



NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year Pike Chainers!

This past year was a good one, we continue to fight the good fight against EWM (Eurasian Water Milfoil). No fall surveys (per DNR) were completed on Eagle or McCarry but from what we and homeowners have observed it appears the whole lake treatments did the trick. We had grant money to complete the McCarry Lake Treatments while the Association paid for the Eagle Lake treatments. We felt it was a common sense decision to treat Eagle Lake to help keep the EWM from getting downstream and to keep it from being transported to the upper 4 lakes.

Pictures show Pre (September 2018) and Post treatment (Sept 2019) EWM survey results for the sites that were spot treated with 2,4-D. The treatments in Hart Lake and Buskey Bay appear to have been very successful while the Twin Bear treatments were good, however a few pockets of colonized EWM remain. I plan to recommend to the Board that we complete more spot treatments with 2,4-D in the trouble areas which will be funded by the Association. I believe the spot treatments take out EWM beds that would otherwise grow early and get spread around the Chain.

An Association member reported seeing something that appeared like EWM in Muskellunge Lake. One of our consultant's crews completed a short tour on the lake during their September visit. The crew identified a population of native milfoil in the lake and did not locate any EWM.

As mentioned, the Association is starting to pay for EWM treatments so your donations are very important. Please continue being members of the Pike Chain of Lakes Association and your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thanks,
Jay Johnson
PCLA President

Pike Chain of Lakes Association Board of Directors

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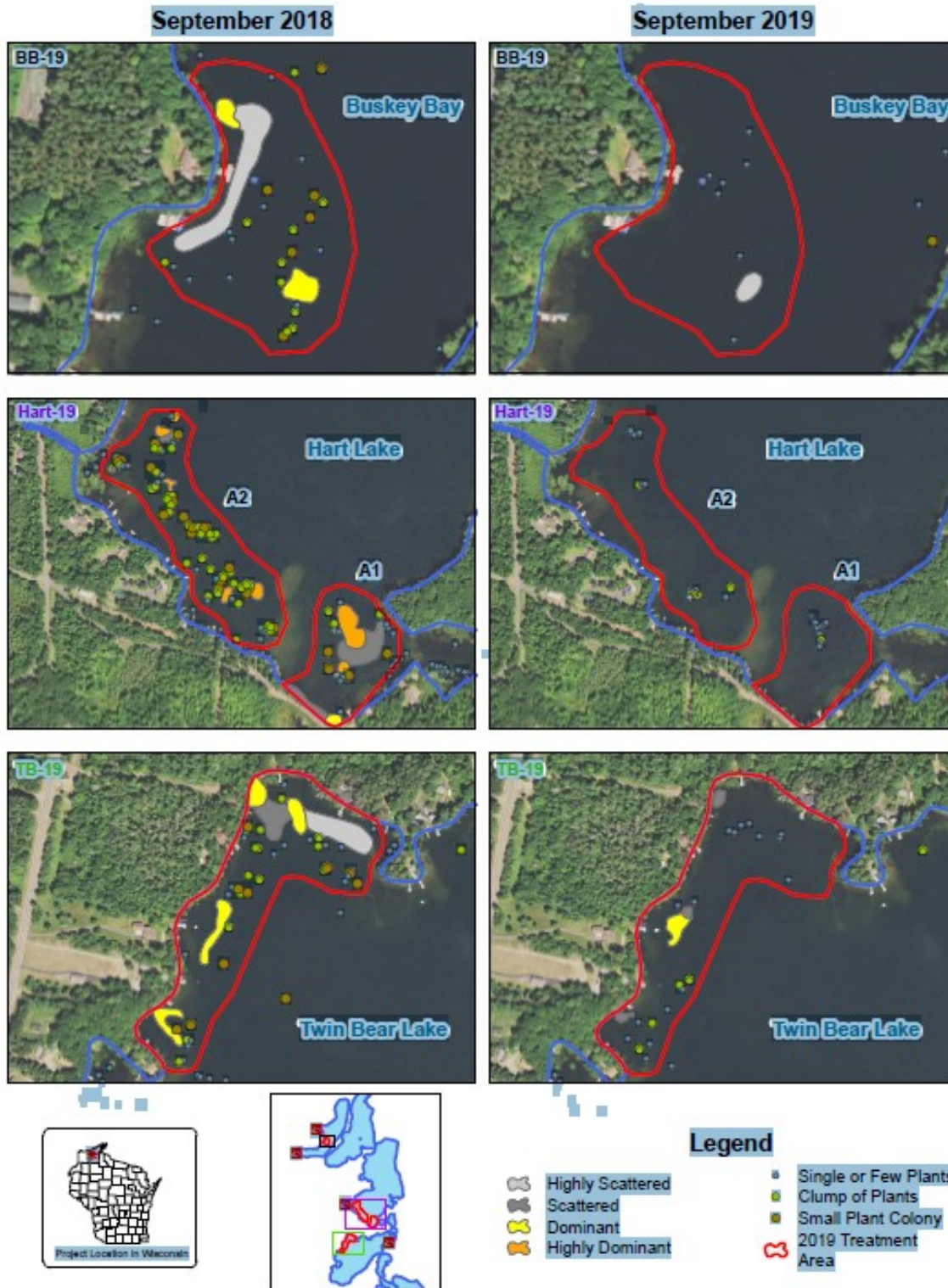
Amy Wangensteen

Tom Sandager, Secretary

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Al Bochler, Past President

Here are the latest maps of what was accomplished with spot treatment using 2,4D to treat Eurasian milfoil from September 2018 to September 2019. Surveys of McCarry and Eagle lakes will be done in spring 2020.



Announcing new Vice President and 3 new board members.

PCLA is pleased to announce the election of **Joe Rapacz** as new vice president and **John Coffey** to serve a 2nd term as treasurer. Newly elected to the Board of Directors were **Amy Arneson Wangensteen**, **Paula Millar** and **Tom Sandager** (secretary). We appreciate everyone volunteering to serve.



Meet Paula Millar: “If the Pike Lake Chain isn't in my blood, it is certainly in the DNA of my kids. My parents bought their first cabin here in 1974. They started at the big yellow house on Flynn Lake, and we drove here from Ashland as many weekends as we could. In 1978 they moved to a smaller cabin on Eagle. In fact, they flip-flopped places with a family that wanted a larger place.

When I married in 1986, I was lucky that my husband Tom loved cabin life as much as I did. He was a teacher and I worked for 30 years as a School Counselor in Chippewa Falls. This meant that we had summers off. As soon as the school year ended, we would high-tail to the cabin and spend most of the summer here. In 1988, our family grew to include our son Brian. In 1991, Eric blessed us with his presence. When I was pregnant with our 3rd child (Laura) in

1993, my parents decided the 2 bedroom cabin was too small for the 7 of us. Our summer squatters rights □ meant they moved out and found a place just across the bay.

We raised our kids here at the lake. We did live in Menomonie during the school year, but the kids had a second set of friends up here and their school friends were always welcome to join in our summer fun. As teens they each worked at The Spot. All of our hearts were on Eagle Lake even when we couldn't be. A year ago, I retired. We sold our home and remodeled our place on Eagle to make it year-round. I picked up a part time job as a counselor at Our Lady of the Lake in Ashland. We are lucky to have my sister and my mom with homes on Eagle as well. Additionally, we have made so many wonderful friends who live on or near the chain.

This is my first year on the PCLA board. I am passionate about preserving the lakes. Invasive species have already given us an ugly glimpse at what they can do to our beautiful environment. We simply cannot let it happen. I will continue to be active in preserving our water so my children and grandchildren can continue the legacy of loving life on our lakes.



Meet Amy Arneson Wangensteen: Hello! I'm Amy Arneson Wangensteen. This is my first year on The Pike Chain Board and want to introduce myself to our members. Starting way back when, I grew up in Minnesota on Pike Lake (a neat coincident) just north of St. Paul. As I tell my 8 grandchildren growing up on a lake is Wonderful! There was always something for my family of seven children to do surrounding the water. It was our source of entertainment and discovery. While raising my two sons, I lived close by, so frequent visits to their grandparents home brought that same joy to my family too. Most of my working years were spent in education, I went from teaching kindergarten and early childhood to ending my career at the high school level.

Over ten years ago I was introduced to our amazing chain of lakes by my husband Eddie. His love of the area, the nature, our extra clear waters and close friends/family transferred to me quickly. I am blessed to live on Lake Millicent. By serving on our Pike Chain Board it is my hope to contribute new inspiration as well as continue to build on the past success. I look forward to seeing you soon on the frozen lakes or summer boats rides.



Meet Tom Sandager: I've enjoyed coming up to the lake since 1980 when I met Kris. Having grown up in Jackson, MN I didn't know that a person could stand in 3 feet of lake water and see their feet! Although we live in Eau Claire, we spend about half our time in summer going "to the lake" and at least one long weekend per month the rest of the year too. I have many fond memories of fine meals with family, beautiful sunsets, skiing on calm water, walks through the woods and dealing with the various challenges that owning a cabin inevitably provides. I was not handy early in my life, but have learned a few things being a cabin owner. I have to admit that fixing things at the lake and learning about how things work is one of my favorite past-times. I'm a family physician with Marshfield Clinic for my day job.

With my wife Kris serving as secretary for PCLA for the past 9 years, I have hoped that someday I'd be able to serve as well. I am looking forward to working with our other board members to try keep the Pike Chain pristine and clear.

Last but not least we would like to thank the following board members who completed their terms at the August 2019 annual meeting:

- ◆ **Eddie Wangenstein** for serving as Vice President for 3 terms, his tireless promotion of the PCLA, presiding over the meetings and countless hours spent working with the DNR, doing testing for 2,4 D treatments in the spring and secchi disk readings to name a few.
- ◆ **Kris Sandager** for serving as secretary for 3 terms and cranking out the newsletter to over 300 recipients twice a year during her 9 years on the board.

The DNR's Violation Hotline provides Wisconsin citizens with the opportunity to confidentially report suspected wildlife, recreational and environmental violations using a toll free number.

Call or text 1-800-847-9367 OR Submit a violation report online <https://dnr.wi.gov/Contact/Hotline.html>



...IT'S NOT TOO LATE

If you're still interested in making a TAX DEDUCTIBLE contribution to lake management to help support our fight against Aquatic Invasive Species ...

...IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

The Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association has been very successful in its efforts to work with Bayfield County on boat inspections and the DNR on grants to assist our Association financially. This, along with strong support from our membership puts us in a good position going forward in our lake management efforts to maintain the high quality of our lake chain. **We will be more dependent on our membership as we move forward as the DNR scoring system for future grants will reduce our score because of receiving previous grants.** Your strong support is appreciated and needed in the future.

A BIG THANK YOU TO:

Dennis Dietzler, Kris Stefani, Kaye Barczask and Drew Froeliger for their 2018 donations that were not acknowledged with the 2019 spring newsletter.

PIKE CHAIN APPAREL NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH IDEA DESIGN STUDIO

We are now working with Idea Design in Iron River as our supplier for Pike Chain apparel. PCLA will get 15% back on sales during the annual meeting and Pike Chain Party and 10% from store sales.

IDEA DESIGN STUDIO
 South Main Street in Iron River
 715.372.6440

IRON RIVER PIKE CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION (PCLA)

PURPOSE: PCLA is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, specifically to promote the sustainable management of the Pike Chain by:

- Providing leadership in lake management through environmental education, water quality monitoring, prevention of the introduction of aquatic invasive species and controlling populations of aquatic invasive species existing in the watershed.
- Working with government agencies and private organizations to generate the necessary human and financial resources
- Purchasing or accepting the donation of property or conservation easements to promote the overall goal of sustainable lake management
- Monitoring and responding to proposed developments within the watershed, taxation and land use planning and other environmental regulation
- Promoting mutual respect, cooperation and friendship between owners of property within the watershed, other lake users and town, county and state public officials by providing a forum for exchange of information and discussion on environmental issues of importance and concern.

Pike Chain Trivia (answers bottom of page, but try not to look)

- What percent of the lake must be infested with Eurasian milfoil to justify whole lake treatment?
- What temperature is the water underneath the ice in the winter?
- At what temperature is water most dense?
- Where did the huge marble columns on Pine Lake Road come from?
- Do we have Zebra mussels on the Pike Chain?
- Do we have purple loosestrife on the Pike Chain?
- Does Eurasian milfoil (bad stuff) or native northern milfoil (good stuff) have 12 or less leaflets?
- How long can a loon stay under water?
- How deep can a loon dive?
- Who built Pinecrest?



A NOTE FROM YOUR EMERGENCY SERVICES

As the season changes, there are a few things to keep in mind when calling for emergency services. The first, and most important, is to keep your fire number visible. Snow banks and branches can easily cover up your fire number and make it near impossible for us to find you. Next is remembering that not all emergency vehicles are equipped with 4-wheel drive. If you know your road or driveway is non-navigable without 4-wheel drive, when you call 911 be sure to inform the dispatcher of this. Along with this, please give dispatch any specific instructions that may not be obvious to those traveling to your home. This could include the presence or absence of space to turn around near your home, which route to take if there is more than one option, which side of the house to pull up to, etcetera. Receiving this information early gives services ample time to plan. Though this may be hard to remember in the time of an emergency, keeping these things in mind can save valuable time during an emergency response.

Trivia Answers (in order): 10%, 39 degrees Fahrenheit, 39 degrees, Google “Chicago City Hall VI for hx a pics, no, yes (limited), native northern type (good stuff), 15 minutes, 200 feet, Christian Wiehe (he also transported the pillars via railcar).

Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc.

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Membership & Lake Management Donation Form

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

Type of Membership: (circle one) New Renewal
(circle one) Individual/Family* Business** Trust**

Name(s) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

Lake address (if different from mailing address) _____

Lake Name _____ Email address _____

If a business membership, would you like your business listed on our website (circle one): yes no

*Two votes per membership ** One vote per membership

Please list voter's name(s) _____

Volunteer Opportunities:

PCLA Board Member

PCLA Committee (please circle)

Aquatic invasive species

Education and communications

Fishery

Water quality

Fundraising/Membership

Road-side clean-up "Adopt-a-Highway"

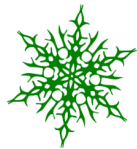
Other (please specify)

**Please make checks payable to
Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association and
mail form and check to:**

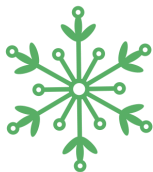
Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association
Attention: Treasurer
PO Box 602
Iron River, WI 54847

• Annual Membership Dues	\$20.00
<i>Tax Deductible</i>	
• Annual Donation for lake management	_____
<i>Tax Deductible</i>	
(Suggested donation \$1.00 per front foot. But any amount is greatly appreciated!)	
TOTAL (Thank you!)	_____

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PCLA Annual Meeting August 1, 2020



One of the joys of this time of year is the opportunity to SAY thank you for your continued support and wish you the very best in the coming new year. We look forward to another great year working together to protect our beautiful lake.

PCLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS