



HAYWARD WISCONSIN

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NEWS

Fall 2013

Nelson Lake Association a 501(c)3 Non-profit Organization

Important Dates

On the Lake

Winter Rama

Saturday, January 4, 2014

12:00 Noon

Nelson Lake Landing

Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 14

9:00 AM - Noon

Hayward Vet's Center

Garage Sale

July 2015

Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 9th

4:00 PM

Park Island Resort

"Reflections of Nelson Lake"



*Casey Stangl, Treasurer NLA
and winner Lanell McQuire*

2013 NLA Raffle Winner!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Bill Wilcox

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One day recently Marlene and I took a slow boat ride along the entire shoreline of the lake. It was encouraging to see how many properties have retained a buffer zone to protect the lake from run-off that can contain sediment and nutrients but it was also very disappointing to see how many properties were still mowing the grass right down to the shoreline. I realize a lot of the places that were built before the current zoning laws would have no lawn between their house and the shoreline if they left 35 feet undisturbed but even two or three feet will help. The run-off from our lawns helps feed the algae and the weeds. It is not difficult to restore an effective buffer zone, simply stop mowing the last 35 feet (or two or three feet) and the native vegetation will reestablish and develop into an effective runoff buffer. We have included in this newsletter more information that we obtained from Sawyer County. Don't feed the weeds and algae!

Some Random Thoughts:

The DNR has proposed a change to the General Permit (the permit which governs things such as fish cribs, spawning reefs, tree drops, etc.) to include Fish Sticks. This will make it much easier to get a permit for Fish Sticks but the fee for the permit is still \$300. I doubt that there are many of us who would be willing to pay the \$300 to place a fish stick along our shoreline. To encourage lake wide projects they have modified the permit so it can cover multiple locations and cover a two year period. We will see how the proposal ends up and there may be an opportunity to do something.

Once again it appears that we have escaped having any invasive plants brought into the lake. I believe the signage that the Association has put up over the past few years has helped and also the boat launch inspection. Early detection is very important and my thanks to the many who have been checking the shoreline and the other boat launches.

Why is early detection so important? Lake Hayward had a new discovery that covered only 28 acres and has started a two year project projected to cost \$26,983 with a grant that will cover up to \$20,000 and local share of up to \$6,983. Lake Chetac, on the other hand, has a large, well developed, growth of Curley Leaf Pondweed and has started a three year project projected to cost \$218,669 with a grant that will cover up to \$164,000 and local share of up to \$54,669. The moral to this story; it is expensive whenever you detect an invasive but it gets much more expensive the longer it goes undetected.

FROM THE TREASURER

By: Casey Stangl

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of September 30, 2013, we have \$6,794.56 in our checking account. The Capital One Money Market has \$24,519.50 We have a total of \$31,314.06.

General Fund \$ 19,458.13

Fish & Wildlife Fund \$ 2,518.75

Invasive Species Fund \$ 9,295.71

Lake Projects \$ 41.47

MEMBERSHIP

Year to date we have 254 members.

The NLA and The DNR

By: Bill Wilcox

Recently the Nelson Lake Association received a check for \$2713.50 which was a grant from the Wisconsin DNR that covered 75% of the cost of the Gerlach Landing boat inspection. As I was putting the grant file away I noticed that there were quite a few files that went back to 2002. There were a total of 9 grants that we have received for a total of \$37,624.29. Those grants have helped pay for the lake management plan, all the signage that we have put on the roads and the boat landings, the education and awareness materials we have distributed, and the boat landing inspection. In addition to the grants, the DNR has stocked 57,356 extended growth walleyes, issued permits for us to stock 44,199 extended growth walleyes, obtained permits and helped with the expense of two fish sticks projects and have another permit in process for this winter, and issued permits in previous years for fish cribs. I hope after reading this you conclude, like I did, that the Nelson Lake Association has had a really good relationship with and good support from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

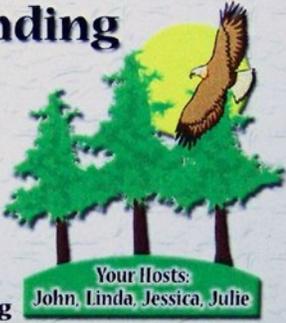
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Sawyer County Shoreline Property Owners Guidelines

Sawyer County Shoreland Property Guidelines



Windigo Lake

**What waterfront
property owners
need to know**

Resources available from the Sawyer County Zoning & Conservation Office:

- * Spring Tree Sales Program
- * Native Plant Restoration Brochure
- * Conservation Star Home Program
- * Plantskydd Repellent Sales
- * Raingarden Information
- * Mitigation Plan Checklist
- * Conservation cost-share funding and engineering design assistance for erosion control and shoreline stabilization.



Nelson Lake

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Sawyer County Shoreline Property Owners Guidelines Part 2

Definitions to Understand:

BUFFER ZONE: A strip of land 35 feet wide inland from the ordinary high-water mark of any navigable body of water, including but not limited to: streams, rivers, ponds, flowages and lakes. Term used synonymously with buffer area, buffer strip, and Shoreline Vegetation Protection Area (SVPA).

ACCESS AND VIEWING CORRIDOR: the strip of vegetated land that allows pedestrian access to the shore through the vegetative buffer zone.

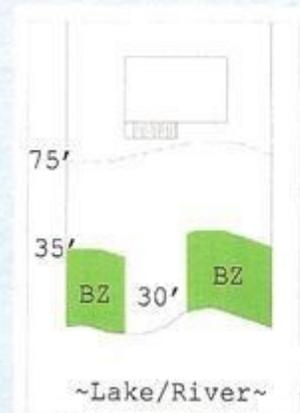
ORDINARY HIGH-WATER MARK (OHWM): means the point on the bank or shore up to which the presence and action of surface water is so continuous as to leave a distinctive mark such as by erosion, destruction or prevention of terrestrial vegetation, predominance of aquatic vegetation, or other easily recognized characteristics.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF VEGETATION: normally accepted horticultural practices that do not result in the loss of any layer of existing vegetation and do not require earth disturbance.

STRUCTURE: any construction, excluding fills, or any production or piece of work artificially built or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner having form, shape, and utility. Examples of structures would include, but not be limited to: concrete, flagstone and block patios; concrete slabs, retaining walls, fences, portable storage buildings, etc.

MITIGATION: balancing measures that are designed, implemented and function to restore natural functions and values that are otherwise lost through development and human activities.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: Surfaces which prevent or impede normal water infiltration and/or cause runoff to other areas. Includes, but not limited to: (1) all rooftops (area measured at roof gable end and eave lines), (2) stairs, walkways, driveways and parking or other areas, comprised of brick, paver stone, cementitious substances, or any bituminous substance, including asphalt, and (3) any subbase of plastic or any shield which prevents or impedes water penetration. Decks, stairways and elevated walkways with minimum gaps of $\frac{1}{8}$ " in their surface structure (e.g., wooden decks with open cracks between the deck boards) allowing water to readily pass through the structure are not considered an impervious surface. Any portion of a township road traversing a lot will not be included as part of the impervious surface for calculation purposes.



Left: This diagram depicts the 35' buffer zone (BZ) along the water, a 30' access/viewing corridor, and the 75' structure setback.

Sawyer County Shoreline Property Guidelines Part 3

Allowed:

Maintain a 35 foot buffer zone. The land from the water's edge back 35 feet is protected from mowing, clearing, excavating, and other vegetation removal. Once established, a buffer zone may not be removed.

Utilize 30 feet in any 100 feet of shoreline as an access/viewing corridor by selectively removing vegetation.

Construct up to a 5 foot wide walkway/stairway within your access/viewing corridor; landings may not exceed 40 square feet and attached benches, seats or tables are prohibited.

Removal of dead, dying and diseased trees which pose a safety hazard, as well as noxious vegetation (ex. poison ivy). Take photographic evidence before removal.

Plant native vegetation throughout your property.

Not Allowed:

Removal of vegetation from the ground within 35 feet of the OHWM (see routine maintenance of vegetation definition)

Use of heavy machinery within 35 feet of the OHWM

Any new structure within 75 feet of the OHWM (see definition for structure)

Cause soil erosion or runoff into the water.

To view the complete Shoreland-Wetland Protection Ordinance, visit our website:
www.sawyercountygov.org

How to be a good steward of the land:

Refrain from using chemical fertilizers, especially those containing phosphorus, on your shoreland property.

Construct a raingarden to absorb runoff from your roof and other impervious surfaces.

Plant native trees, shrubs and wildflowers, and enjoy the wildlife that will seek those species out.

Use vegetation as a privacy screen from your neighbors and other lake users.

Reduce the amount of lawn you mow – more time to relax and enjoy your property!

Limit impervious surfaces.

Inspect and maintain septic systems.

*Enjoy the reasons you are attracted to property in Sawyer County:
 clean water, abundant wildlife,
 good fishing, and natural scenic beauty!*

Sawyer County Zoning & Conservation has jurisdiction from the OHWM landward.

The DNR has jurisdiction from the OHWM into Wisconsin waters.
 The local DNR Service Center in Hayward is located at:
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 (715) 634-2688 Hayward DNR

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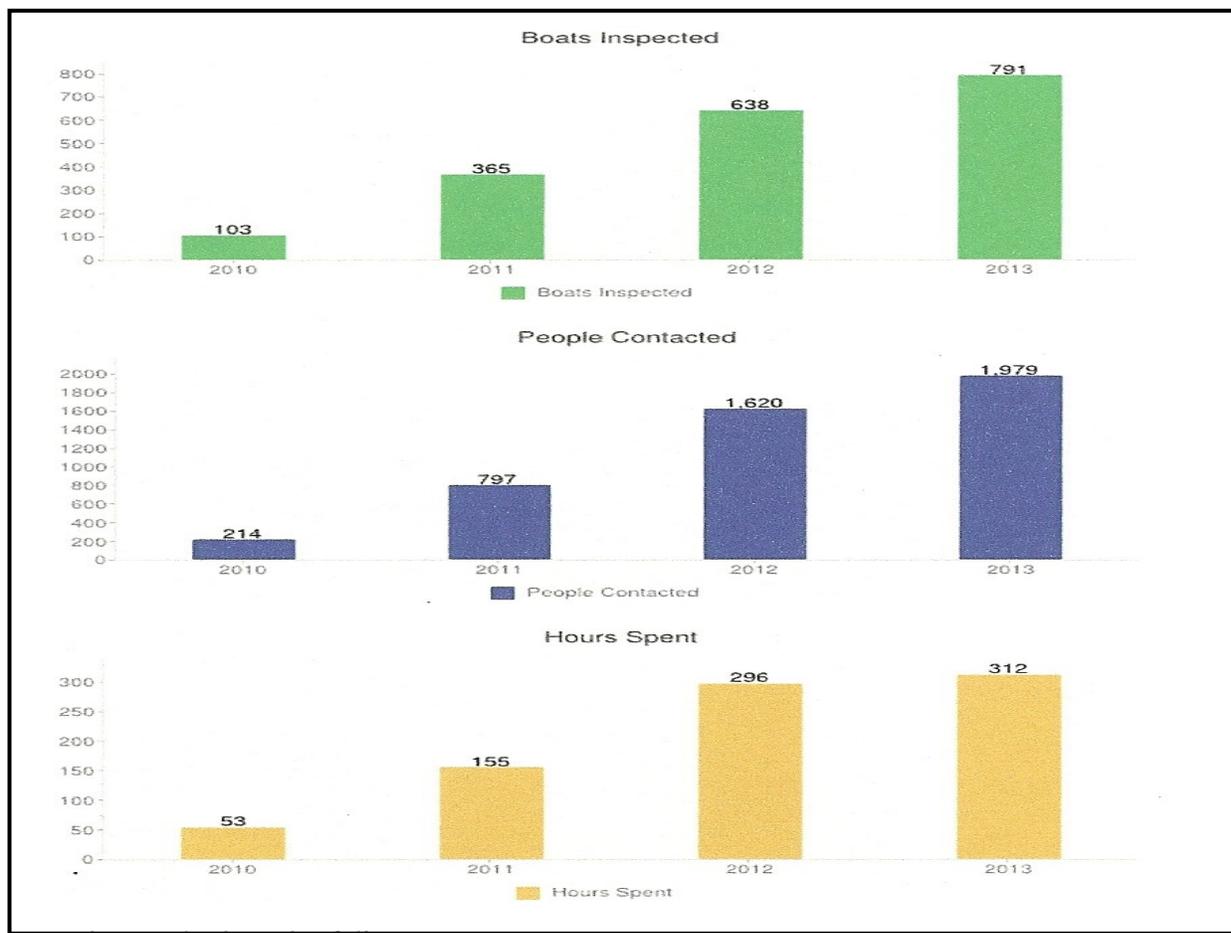
Boat Inspection Data

by Bill Wilcox

Boat Landing Inspection

This past year 791 boats were inspected at Gerlach Landing and 98 boats at the new landing by the dam. 19% of those boats had been to another lake within 5 days of coming to Nelson Lake. These are the highest risk boats for bringing an invasive into Nelson Lake and it was reassuring that none of them brought anything with them. One of the biggest benefits of the inspection program is the opportunity to impress upon the boaters the need to clean, drain, and inspect their boat before going to another lake. Over 2000 people got this message in person while they were entering or leaving Nelson Lake.

Gerlach Landing



The program at Gerlach Landing was funded in part by a DNR Clean Boat/ Clean Water grant. The grant covers 75% of the cost up to a maximum of \$4000. The total cost at Gerlach last year was \$3618.00 so the DNR grant paid \$2713.50 and NLA paid \$904.50. Next year we will apply for two grants to cover Gerlach Landing and the new landing near the dam.

Nelson Lake Walleye Stocking 2013

By: Bill Wilcox

Extended Growth Walleyes

On Thursday, October 10th, the DNR stocked 12,515 (give or take a few) extended growth walleyes in Nelson Lake. These fish were hatched this spring and raised through the summer at the fish hatchery in Spooner. The fish were released at three different locations; Tagalder, Gerlach, and the landing at the dam. Since the extended growth stocking program started in 2004, 103,000 fish have been stocked in Nelson Lake by the Red Cliff Tribe, the DNR, and fish purchased by NLA.



Our Bouy Volunteer's 2013....Spring In...Fall COLD Out



Nelson Lake Association Picnic 2013



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Winter Rama 2014

Nelson Lake Landing

See details inside