

10th & 11th Crow Wing Lake Association

"Neighbors helping neighbors
for the greater good of the lakes"

April 1, 2010

Spring Newsletter



Hello neighbors! Tired of winter yet? ☺ Think sand and sun at the lake - it's coming soon!

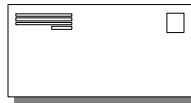
Lots of items regarding 11th Crow Wing Lake have happened since last fall. If you were on our e-mail contact list, you were kept in the loop. If you haven't given us your e-mail address yet, I would highly encourage you to do so as we would LOVE to keep as many residents as possible around the lakes informed of happenings as they occur.

Due to deep concern from many of the residents on the lower Crow Wing lakes chain and COLA regarding the Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) infestation on 11th, the "bridge" project has gotten derailed again. There were a couple of meetings in Dec. and Jan. attended by members of almost all the other Crow Wing lakes associations, plus COLA and DNR reps. to clarify the history of the bridge situation on Highway 64, and then educate and brainstorm about ways to control the CLP on the upper basin of 11th. On the bright side, this situation put our Lake Association's request to create and implement a **Lake Management Plan** into this year's training via the *Healthy Lakes & Rivers Partnership* (instead of on the "wait list" for possibly the next year or two.) We have 6 committed volunteers to do the two training workshops in late April, yeah! Having a **Plan** can enable our association to ask for grant monies to fund numerous projects, including native plant shoreline erosion prevention at

public use areas, CLP eradication chemicals, permits and labor, new signage for various issues like ATV warnings and no-wake boat zones, etc.

We would love to hear your ideas for other possible projects to better our lake system - we will be asking to hear from you at the May 1 meeting (please mark your calendar for May Day!) I have scheduled our meeting time from 10 a.m - 2 p.m. with the expectation the meeting will only be an hour, but this time is to ensure that if you have a topic you'd like addressed, you will have the space to be heard. (Make sure you eat some protein for breakfast so the chorus of stomach rumblings will be lessened in case the meeting runs to 1:00 p.m. OK? ☺) NOTE: committees (AIS, bridge, Lake Plan) should feel free to continue any discussions afterwards also - you will not be kicked out by any wild senior bridge tournaments, etc. until after 2, ha! Hope to see ya then

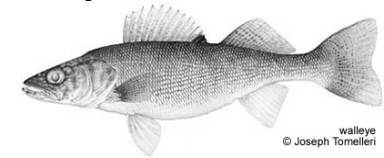
- Kim Bowen, President
10th & 11th Crow Wing Lakes Association



With the recent addition of 30 more names of property owners surrounding 10th Crow Wing Lake tapped from the Hubbard County database, our Lake Association currently has 192 names on it's mailing list - hopefully all of you will become official members if you are not already; we could really use your input and opinions at the semi-annual Lake Association meetings (1st Sat. in May, 3rd Sat. in September), as well as any nominal time, energy, or donations you would care to extend to help us better the lakes for everyone. (Becoming a member is easy - just pop a check in the mail for \$14 annual dues to the treasurer - envelope enclosed.)

NOTE: Of these 192 names, we have 62 e-mail addresses. To save paper and stamps, our goal is to deliver most future newsletters via e-mail, plus you would receive additional forwards of local information (i.e. COLA updates, lakeshore workshop reminders, and invites to meetings involving various issues of concern to us lake property owners.) Please contact Kim Bowen at kimbowen@eot.com, to get added (and make sure you add Kim's e-mail to your e-mail's address book.)

Walleye stocked on 11th 2009.



It's always a treat to watch a couple of DNR workers releasing fish stock (8"-10" walleye yearlings —big 'uns in this batch on October 23!). I guess the water was a bit of a cold shock to these poor little guys as many of them floated to the surface in a death-like trance. But by golly, after 5 minutes, they got poked a smidge, and every one of 'em perked up and darted out into the lake, eyes a-glowing!

The DNR alternate the releases between the upper (cement boat ramp at CWC resort) and lower basins (Akeley Campgrounds boat ramp) of 11th Crow Wing Lake, so that both sides are getting stocked, every other year. Thank you so much, DNR Area Fisheries Manager, Doug Kingsley, and all the hard-working staff in Park Rapids to help make this happen!

Date	Size	Pounds	Number
5/5/09	Yearling	47	1,645
5/5/09	Yearling	22	110
5/6/09	Yearling	27	945
5/8/09	Yearling	47	1,645
10/1/09	Fingerling	127	3,556
10/6/09	Fingerling	10	250
10/23/09	Fingerling	60	180
TOTAL		340	8,331

A new WEBSITE is under construction from neighbor John Seals, who is graciously donating some time to create <http://www.crowwing11.org> for our Lake Association. You ROCK, John - thanks so much!



Facebook ---- Neighbor Carl Madison has added a Lake Association Fan page on Facebook, thank you SO MUCH, Carl! E-mail Carl for help in signing up to get info: imagery@iuidesigns.com

P.S. Last fall's meeting minutes can be viewed on the Akeley website: <http://www.akeleymn.com>