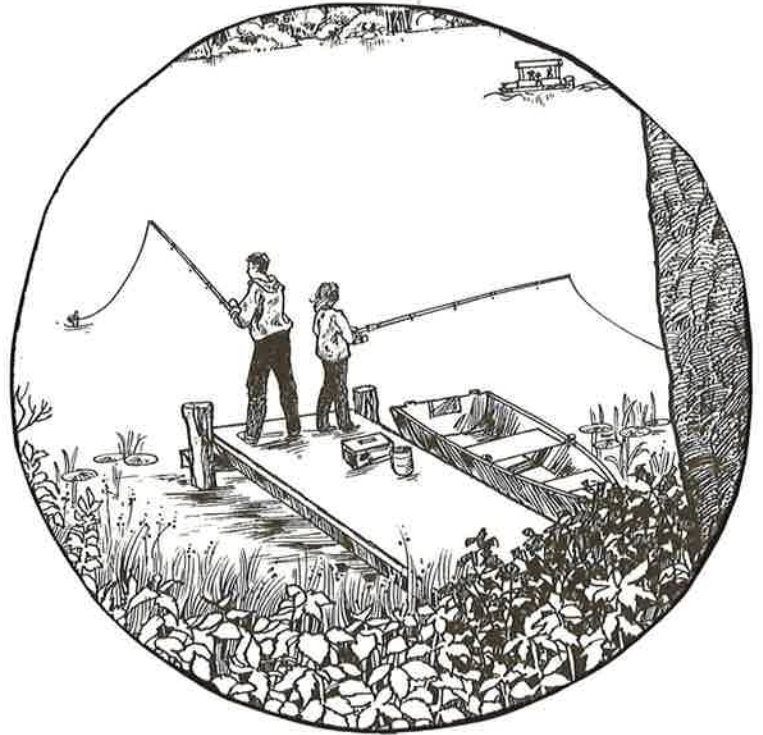


Lake Metonga Association Newsletter

Spring 2012



Great Fun & Enjoyment for All Ages During All Seasons

Ice Out – March 24th Ice Out dates have been recorded for the last 12 years beginning in 2001. This year marks the earliest Ice Out date in that 12 year period. Nine of the twelve recorded Ice Out dates occurred in the month of April. The two later dates were May 2nd in 2008 and May 5th in 2009. After a long winter, open water is always a welcome sight. Immediately folks begin to think about putting in their docks and being sure that their fishing/recreational water craft are ready to launch.

Mother Nature's Surprises A snow storm occurred on February 28th and 29th and by the

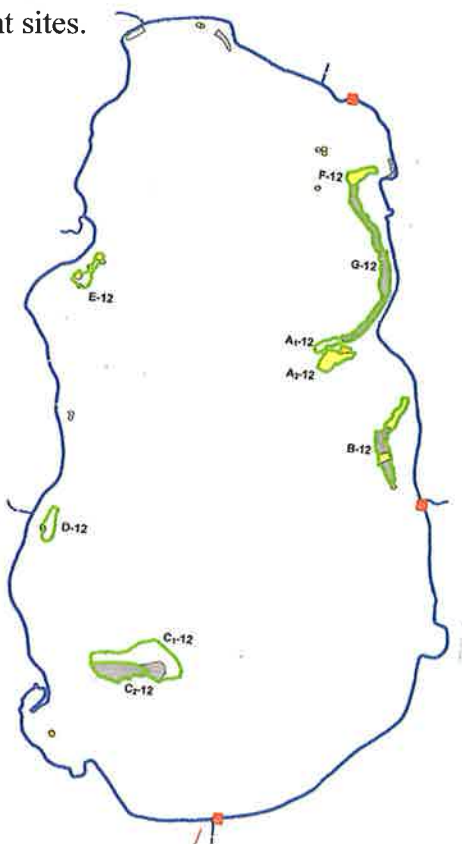
time the storm ended 20 to 25 inches of snow had accumulated in the Crandon/Rhinelander area. Some places even reported 30 inches. The snowmobilers were elated. Tourists and lake property owners were coming to the Northwoods to enjoy the beautiful white landscape and the recreational activities provided by this snowfall. Then, within just two weeks, the temperature began to climb and by the 10th of March it reached 53 degrees. Within days it rose to the 60's and 78 degrees was recorded for the 18th and 19th of March. This warm stretch of weather made the snow rapidly disappear. All the snowbirds, including myself were hearing

reports of this unseasonably warm weather and were wondering why we had gone South. However, April turned out to be a surprise as well and temperatures dropped below freezing some nights and it was cold and windy during the day. It seems Mother Nature reversed March and April. We'll wait and see what she has in store for the next surprise.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (“EWM”) Treatment

Lake Metonga was surveyed by the Association’s Aquatic Ecologist Consultant, Onterra LLC, in the fall of 2011 to determine the effectiveness of the June 2011 chemical treatment of 49.1 acres of EWM. The overall 2011 treatment was very effective. Some beds were nearly eliminated and the others resulted in the decrease of EWM density.

The 2011 fall survey mapped 49.8 acres of EWM. The following map displays the proposed treatment sites.



EWM bed G-12 was a new addition to previous mappings causing the unexpected total of 49.8 acres. However, the only way to prevent a massive spread of this invasive is to be proactive and chemically treat this invasive again in 2012. The Liquid 2,4-D used for the treatment will be dispensed from the treatment boat through hoses submerged into the water column so that the chemical is directed toward the plant root structure. The following chart lists each of the sites targeted for treatment.

2012 Proposed EWM Treatment Areas				
<i>Liquid 2,4-D</i>				
Site	Proposed Acres	Ave. Depth (feet)	Volume (ac-ft)	PPM a.e. 2,4-D
A ₁ -12	2.3	10	23.0	3.00
A ₂ -12	3.9	8	31.2	3.00
B-12	6.5	9	58.5	3.50
C ₁ -12	14.1	13	183.3	3.00
C ₂ -12	5.9	10	59.0	3.00
D-12	2.6	8	20.8	3.50
E-12	2.7	9	24.3	3.50
F-12	2.2	6	13.2	3.00
G-12	9.6	7	67.2	3.00
Total	49.8		480.5	

Walleye Fry Stocking

In an effort to increase the walleye fishery in Lake Metonga, Mike Preul, Mole Lake Chippewa Fishery Biologist, collected walleye eggs and sperm and the fertilized eggs were incubated in the Tribe’s hatchery. The water temperature is carefully regulated during the incubation period to equal the temperature in Lake Metonga so that the hatched fry will not experience a temperature shock when planted in Metonga’s waters. Mike and his staff set out ten fyke nets to capture the adult walleyes. Approximately 100 females

were milked for eggs and sperm was collected from approximately 250 males.



Most males were 12 to 15 inches long; however, the entire catch included sizes up to 21 inches. The females were large, averaging 22 to 27 inches in length. Some females were still hard. (Eggs could not be milked from these fish.) Mike did achieve his planned goal to hatch between 3 and 3.5 million fry. All fry hatched were stocked in Lake Metonga.

WDNR Walleye Stocking The WDNR has been stocking 2 – 2-1/2 inch fingerlings in Lake Metonga in alternate years. In 2012 they will stock 79,000 walleye fingerlings. The stocking will be done in late June or early July.

Bullhead Update



Mike Preul plans to use the Tribe's shocking boat to harvest bullheads again this spring. It is evident that the population is down because of

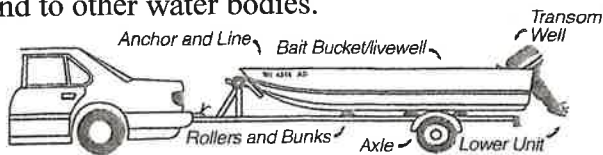
the aggressive harvests in 2008, 2009 and 2010, which totaled approximately 20,000 bullheads. It is known from examining the content of their stomachs that they were eating a considerable quantity of juvenile perch. The perch population has increased as a result of the bullhead harvests. Based on the number that Mike is able to harvest, we will plan to set up a free give-a-way day. A notice will be published in the local newspapers.

Clean Boats-Clean Waters Boat Inspections

Confronting the reality of invasive species is a challenging task. Lake Metonga Association will again fund boat inspectors in 2012. Two people, Ben Konitzer and Mike Konitzer, have been hired to monitor and inspect the boats and recreational watercraft arriving and departing Lake Metonga. Inspections will begin on May 25th and continue throughout the spring and summer season until September 9th. It will be staffed by inspectors on all weekends, when heavy boat traffic occurs, as well as other selected weekdays to monitor all watercraft entering and leaving at the City boat launch. If fishermen and/or water recreation enthusiasts fail to clean their boats and equipment, aquatic invasive species can easily enter Metonga. In like manner those boats leaving Lake Metonga must clean their boats and equipment since Metonga has Eurasian Water Milfoil and Zebra Mussels.

The investment in Clean Boats-Clean Waters inspections is essential for the protection and

prevention of spreading AIS in Lake Metonga and to other water bodies.



BEFORE Leaving the Boat Launch:

Inspect and **remove** aquatic plants and animals.
Drain or flush water from live well, bilge, motor, etc.
Dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash

Apparel Sale

The Association is offering the following apparel for sale: crewneck sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts and tee shirts, as well as other items, with the Lake Metonga Association logo, for sale. Tim Leonardelli designed an excellent logo with a loon and an eagle in a Northwoods scene. An Order Form is enclosed. Check out the website (www.LakeMetongaWI.org) ([Events & Fund Raisers](#)) for additional information and /or call Kim and Grant Reed at 920-822-2757 to place your order. The Crandon pick-up location will be posted on the website once apparel delivery is received. Help support and create an awareness of our Lake by wearing our customized Lake Metonga logo apparel in our community and in other areas.

Beachside Bar & Grill

Jason Wittmann and Derek Gretzinger are the new managers of Beachside Bar & Grill. It is an excellent facility where you can relax with a drink, enjoy conversation with your neighbors and friends and choose from a list of delicious entrees. The traditional Friday Fish Fry is also featured. We welcome Jason and Derek to Lake Metonga and wish them success in their new

venture. They are enthusiastic about serving people around the Lake, visitors and all of those in the Crandon community and area.

A Customer Appreciation Pig Roast is planned for June 30th. The menu will include potato salad, sauerkraut, and roast pork. Food will be served at 2:00 p.m. There will also be raffles and prizes.

Mark Your Calender For Coming Events

1. **Memorial day – May 28th** Clean Boats-Clean Waters inspections begin on May 25th.
2. **Association Annual Meeting – June 30th**
Crandon School Auditorium 9–10:30 A.M.
Kick-Off for the Gun Raffle.
3. **Crandon 4th of July Parade – June 30th**
and City of Crandon Festivities
4. **Independence Day – July 4th**
5. **Lake Metonga Association Boat Parade July 7th**. Festivities, Cook Out, and Boat Parade at 1:00 P.M. at Beachside Bar & Grill on beautiful Lake Metonga.
6. **Kentuck Day Festival – July 28th**
Lake Association Raffle Booth
7. **Art In The Square – September 15th**
Lake Association Raffle Booth
8. **Walleye Banquet in the Fall**
Date will be published in a future Newsletter and on the Lake Metonga Website.

*Enjoy the Spring and
Summer Season !*

Les Schramm

----- LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION APPAREL ORDER FORM -----

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Checks make payable to:
Lake Metonga Association

Mail to:
Kim Reed, Treasurer
6670 Wintergreen Tr
Sobieski, WI 54171



Contact Kim Reed for a credit card transaction- 920-822-2757

Quantity & PAYMENT INFORMATION:

T-Shirts-	Size: <u>S M L XL</u>	Color: _____	(\$17 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
T-Shirts-	Size: <u>XXL</u>	Color: _____	(\$20 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Men's Polo Shirts-	Size: <u>S M L XL</u>	Color: _____	(\$25 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Men's Polo Shirts-	Size: <u>XXL</u>	Color: _____	(\$27 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Ladies' Sport Shirts-	Size: <u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color: _____	(\$25 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Ladies' Sport Shirts-	Size: <u>XXL</u>	Color: _____	(\$27 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Crew Sweatshirts-	Size: <u>S M L XL XXL</u>	Color: _____	(\$25 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Hooded Sweatshirts-	Size: <u>S M L XL XXL</u>	Color: _____	(\$30 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Ladies' Full-Zip Fleece-	Size: <u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color: _____	(\$45 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Ladies' Full-Zip Fleece-	Size: <u>XXL</u>	Color: _____	(\$48 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
¼ Zip Fleece Pullover-	Size: <u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color: _____	(\$40 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
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Full Zip Fleece Jacket-	Size: <u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color: _____	(\$45 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Full Zip Fleece Jacket--	Size: <u>XXL</u>	Color: _____	(\$48 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Youth Sweatshirt--	Size: <u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color: _____	(\$20 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Expandable Briefcase-		Color: _____	(\$27 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Duffle Bag-		Color: _____	(\$25 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Tote Bag-		Color: BLACK ONLY	(\$12 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____