconsin DNR has issued a permit to treat roughly 9 acres of EWM in the Pike Chain. The herbicide I will use (Sculpin G) is approved for aquatic use by the Environmental Protection Agency. Any water usage restrictions for the treated area will be posted on yellow signs in that area.

The permit application requires all property owners to be notified that the permit application is being made and that they may obtain a copy of the application to personally review. The planned treatment is in accordance with the Pike Chain's Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APM Plan) to control Eurasian Water Milfoil. Questions concerning the APM Plan can be directed to Al Boehler of the Iron River Area Lakes Association. A copy of the permit may be obtained from the Lake Association.

I am scheduled to make the treatment in June 2014.

If you have any questions you may contact Northern Aquatic Services at 715-755-3507 or the Wisconsin DNR's Water Resources Management Specialist Craig Roesler, 715-634-9658 at Hayward. Chemical fact sheets are available upon request.

Sincerely,

Dale Dressel, Northern Aquatic Services  
Northern Aquatic Services

## CHINESE MYSTERY SNAILS

The Chinese Mystery Snail (CMS) is an invasive snail that has been abundant and widespread in Northern Wisconsin lakes and rivers for about 50 years. It is estimated that about 50% of Northern Wisconsin lakes have Chinese mystery snails, including the Pike Chain. Native to Asia, it was brought to the West Coast in the early 1800's as a food source in the Asian food market. In the early 1900's, it was then found in Massachusetts likely from an aquarium release and has since spread intentionally and accidentally and from bilge, bait, and ballast water. Its occurrence seems to be correlated with lake productivity and human activity.

Often confused with native snails, CMS are typically large- often up to 2 inches, with a light to dark brown or olive colored shell that has a shallow depression above the shell opening and rows of fine, short, stiff hairs parallel to the whorl of the shell. In the spring of their 4th year, CMS give birth to young fully developed snails that "suddenly and mysteriously appear"-hence the name mystery snail. After giving birth, they die and the shells wash up on shore.



Photo from wikipedia

If abundant and dominant, CMS can potentially alter a lake's ecosystem by eating phytoplankton and zooplankton, lowering nutrient regeneration rates, and competing with native snails for food and space although there is no known strong impact so far on native snails. There have been cases of transmission of human intestinal flukes but none in the United States.

If CMS become a problem on your beach, you can remove them and dig a hole to bury them in. Just be certain that it is the CMS and not a native snail. Any questions or concerns, contact Jeremy Bates, AIS Project Coordinator, Bayfield Land and Water Conservation Dept., at 715-373-6167.

### [www.pikechain.org](http://www.pikechain.org)

- DNR Pike Chain Fishery Survey
- A look at our history: Pine Crest Lodge in the 1940's- "a vacation spot for hayfever relief...rest...sports...relief from the heat"
- Understanding the Invasive Species Threat
- Where are the Walleyes?
- History of fish stocking on the Chain
- Articles of Incorporation
- 5 year Lake Management Plan
- Water quality reports
- Eu4asion watermilfoil treatment maps
- Vacation Check Program
- **AND MUCH MORE !!!**

# PCLA MEMBERSHIP & LAKE MANAGEMENT CONTRIBUTION

All information is confidential and used only by PCLA. Thank you for printing clearly.

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (dates)

PCLA bylaws allows a household to be member. There is a maximum of 2 voting members per household and they are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PCLA Board Member

PCLA Committee (Please circle)

Eurasian Water Milfoil Control

Aquatic Invasive Species

Education/Communications

Water Quality Monitoring

Fishery

Fundraising

Water Quality

Purple Loosestrife Control

Shoreline Restoration

Pike Chain Defense Fund

Fundraising/Social Activities

UW Extension Training-Licensed Applicator

Road Side Clean Up

**Please make checks payable to Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Assoc.. Mail your completed form and check in the enclosed envelope to:**

Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association

Attention: Treasurer

P.O. Box 602

Iron River, WI 54847

• **2014 Annual Membership Dues** **\$15.00**

• **Annual TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation for 2014 to lake management (Suggested donation \$1.00 per front foot or other amount)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**

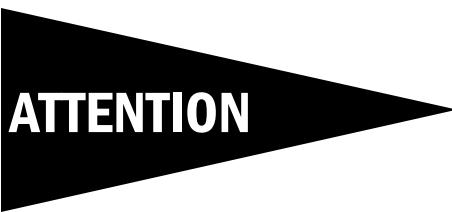
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