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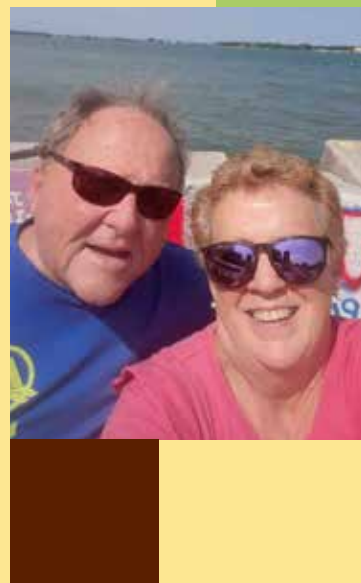
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**“Preserving and protecting our lakes for today and for future generations.”**

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## Words from the President

What a fast Summer! We had such fantastic weather in the Northwoods. I can say it was a pleasure, during this first year I was your President of the Lake Association. I had so much fun meeting and talking to the members and enjoying your company. I can't believe how many generations of families are here and how long some of you have been on our beautiful lakes. In 1962, when my parents bought their cabin. I would have never thought that I would still be fishing the shorelines and humps that my family did many years ago. My GPS and depth finder belonged to my dad and mom and there isn't a time when I am out fishing these Lakes that I don't think of them. I can't wait for my grandchildren to do the same with the memories we are creating. It gives you a good feeling of peace, nostalgia, family, and friends to be on the lakes. My expectation is that the board can keep up all the good work we have done over the years, so future generations of families can enjoy the lakes as much as we have. As a team, your board has accomplished a lot this year. We have worked with the DNR to get repairs done on the boat landings (hopefully the reconstruction will start soon), we created the Kids Don't Float life vest loan stations, purchased new buoys, started a new walking path in conjunction with the DNR on Lake of the Pines, and the new storage shed was placed this summer. We are the guardians of the lakes and we all, members, and Board of Directors, need to work together to preserve our beautiful lakes. We appreciate all your support and input.



In 2024, we have a mountain to climb together! Your Board of Directors has been keeping you in the loop with emails, phone calls, and conversations on the milfoil problem. As you know we have new growth by the boat landing and expansion in the Northeast Bay. The trick is going to be able to kill it or halt its progress before it gets out of control and sneaks into Lake of the Pines. Your Board of Directors are doing research on methods of treatment, costs of the different treatments available, and brainstorming solutions on how to tackle this problem. The milfoil will be our first challenge of 2024 and it will be costly. Milfoil is our top priority at this time and once it is under control and funds are rebuilt then we can go back to the other projects. Just remember that once you climb the mountain there is a nice valley below. Your Board of Directors plan on getting this problem solved and then moving on to more projects, events, etc. There is a lot more to come, so hang on it is going to be a great ride!

We still have one Board Member at Large seat available on the Board of Directors, and we are looking for volunteers to help on projects! Some projects are the Rock Drop, Adopt-A-Highway, and Clean Boats Clean Waters. Contact us if you are interested.

I hope you have a great Fall and Winter! Enjoy the Northwoods and all the beauty and fun it has to offer. I will see you in the Northwoods and please be safe.

*Steven Lindahl*

Steven Lindahl

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

OCTOBER 7, 2023. THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Spring and Fall 2023 ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: Deb Arndt, Addy and Brynn, Jim Biser, Sue Bluhm, George Bogdanovic, Ann DeMeulenaere, Pat Gruneberg, Cheryl Hartwig, Gloria Lindahl, Rich Marusinec, Paula and John Meisner, Mike Poncek, Jaime Wilson; and Matt Plath, at Moxi Lodge, for allowing us to use the parking lot for staging our clean-up efforts. If I missed anyone or misspelled names, I apologize and please let me know.

This is a great way to encourage concern for the welfare of our local natural resources. Adopt-A-Highway is an activity that families can participate in together. Children that are at least 11 years old or in 6th grade can participate. We plan for Adopt-A-Highway clean up two times a year, once in late April, after the snow is gone, and then again in late-September or early-October. We clean about 3 miles of roadsides and culverts from the Hwy M&W Tower Road to the DNR Offices on West Lane.

If you would like to get your name on the volunteer list to be contacted for the next highway clean-up, please contact Dave Cooley at (920) 428-0755 or dec54914@prodigy.net. NEXT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP APRIL/MAY 2024!

## CONNORS LAKE / LAKE OF THE PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION Cash Raffle 2023

The 2023 cash raffle fundraiser drawing was held at the Big Bear Lodge at 10am on September 2nd. The fundraiser was another success this year with 98 of 100 tickets sold. Thank you to everyone for making this another successful year. Special thanks to you, our members, who made this happen!

The 2023 winners are as follows:

- 1st Place \$2,500.00 - Heather Novak
- 2nd Place \$1,000.00 - Teresa Steckel
- 3rd Place \$500.00 - Jeff Kaiser
- 4th Place \$100.00 - George Bogdanovic
- 5th Place \$100.00 - Connors Lake Retreat
- 6th Place \$100.00 - Philip Verdegan
- 7th Place \$100.00 - Luke Accola
- 8th Place \$100.00 - Ann DeMeulenaere
- 9th Place \$100.00 - Greg Peterson
- 10th Place \$100.00 - Ken Prokash

Respectfully,

Kim Poncek  
Connors Lake / Lake of the Pines Lake Association





## It's for the Birds!

This is an easy, high-energy suet recipe, to be made in the fall and winter, to feed your feathered friends. One batch makes a 9X13 pan that can be cut into eight pieces. I layer it between wax paper and freeze in a large Ziploc bag. One batch can also fill about 14 coffee cups (pick up from a second-hand store) and store in the fridge. Use wire to create a hanging tie and add a small fork or twig for a perch.

### Ingredients:

Equal parts lard and crunchy peanut butter (I use a 26oz jar of peanut butter for one batch).  
One 24 oz coffee canister filled with birdseed. Feel free to substitute some of the birdseed for corn meal or oats.

Melt the lard and peanut butter in a large pan on the stove. Once the mixture is melted and smooth, remove from heat and add the birdseed. Pour into containers. Allow to solidify and it is ready to use.



## Shooting in the North

Well, you knew sooner or later it was going to happen - a gunfight happened on the Thornapple. Oscar Harp, a deputy, was shot and killed, and two of Deitz's children were wounded before John Deitz surrendered while in his home. Oh, I forgot to tell you this was in October of 1910!

It seems that in 1904 John Deitz bought a little piece of land on the Thornapple River which is now located about two miles South of HWY W. While walking on his land he discovered a dam (Cameron Dam) that was controlling the water flow down the river. This path was also the path of the logs going down to the mill. Deitz, seeing money to be made, put a toll on his dam and insisted that the Chippewa Lumber and Boom Company pay his toll to have the logs run through his property. This fight went on for 4 years during which time deputies and children were injured. John Deitz became a folk hero and had a nationwide following until finally he was arrested, taken to jail, put on trial for murder, and sentenced to life in prison where he spent 10 years. However, there was so much public pressure that Wisconsin's then Governor, John Blain, pardoned John Deitz in May of 1921. Deitz died in 1924.

When John Deitz finally got out of jail, the dam had disappeared.

You can find more information on John Deitz and other WI History at the Wisconsin Historical Society website.



Deitz family and their home in 1911



# Fall 2023 Eurasian Water Milfoil Report

I have difficult news to report concerning the milfoil in Connors Lake. A survey was completed in August that showed new milfoil in the northwest bay by the boat landing and larger milfoil growth in the northeast bay. The milfoil in Muskie Bay has remained about the same as compared to the 2022 survey. The milfoil bed between the boat landing and the creek is a zero-tolerance zone. This means that it should be treated as soon as possible to prevent spread to Lake of the Pines, to other areas of Connors Lake, and to other lakes.

In order to obtain a DNR permit to treat milfoil with an herbicide, we must have an up-to-date Aquatic Plant Management Plan. This is a comprehensive plan outlining strategies to treat the milfoil and protect the lakes into the future. It is written by a specialist trained in invasive species management. While developing the plan for our lakes, the specialist will meet with the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee, the Board of Directors, and residents on the lakes to gather input.

We are in the process of writing a grant from the DNR to pay for the Aquatic Plant Management Plan and yearly lake surveys for the next 3 years. We will not know if the grant is awarded to us until March 2024. If we are not awarded the grant, we will pay for the costs from lake association funds.

After seeking input from lake residents and much wrestling and wrangling, the Board of Directors decided in our October meeting to treat the milfoil in the northwest bay by the boat landing (zero tolerance zone) and to not treat the northeast bay or Muskie Bay at this time. We are taking the necessary steps to complete the Aquatic Plant Management Plan and obtain a permit to treat the milfoil in 2024.

The herbicide we plan to use to treat the milfoil is ProcellaCOR. This is reported to be a much safer treatment than the 2,4-D used previously—safer for people, plants and fish. Also, we will not be treating the entire lake, but only one milfoil bed. Our Clean Boats/Clean Waters project is also an important strategy for reducing milfoil on our lakes.

The good news is that milfoil was not found in Lake of the Pines. It is imperative that we do what we can to protect that lake.

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## SURPRISE FINISH TO THE ELECTION!

Well, it was a close race again this year! I'm sure many of you struggled while deciding who to vote for in the 2023 election. There were so many great candidates! The votes have been carefully counted and we now have our new Board of Directors. There were 33 ballots filled out at the Labor Day General Meeting and 12 more were sent back through email or USPS. Not one of the candidates had any votes against them?! Wow!

Kim Poncek is the Treasurer, Toni Slack is the Corresponding Secretary, Jaime Wilson is the Recording Secretary, Mark LaVick and Don Bluhm are Board Members at Large. Congratulations to everyone who ran and won in this nail biter election!

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## We Said . . . She Shed

Early last winter, Mother Nature was kind enough to blanket us with a welcome snowfall for winter sports enthusiasts, however; it ended up being a quilt of 10-12" of heavy snow. So much snow that trees were bent over, roads became impassable, longer than usual times to get plows through and driveways cleared. It even caused snowmobile trails to close while professionals with heavy equipment cleared the trails – as it was too much for the many volunteers to accomplish on their own.

Several buildings suffered casualties as well; one of which was our 6' x 8' vinyl garden shed the Lake Association had been using for the past eight or nine years to store our lake monitoring equipment, roadside cleanup supplies, sandwich board, PA equipment, meeting supplies, paper records and buoys. After lengthy discussions, it was decided a larger more substantial shed be acquired. We needed something to better withstand the elements, and larger enough to also store the half dozen or so buoys that the DNR had previously stored for us. We opted for a 12' x 20' "she shed" constructed with 2"x4" framework, metal roof and man-made siding. This was acquired through Phillips Lumber & Hardware in Phillips, WI. The price was competitive at \$5,945.00, and the proximity of the dealer afforded us free delivery.

Don Bluhm was kind enough to be on hand when the shed arrived and directed its placement. Don also generously donated his time and use of his compact tractor to prepare the site by hauling and spreading 15 yards of gravel. The gravel was supplied by Setterman Sand & Gravel and the cost donated by Donna Mohney and Mark LaVick. The shed is now located out of site behind an existing storage shed located at W1142 County Road W.



# Natural Connections

## Big Tracks and Cold Toes

By Emily Stone  
Naturalist/Education Director at the Cable Natural History Museum

Note: This article was originally published in 2018

As usual, my toes were cold. So, I hopped off my fat bike and began jogging down the trail beside it instead, trying to wiggle warmth back into my feet. Crunch, crunch, crunch, I ground icy snow under my boots with every step. The day before had been well above freezing, and the briefly slushy snow was now even more solid.

I was keeping an eye on the edge of the trail when my foot landed next to the track of a larger foot. This wasn't just some deer hunter's big snow boot. This wide track showed five toes. And claws.

Black bear!

I looked into the woods behind the track. Then I glanced across to the other side of the trail. More tracks scuffed the snow and headed down a steep bank toward a wetland. My urge to follow the tracks was strong, but these were big tracks. Somewhere at the end of the trail was a big bear. I examined them more closely. The bottom of each track was compressed and translucent—obviously made in the previous day's slush. A sprinkling of snow pellets filled the depressions made by heel, ball, toes, and claws. These tracks were at least 24 hours old.

Cautiously I pushed through twiggy balsam firs and followed the trail downhill. Big, punchy tracks

continued across the hummocks of the still-damp marsh. Not wanting to get my already cold feet wet, I turned back.

Besides "how close is he?" the main question on my mind was, "why was he still awake?" Bears should be hibernating right now, shouldn't they?

Scientists think that hibernation is usually triggered by a combination of weather and lack of food. For example, one researcher observed that the final den entry often occurs during a snowstorm so that fresh snow will hide any signs that could lead unwanted guests to the sleeping bear.

A hibernating bear's breathing slows significantly, from 40 breaths per minute down to eight. This is matched by a 50-60 percent reduction their metabolic rate. Nevertheless, bears' huge bulk and thick fur enable them to stay within 12 degrees Fahrenheit of their normal 100-degree body temperature. A den's small opening, snug fit, and a layer of duff on the floor also help them retain heat, although solo bears are commonly found hibernating in relatively unprotected places as well. Mother bears, on the other hand, are much more likely to stay put in snug dens while their cubs are born.

The definition of hibernation itself has been evolving over the years as scientists learn more about the winter physiology of bears and other hibernators. While it used to focus on animals who show a significant drop in body temperature, the emphasis is now on a specialized, seasonal reduction in metabolism concurrent with scarce food and cold weather. What's more, scientists recognize that hibernation is on a continuum with the short-term bouts of decreased activity known as torpor. Not only have bears been restored to their place of esteem as hibernators, but many scientists consider them super hibernators.

What happens, though, when there is shallow snow and plenty of food? After I mentioned those big tracks to a couple of biologists, they shared their own recent bear-track-sightings, and hypothesized about the cause.

First, adult male bears use shallower dens, or even den above ground. This makes them more prone to disturbance, especially with the light snow cover and some mild days. Deer hunters may have awakened the bears. In addition, both bait piles of corn and gut piles from harvested deer may have been providing bears with a source of food that convinced them to stay awake.

Two recent scientific studies support those hypotheses. In Russia, researchers found that when warmer temperatures occurred near their brown bears' typical den entry and den exit dates, the length of their hibernation was shortened. The scientists are worried that this might make it harder for the bears to cope with climate change.

Closer to home, near Durango, Colorado, researchers found that both warmer temperatures and increased food availability impact the timing of when black bears enter and exit their dens. One downside is that this lengthens the bears' active period—and increases the portion of the year when they could come into conflict with humans.

That's a concern I share. I eagerly await the first good snow so that I can safely hang my bird feeders. I'm also not used to being bear-aware during my winter activities. As fun as it was to see those tracks, I'm very glad that they weren't

fresh. As I hopped back on my fat bike for the slog home, I just had to wonder—were his toes cold, too?

*Emily's award-winning second book, [Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer](http://www.cablemuseum.org/books), is now available to purchase at [www.cablemuseum.org/books](http://www.cablemuseum.org/books) and at your local independent bookstore, too.*



Big bear tracks head through a balsam thicket toward a wetland. Phot by Emily Stone.

*For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. The Museum is now open with our exciting [Growing Up WILD](#) exhibit. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and [cablemuseum.org](http://cablemuseum.org) to see what we are up to.*



# Fishing with Dad

I have spent a great deal of time on Connors Lake. My grandparents owned a cabin on Old Lodge Lane. I loved that little cabin and have many core childhood memories spent there with my grandparents. My grandparents, mom, dad, brothers, and I would often cram ourselves into our tiny cabin on weekends and play many games of cribbage, read numerous books, and learn life lessons. We loved walking down to the White Pine and joining hands to try and reach around it. We would also hike the trails at the Slough Gundy, go to Red's for a Friday Fish Fry, and climb the fire tower! (We're probably the reason there is fence around it now!) Of course, many, many hours were spent fishing.

One of my last memories of that cabin was from a weekend in 2011. It was just my dad and me. We were fishing for walleyes and noticed some rain moving in the area. Pretty soon we noticed all the other boats heading to their home docks or the boat landing. Not us. We sat through that mini storm. I remember looking at my dad and saying, "You can sure tell who the walleye fishermen are. They're the only ones still out here in the rain!" He chuckled. The wind picked up and we were riding the waves, me in the bow and my dad manning

the motor. I was laughing and having a great time fighting those waves.

Then, as soon as that little storm showed up, it passed. Everything was so calm and peaceful on the lake. All at once, my dad's rod bent, and I could hear the line go out. He yelled, "Darce, get the net!" I threw my rod down and ran to the back of the boat and grabbed the net. I couldn't push



the button in the handle to extend it. Dad told me to wait, and he'd try to fight the fish in close for me to get it. He fought it, fully thinking that he is catching a massive walleye. Suddenly, I saw a big, white nose and a long, white body come up to the edge of the boat. Oh my gosh, it was a musky! I had never seen a musky being

caught before! I was hyped up and shaking and dad yelled for me to net it. I took a deep breath and slammed the net into the water...hitting the musky right on the nose.

The musky dove down deep under the boat, and I kept saying, "Shoot! Sorry dad! Shoot! Sorry dad!"

Dad fought it back up and said, "Now, are you ready?!"

I said, "Heck yeah dad, I'm ready!"

I saw its head again and got ready with the net, slammed the net into the water . . . and hit it on the nose a second time!! It dove down again, and dad fought it back up. Meanwhile, I'm almost positive that my dad was going to be so mad at me if I lost him this fish. He brought it up yet again, but this time it was a little way from the boat. Then it dove down again and rushed back to the surface and jumped out of the water. It was like it was in slow motion. It was fully out of the water and spit the hook. Gone forever! My dad sat down in his chair looking defeated, as I'm steeling myself for a lecture of a lifetime. All at once my dad let out the greatest belly laugh that I have ever heard! I was so relieved! "What a

fish, huh Darce?!" Then proceeded to reenact my excitement during the entire thing.

My (now) husband told me that my dad was telling him the story and all he said to my husband was, "It was beyond legal."

That was one of the last times fishing with my dad before he passed away. I think of him every time we drive past that fishing spot, and I laugh thinking of how ridiculous I must have looked trying to net that darn fish! There is nothing quite like sharing my childhood memories and places with my young children.

- Darcy Wall





# Fisheries Committee Meeting Update

Written by Mike Domanico

A new fisheries committee was formed in 2023. The Chairman is Don Bluhm and members are Mike Domanico, Dave Bauer, and Dean Hartwig. The overall goal of the committee is to work towards achieving a balanced and healthy population of each fish species in Connors Lake and Lake of the Pines. As a first step toward this goal, the team met with Jeff Scheirer, Sr. Fisheries Biologist with the Wisconsin DNR in Park Falls on September 30, 2023.

The objective of the meeting was to gather information regarding the status of the fishery on Connors Lake and Lake of the Pines and identify any areas for improvement.

The fisheries committee was informed that the fish surveys conducted over the past couple of years for Connors Lake and Lake of the Pines have been written up and are now on the DNR's website. These can be found online at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/north/trtysprngsrsvs>. The webpage shows the spring fisheries surveys in northern Wisconsin and our lakes are on the 2021 list for Sawyer County. The reports contain all the pertinent fishery updates for Connors Lake and Lake of the Pines and the fisheries committee encourages all association members to read them.

It was mentioned that a fishery management plan was drafted based on a visioning meeting held in December 2008. The stakeholders who participated in the meeting helped establish goals for population abundance and size structure in the important fish populations. Even though the plan was not finalized, the DNR has been using the goals and objectives in the draft to guide management decisions since 2008. Bluegill and walleye were determined to be the most important fish species to the stakeholders, followed by perch, crappie, muskellunge, and smallmouth bass.

The results of the recent fyke net, electrofishing, and creel surveys conducted on Connors Lake and Lake of the Pines from 2019 through 2022 were then discussed.

Below are the highlights for each species:

**Bluegill:** The bluegill size structure did not meet the goal of having 5-10% of the population at least 8 inches long. No preferred size bluegills (over 8 inches) were captured and very few keeper size fish over 7 inches were observed. In addition, the abundance of bluegill decreased significantly in both lakes since the last survey in 2013.



**Walleye:** The walleye size structure in the lakes is good, but the current density of 2.5 fish per acre (Connors Lake) and 2.2 fish per acre (Lake of the Pines) is lower than the goal of 3-5 fish per acre. The biggest issue for walleye is poor recruitment (i.e. first year survival is low) and there is a decreasing trend on both lakes. This may lead to a reduced population in future years.

**Perch:** The perch size structure is not good with very few fish reaching desired size. The average size of fish captured was 3.7 inches in 2013 vs 4.5 inches in 2021 in Lake of the Pines and 4.2 inches in 2013 vs 5.5

inches in 2021 in Connors Lake. There was an increase in average size, but this does not translate into higher quantities of large fish. The quantity of larger fish is still well below expectations. There was only one (keeper size) fish over 9 inches captured during electrofishing sampling in Lake of the Pines and none in Connors Lake.

**Crappie:** Connors Lake has very few crappies, so this information applies to Lake of the Pines. Based on electrofishing capture, 31% of the crappies caught were keeper size of 9 inches or greater, 3% were preferred size of 10 inches and 1 fish (1.2%) reached memorable size of over 12 inches. Overall, the goal of having a moderate density of preferred size fish (over 10 inches) was not met. Crappie were the most targeted fish by anglers in Lake of the Pines and primarily through the ice. Creel surveys in 2020-2021 showed anglers caught 7,504 crappies and harvested 3,968. This level of harvest may be responsible for the low quantity of larger fish, since this is the size that most anglers keep.

**Muskellunge:** The muskellunge abundance in Connors Lake and Lake of the Pines surpassed the targeted goal of 0.1 to 0.2 adults per acre. Connors was at 0.42 adults per acre and Lake of the Pines was at 1.24 adults per acre. However, the goal of 10-20% of muskies attaining memorable size (over 42 inches) was not met. In Connors Lake, 4.6% were memorable size and in Lake of the Pines, 3% were memorable size.

**Bass:** Lake of the Pines has a low population of largemouth and smallmouth bass, while Connors Lake also has a low abundance of largemouth bass and the desired population of smallmouth bass. The size structure of smallmouth bass in Connors Lake is very good with over 40% being legal sized fish (over 14 inches) and 13-21% being memorable sized fish (over 17 inches).



Overall, the results show two areas of concern:

- 1)The panfish populations (bluegill, perch, and crappie) are not meeting the size structure goals, with very few large fish in the population.
- 2)The walleye recruitment is low and has been decreasing over time.

Tribal spearing was discussed, and Jeff presented the number of walleye and muskellunge speared by tribal members on Connors Lake. No spearing currently occurs on Lake of the Pines. Over the past 5 years, approximately 100 walleye and 2 muskies have been harvested by tribal spearers per year. The quota is set by established safe harvest calculations and we do not have any input into that.

Lake oxygen levels were also discussed. Connors Lake has an unusual pattern of higher to lower oxygen from the surface to 20 ft, then an increase in oxygen from 20 to 55 ft, then a decrease down to 75 ft. Jeff indicated that although the surface to bottom pattern is not typical, it is not a problem and the oxygen levels are at good levels.

After reviewing the current state of the lakes, the discussion focused on what can be done to make improvements.

The recommendations and follow up actions from the meeting are listed below.

- 1) Change the daily harvest regulation for panfish. The current limit is 25 panfish, but only 10 of any one species. The proposal is to change it to 15 panfish may be kept, with only 5 of any one species. If the reduced size structure currently observed for bluegill, crappie, and perch is due to over harvest, the regulations will help limit the take and in turn increase the size structure over time.
- 2) Encourage fishermen to keep rock bass for eating. This may put less pressure on bluegill, perch, crappie, and walleye.
- 3) It is not recommended to remove trees that have already fallen into the lake unless it is obstructing access. These trees and any wood along the shoreline are very beneficial to the fish. Doing additional tree drops and adding more wood along the shoreline is okay, but our lakes already have ample quantities in Jeff's opinion.
- 4) Enhancing spawning of walleyes in Connors Lake using a portable fish hatchery may be an option in the future, but the first step is to do a spawning survey to understand where and when the walleye spawn and to confirm suitable quantities of mature fish can be draw from.
- 5) Gathering data on zooplankton concentration and location would also be helpful. Since panfish and juvenile walleye rely on zooplankton to thrive, having this information will be helpful to understand if there is an imbalance in the ecosystem.

The information gathered at the meeting between the fisheries committee and the DNR was presented at the Connors Lake and Lake of the Pines Lake Association board meeting on October 7, 2023.

The board voted and approved their support for reducing the panfish daily harvest limit to 15 fish, with only 5 of any one species.

The other recommendations will be provided to association members as guidance or will be worked on as projects of the fisheries committee.

Overall, the meeting was very successful, and the fisheries committee is looking forward to helping make improvements that will benefit the long-term quality and health of the fishery in our lakes.

## Steps for Draining Pipes in the Winter

- Shut off the main water valve, which is typically located near the water meter.
- Drain hot and cold water from house by attaching a hose to sill cock or basement faucet; drain the water into a sump-pump pit or to the outdoors.
- Open all faucets and flush all toilets in house, starting with top floor and working your way down.
- Close all the faucets in house.
- Connect an air compressor to an open sill cock or basement faucet and blow air into the system at 70 pounds per square inch (psi).
- Open sink faucets to allow water to blow out.
- Turn on the dishwasher and allow it to run to clear water from the drain line.
- Run both hot and cold water through the washing machine to flush out the lines.
- Open the shut-off valve beneath each toilet to allow compressed air to blow out water from water-supply tubing for a few seconds, then close the valve.
- Pour RV antifreeze into every sink and tub trap.
- Add RV antifreeze to every toilet tank.
- Drain any water left in the boiler into a bucket, and then pump propylene glycol back into the boiler's piping.

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