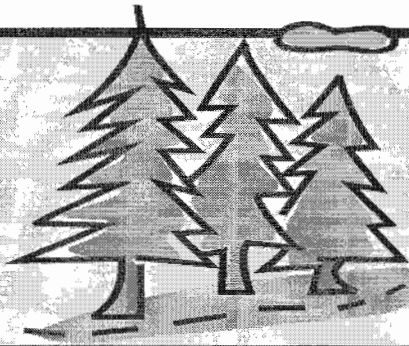


PCLA NEWSLETTER



Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Assoc., Inc.

www.pikechain.org

SUMMER 2011

Prepared by Kris & Tom Sandager

Pike Chain of Lakes Association Annual Meeting

Sat. August 6, 2011 - meeting starts at 9 a.m.

DON'T MISS IT! The Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc. Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 6, 2011 at the Iron River Community Center from 9 to 11 a.m. **Doors open at 8:30** for coffee, socializing, membership etc.

There will be refreshments and a chance to discuss issues of the day with friends and neighbors. Those who attend will receive a free framed poster of your choice covering key lake management issues (*one per paid family membership*). You will find out how your financial support is being used to sustain the lakes and make the Pike Chain a better place to visit and live. There will be reports from our committees, discussion about the boat landing and a special time for you to voice your ideas and concerns. You are the PCLA. Without you, there is no association. So please take two hours Saturday morning, August 6th to learn and voice ideas to help to promote sustainable management of the Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes.

Adopt-a-Highway

If you've noticed that the portion of Highway H from Buskey Bay Drive to Twin Bear Park looks free of debris, you can thank the hardy folks that helped with another clean-up on Saturday, May 21st. In two hours, the group collected 15 bags of trash. The sky looked threatening but just a few sprinkles fell before the job was completed. Members of the group included the following: Tom and Kris Sandager, Jack Brickson, Mary Podlesny, Bertie Ruef, Jim and Dale Jerome, Eddie Wangensteen and Amy Arneson, and Jerry and Julie Peck.

Last October 16th, five people covered the same area and collected 7 bags and two tires in 2 ½ hours. Working that day were Bob and Bertie Ruef, Jeanne Joseph, Linda Brunner and Julie Peck.

Many thanks to the lake people who frequently pick up trash while on their daily walks along Highway H. Your help makes a big difference. **If you would like to help with the next clean-up in September, please contact Jerry or Julie Peck by email at gjpeck@cheqnet.net.**



May 2011 Adopt-a-Highway Crew

Photographer: Jerry Peck



PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, August 6, 2011 and show up at the Iron River Community Center for the PCLA Annual Meeting. The doors will open by 8:30 a.m. with refreshments. The meeting will start promptly at 9 a.m. and last 1 1/2 to 2 hours only. We need your involvement and input. Any member in good standing (paid dues) may speak at the meeting and vote. Young people are encouraged to attend also! We want this to be a fun, informative, exciting and fast-paced, productive meeting lasting just 1.5-2 hours long.

New this year will be time to answer your questions or hear your concerns. Please respond on the dues form in this newsletter with any questions or concerns that you have so we have a little time to think about them as we prepare for the meeting.

Hopefully next year, we will have a second meeting. This would be more of a social/educational get-together with hamburgers or brats and a guest speaker.

Remember, you are the PCLA. Please show up and help promote the lakes association and area.

Eddie Wangenstein, Vice President PCLA

Pike Chain Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Update

Plants were found by the boat monitors in the fall of 2004 near the Twin Bear boat landing. It was confirmed by the DNR in the Spring of 2005. Treatments started that spring and have been done each year since. We treated a high of 27 acres and will be treating 16 this year. The EWM appears in new locations each year. With our monitoring, hand pulling, and chemical treatments we have been making progress as some areas are now clean and did not have to be retreated this year.

Based on the efforts of our volunteer monitors, 18 individuals reported hours monitoring and hand pulling. We have provided the Wisconsin DNR data allowing our lake chain to be part of a study by the DNR of a new chemical that

will be effective on treating small areas as well as the larger bays. The former chemical Navigate, had requirements to be used on larger areas i.e. 1/2 acre plus.

We will be treating 16.1 acres with a new chemical Sculpin G. Many of the areas will be spot treatments based on the small size of the treatment area. This is a major step in our management and we are very pleased to be a part of this process.

We have our volunteer labor forms on the web site www.pikechain.org and ask interested individuals to re-view the form and report activities. Anyone having interest in receiving training on monitoring or identification of EWM can contact Al Bochler at 715- 682-6372.

Please see map of areas are being treated. By Al Bochler

PCLA Posters are Promoting Sustainable Lake Management (view posters on p. 3 or www.pikechain.org)

The PCLA Education Committee, recently completed six posters that focus on the major management issues identified during the Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes, Lakes Management Planning Project. The posters were created in cooperation with Duluth Business Universities Graphic Design Program. This winter Bill Swenson worked with faculty member Stacy Whaley and students Lisa Jefferson and Taylor Bjork on the poster designs. After careful review by the Education Committee, six poster designs were finalized and one thousand were printed. Two posters, *Boat Responsibly* and *Generations Will Be Grateful* address clean/responsible boating, water quality and biological integrity of the lakes, the primary management issues. *Share the Peace, Loons or Lead, Natural Lawns-Natural Lakes* and *Fires Fuel Friendships* address, noise, lead toxicity,

nutrient loading and responsible burning. Approximately two hundred posters have been distributed to area businesses, government buildings, restaurants, resorts, schools, churches and boating landings from Superior to Ashland to promote sustainable lake management. Unframed posters (125) have also been gifted to other lake groups for posting in Southern Bayfield and Douglas County to help achieve that goal. All six posters can be viewed at www.pikechain.org, at the Iron River Community Center, Library, or Iron River School and Women's Health Center.

The poster project was initiated by the Education Committee with the idea that if we created something attractive with a meaningful lake management message, lake property owners would be happy to display the messages in their homes. We

are especially interested in getting posters addressing key management issues displayed in properties that are rented or frequented by guests. To accomplish this we are offering property owner that rent or allow others to use their property a free framed *Boat Responsibly* and/or *Generations Will Be Grateful*, poster for display. Contact Bill Swenson 715-372-5262 or 714-394-4680 to order one. All 2011 PCLA dues paying members (one per property) who attend our annual meeting will be provided a framed 11 x 17 inch poster of their choice at the meeting. The membership form includes a place for you to identify which poster you would like. We are requiring that you attend the meeting to avoid the time and cost associated with delivery. Submitted by: Bill Swenson, Education Committee and Board Member

2011 Final EWM Treatment Areas

Granular 2,4-D at approximately 2.25 ppm a.e.

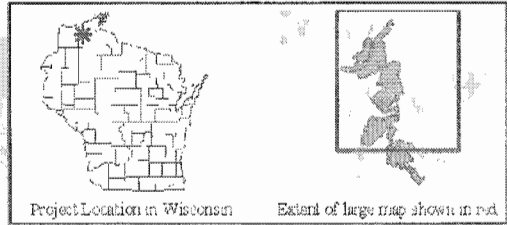
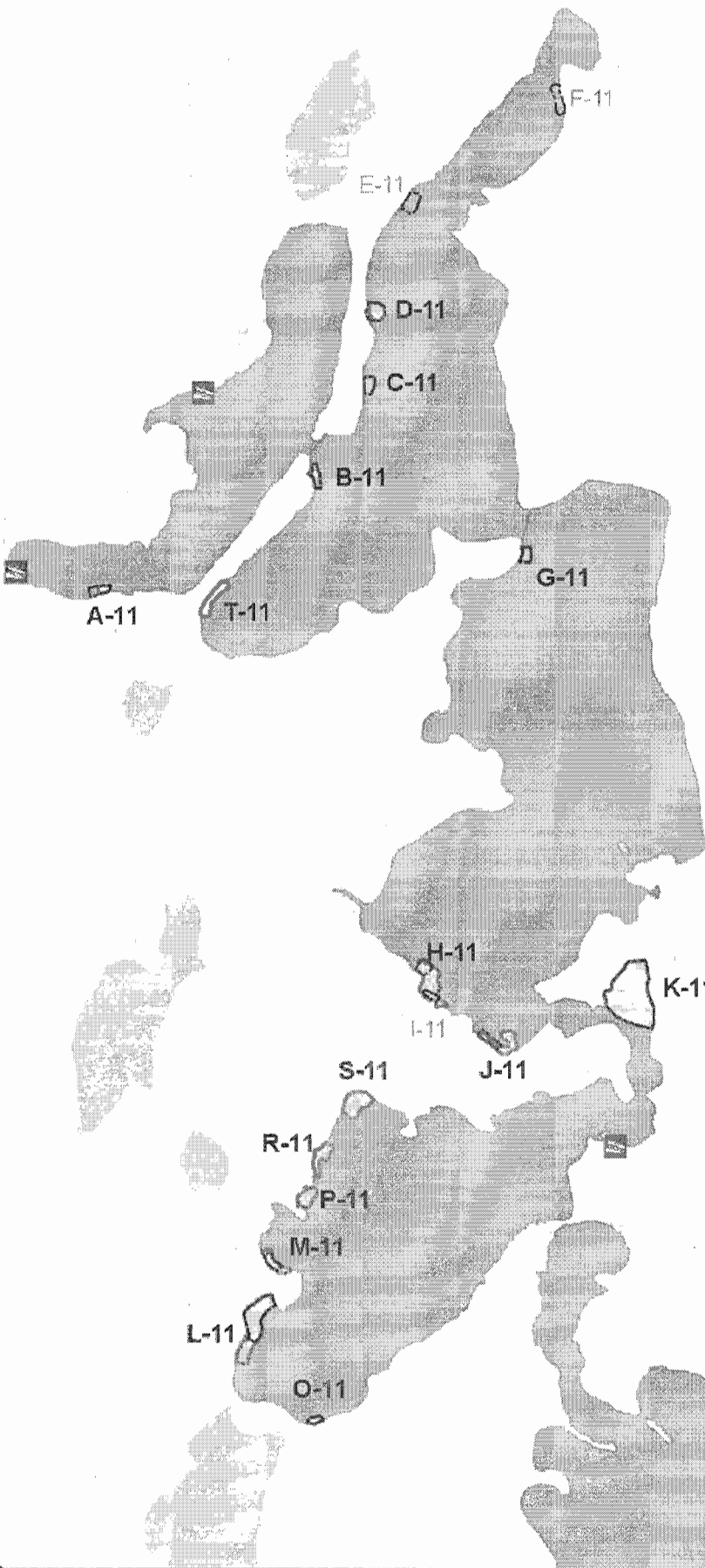
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A-11	Buskey Bay	0.4	0.2	6	1.2	220	2.23
Subtotal		0.4	0.2		1.2		

Site	Lake	Proposed Acres	Permit Acres	Ave. Depth (feet)	Volume (ac-ft)	SculpinG Dose (lbs/acre)	PPM a.e. 2,4-D
B-11	Millicent	0.4	0.4	6	2.4	220	2.23
C-11	Millicent	0.4	0.4	7	2.8	260	2.25
D-11	Millicent	0.6	0.5	9	4.5	340	2.29
E-11	Millicent	0.6	Removed	9	-	-	-
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I-11	Millicent	-	0.7	6.5	4.6	240	2.24
Subtotal		2.6	2.0		14.3		

Site	Lake	Proposed Acres	Permit Acres	Ave. Depth (feet)	Volume (ac-ft)	SculpinG Dose (lbs/acre)	PPM a.e. 2,4-D
G-11	Hart	0.3	0.3	9	2.7	340	2.29
H-11	Hart	0.4	1.6	6	9.6	220	2.23
I-11	Hart	0.2	Removed	5.5	-	-	-
J-11	Hart	0.4	0.9	4.5	4.1	160	2.16
K-11	Hart	5.4	5.4	5	27.0	180	2.19
Subtotal		6.7	8.2		43.4		

Site	Lake	Proposed Acres	Permit Acres	Ave. Depth (feet)	Volume (ac-ft)	SculpinG Dose (lbs/acre)	PPM a.e. 2,4-D
L-11	Twin Bear	1.7	2.4	8	19.2	300	2.28
M-11	Twin Bear	0.3	0.6	8	4.8	300	2.28
O-11	Twin Bear	0.2	0.2	6	1.2	220	2.23
P-11	Twin Bear	-	0.6	5	3.0	180	2.19
R-11	Twin Bear	-	0.7	5	3.5	180	2.19
S-11	Twin Bear	-	1.2	5	6.0	180	2.19
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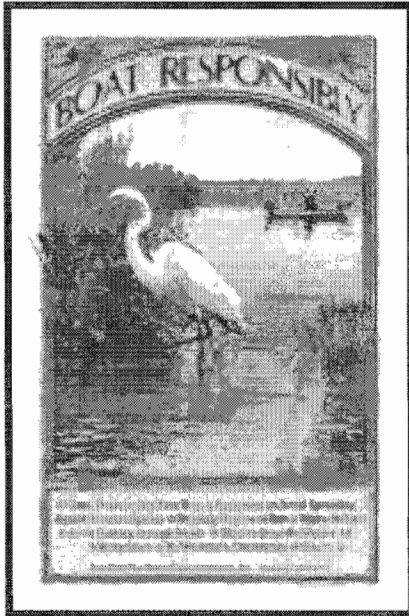
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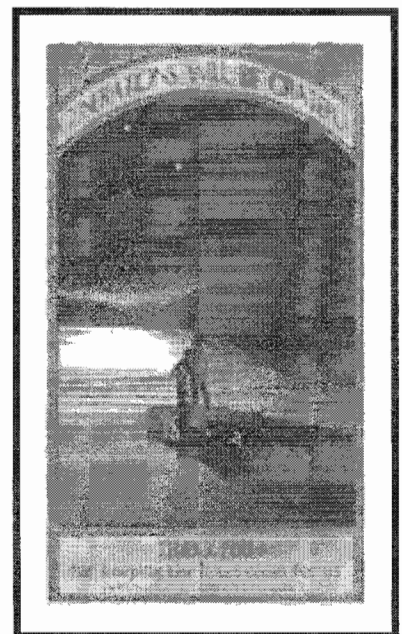
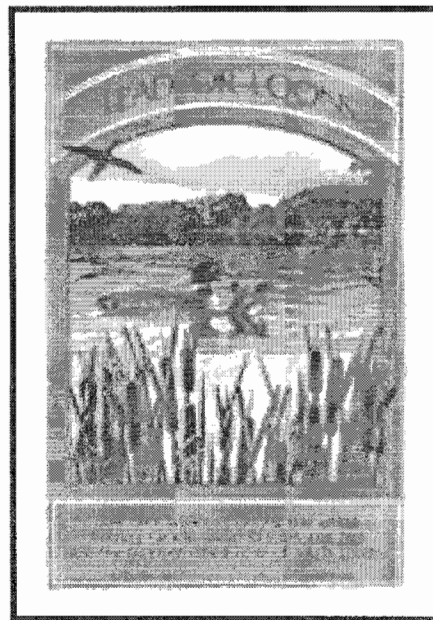
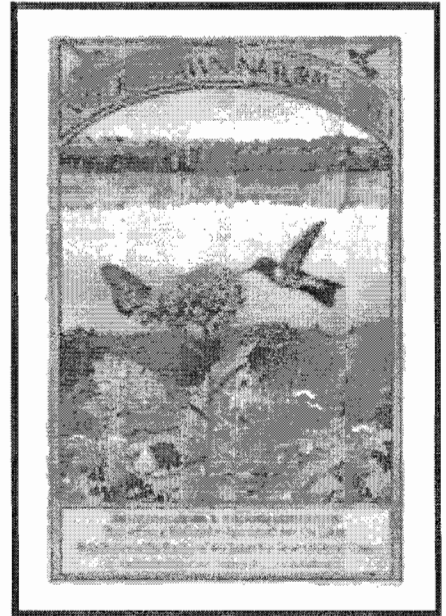
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LAKE
MANAGEMENT
POSTERS



Greetings from your boat landings!



- Five staff members of the Clean Boat Clean Water Program (CBCW) for the Pike Lake Chain attended an inspection training workshop recently. The training was presented by Jeremy Bates, new AIS coordinator for Bayfield County; Maureen Ferry, Lake Superior Basin AIS Specialist; and Karen Austin, Inspections Coordinator for the Pike Chain and Delta. Brandon Blaszkowski, Phoebe Burchill, Brit Marx and Bart Austin attended. All paid CBCW staff for the Chain have completed this training with refresher training as the laws change. Five staff members also plan on attending the North West Wisconsin Lakes Conference on the 24th of June in Minong.
- More monitoring hours have been allocated to the Town Landing on Buskey Bay as it has been experiencing a steady increase in usage the past two seasons. The landing at Hydes has shown a decrease over the same time. We also have monitoring hours in place for weekdays at the Twin Bear Landing.
- The park was a happy, busy place over the Memorial Day Holiday! 106 boats were recorded using the landing on May 28 and 29 with 230 contacts made during that time.
- We are looking forward to working with the new management at the Twin Bear Park, the Department of Forestry, and especially with Jeremy Bates who brings new talent and enthusiasm to our efforts.
- **If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the landings, please contact me at knb@cheqnet.net or 715-372-4838.**

Karen Austin (CBCW Program Landing Coordinator, Pike Lake Chain and Delta Chain of Lakes)

TWIN BEAR PARK UPDATE

Management of Twin Bear Park shifted from the Bayfield Parks and Recreation Committee to the Bayfield County Forestry Committee this year. Bill Swenson and Al Boehler worked with the Forestry Committee to promote continuance of weekday inspections at Twin Bear Park. As a result, Patti Mitchen, who conducted the boat inspections last year, will continue in that role and will also serve as assistant park host this summer. Steve Garrett was hired as primary host. Brenda Garrett, Steve's wife, has served as manager of Delta Lake Campground for several years.

The Bayfield County Board and the Forestry Committee appear to be making a strong effort to provide effective park management and to promote sustainable management of the Pike Chain.

DNR Pike Chain Fish Study Indicates Change

Scott Toshner, Wisconsin DNR Fish Manager, provided some preliminary information on the fishery study underway on the Pike Chain. Only data collected on the upper lakes (north of Eagle) had been analyzed as of June. The analysis indicated what many of those who fish the chain expected, walleye abundance is down. Abundance of both smallmouth bass and largemouth bass increased since 1991 but the increase in largemouth has been much greater since 2001. Scott indicated the changes found in the Pike Chain appear to be similar to those seen in many other northern lakes.



The final report for the Pike Chain will describe both the changes observed in the Chain and how they relate to other regional lakes. The trends observed in the Pike Chain and other regional lakes will serve to guide future management. Scott provided a copy of the Lake Own Fishery Report for review. He thought it would provide our Fishery Committee some insight into the kind of report we might expect and some ideas for future management. He suggested they would be far enough along to discuss the findings with our fishery committee this winter and we could expect a draft report to be available by spring 2012. Scott indicated his availability to present the findings along with recommendations for changes in management next summer. **Members interested in or becoming a member of the Fishery Committee should attend the Annual PCLA Meeting to voice their ideas.** Bill Swenson, Chair PCLA Fishery Committee

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EWM EATS LAKES WHEN IGNORED

The PCLA has invested a lot of time and money to control the spread of EWM in the Pike Chain. Some may ask is it worth it? Property owners on Tomahawk and Sandbar Lakes, about 20 miles SSW of the Pike Chain, will tell you keep it up. Ronald Clark, who has lived on Sandbar for over 20 years, says that before EWM invaded Sandbar was a lot like the lakes on the Pike Chain with 20 foot visibility and sandy beaches. Although there is no boat landing on Sandbar there is a small one on Tomahawk Lake, which is connected to Sandbar during high water. No one is sure when EWM was introduced but it seems to have spread very fast and as a result during the past several years, both boating and swimming have become difficult or impossible in some areas. Ron says they would try to rake it but it was so thick it would get tangled in your legs.

In an effort to make these two beautiful Wisconsin lakes useful again, the Wisconsin DNR and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers initiated an experimental treatment two years ago on Tomahawk Lake. The treatment involved applying heavy concentrations of the same chemicals used on the Pike Chain to kill EWM to the whole lake. Last year they conducted a follow-up study to determine what effect the treatment had on native organisms in Tomahawk. They recently completed a whole lake treatment on Sandbar using a lower concentration of the chemical to measure the effects. According to the professionals, Sandbar may be safe to swim again by July 4th. Property owners feel lucky that the two agencies chose their lakes for the experiment because the costs for the treatment were extreme. They are hopeful that the experiment will reduce EWM to densities that will allow more effective management in the future. Although the PCLA has kept ahead of EWM on the major lakes in the Pike Chain, more survey work is needed on Flynn, Muskellunge and McCarry lakes to promote early detection. If it is allowed to spread undetected, treatment costs would become prohibitive. by Bill Swenson

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Donate to lake management _____

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- Boat Responsibly
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2010 LAMINATED MAPS

In 2010, your lake association made a commitment to provide a laminated copy of the Pike Chain of Lakes map for all who contributed a total of \$100 or more and the paid membership portion of \$15. While every effort was made to ensure that everyone got their copy of the map, we are concerned that some members may have been missed. If you qualified for a map but have not received your copy, contact Bob Ruef @ 715-372-4343 or email him at rerlr@cheqnet.net. Arrangements will be made to get you your map. Our apologies go to any that may have been missed last year.

"PIKE CHAIN PERSPECTIVES" ARTWORK

Sally Witz, artist and summer resident of Twin Bear, has created beautiful artwork including scenes from the Pike Chain and surrounding area, "The Pike Chain Perspectives." Prints are available for purchase with proceeds given to PCLA. To order any prints and view Sally's gallery go to her website at www.witzart.com. Sally is going to try and have some of her art at the annual meeting, too.