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LONG LAKE @ VERGAS LAKE ASSOCIATION

The Long View

It's Time To Party.....Lake Style!

Time for second issue to get published.

First, thanks to **Rodney Hanson**—Vergas historian par spécialité for his contribution in naming the Long Lake newsletter. As many of you know, Rodney has written many articles portraying the vast history of the surrounding Vergas past. He has published a couple of wonderful books that give insight to his family and those who have influenced his life. We are in hopes that he will write an article or two for “The Long View” in future editions.

To me, the title “The Long View” has many meanings. Obviously, “Long” portrays a distance that can be

measured in various ways. “View” further provides a description of a scene, a range of vision, a perspective or opinion. Thus, when reading or referring to the edition of “The Long View”, one can conjure up a vision of the lake, its length and its surrounding beauty—all of its 11 +/- miles of shoreline. Or maybe, we can *view* its changing history through memories, other family/friends stories or past/present events. We are either on, at, or in the Lake. No matter what we do when it comes to the activities surrounding our involvement on/at/in Long Lake—they are memories that are with us forever. Some are funny and provide happiness and laughter in our lives, while others

sometimes are sad and can be heartbreaking. Which ever—the Long Lake presence is with us forever.

Maybe this is the start of a new column for “The Long View”. Coming next edition—“**LIFE ON LONG LAKE!**”



June 11, 2011

9 am to 1 pm

Spring Lake Association meeting to be held at the Vergas Community Center. Another communiqué will be sent out shortly with all the pertinent information—Please plan to be there.

Fall Cleanup



The Long Lake at Vergas Lake Assoc Adopt-a-Highway roadside cleanup was done on October 2, 2010 by Ray, Steve and Adam Kaluza. Thanks guys.

Another cleanup in the Spring will be done. We will need volunteers. Tom Kaluza will chair the “event” More information later.

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Dates to Remember

June 11, 2011	Spring Association Meeting
August 28, 2011	LLVLA Annual Meeting

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Saturday Aug. 28, 2010

4:45 Pm

Annual Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 4:45 PM-

Request For Additions To The Agenda-

Approval of Agenda as Provided-

Approval of Minutes of July 12, 2009-

Approval of Financial Report-

Old Business

Rich reported that the Vergas City Council has tabled the issue of developing a marina adjacent to the city park. Further, J&K Marine have delayed any action that they wish to take regarding their involvement in the project. It was suggested by various members that we keep the city advised of our concern over this possibility.

New Business

New Bylaws and Mission Statement

Rich McCrady provided an overview of where the association began and the need to upgrade the articles of incorporation and bylaws and mission statement. It was suggested that the enclosed bylaws be adopted to strengthen our framework that can be used to take advantage of future opportunities. After brief discussion a motion was made by Bruce Nereson and seconded by Lloyd Schulz to accept the new bylaws. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

New Due Structure

Wally Hegg addressed the need to increase our dues structure from \$15 per year to \$40 per calendar year. It was noted that this amount is not out of line with other local lake associations and would allow the opportunity to work towards some additional initiatives around the Long Lake area. After further discussion, the motion was made by Wally Hegg and seconded by Tom Kaluza to raise the dues to \$40 per calendar year effective January 1, 2011. The new dues statement will go out with the end of the year, "The Long View". The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

New Action Committees

It was recommended that we try and develop smaller committees that would have specific responsibilities that involve the lake and activities around the lake. This would eliminate the entire burden falling on but a few.

Communications Committee

The Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association newsletter is now named "The Long View". This name was offered by Rodney Hanson of Vergas. Our thanks to Rodney for his "vision".

The establishment of a "Lake Directory" committee was discussed. Dennis Mathiason and Doug Halverson and Brooke Hamann have offered to help and develop the information about the lake.

Rich McCrady informed the membership that the Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association was up and running and that everyone was welcome to send in articles for The Long View and the web site, and pictures to be used for the web site. www.longlakeatvergas.com.

Entertainment Committee

Amanda Homelvig offered to "help" get volunteers to work towards various fundraising ventures as well as entertainment opportunities. Opportunities exist at no less than a spring get together, possibly at the community center; Looney Daze, 4th of July, etc. Amanda further emphasized the need to get support from the City of Vergas and its businesses.

Insect Committee

Much discussion ensued about the "invasion" of the tent worms this year and the need to spray for such insects. Some members have indicated that they don't wish to spray due to the uncertainty of the product. Rich McCrady and Bruce Nereson will work towards getting some information available by the end of the first quarter, so the beach captains can approach their residents in their area about the opportunity to spray. The spraying would take place during April/May. Rich will contact Larson Helicopter to get information on the program. This way we can educate the residents of the nature and safety of the spraying.

Adopt A Highway Committee

Rich advised that a contract has been signed with the State of Minnesota Highway Department to sponsor a two mile stretch of 228, on the north side of Long Lake. Tom and Steve Kaluza has indicated that they will chair and organize the committee to handle this cleanup initiative on behalf of the lake association.

This Edition's Prized Recipe

GRAPE DELIGHT

10 servings - Prep time 15-20 minutes

4 lbs. red and green grapes

8 oz. cream cheese

1 cup sour cream

¾ cup brown sugar

2 tsp. vanilla

½ cup toasted pecans

Wash and dry grapes

Mix softened cream cheese, sour cream, brown sugar, and vanilla in large mixing bowl.

Add grapes and blend. Store in refrigerator.

Top with toasted pecans before serving

By—Sandy Vandermay



Will they be back.....

In May of last year, I started to get frantic calls about the return of our “nasty” tent worms. I wish that there would have been an immediate answer or remedy to this nuisance on Long Lake (and other areas), but there wasn’t from my perspective.

The Spring of 2009, we sprayed an area on the South side of Long Lake based on input received in 2008. This area was done because of various opinions by Association members and further the transition of the Association at that time. In August of 2009 at the Association meeting, it was further concluded that we would not spray in 2010, due to it being a “cycle” year. Someone forgot to tell the tent worms of this conclusion.

At the Annual Meeting in August of 2010, it was concluded that a more concentrated effort by the Association be made to contact all areas of the lake to get landowners to agree to spray their properties. The Board of Directors of the Lake Association met during March of this year with a representative of the Larsen Helicopter Company from Perham, Minnesota. It was concluded that we would contract with this firm to

fulfill this capability if needed. We would be able to give the contractor immediate notice of the need and he would be able to be timely in his application. Using the helicopter over that of an airplane has its advantages—more specific area of spraying would be accomplished from that of broadcast spraying that the airplane does.

At this time, the est. cost would start at a minimum of \$40.00 per acre lot. We are in the process of putting a “flyer” together that would identify with the costs and the product which is to be used. DiPel is the leading biological insecticide in the world today.

DiPel, available in an emulsifiable suspension (ES) as well as a dry flowable (DF) formulation, is registered on more than 200 different crops, including vegetable and fruit crops, row crops and even specialty crops and berries. Its highly selective active ingredient makes the product fatal to more than 55 species of worm (lepidopteron) pests **without harming humans, beneficial insects, birds, fish or wildlife.** Plus, DiPel has a four-hour Restricted Entry Interval (REI), the lowest allowed by law.

www.valent.com/professional/organicproducts/

Your beach captains will be contacting each of you to discuss the spraying this year and to further discuss costs and timing. Feel free to call Rich McCrady or your beach captain about any issues and/or questions that you may have.

The DNR website for further information is:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/treecare/forest_health/ftc/index.html



Fate of the Loons at Long Lake

By Amanda Homelvig with excerpts from "Silence of the Loons" – www.conservationminnesota.org

The Gulf oil spill has taken on new consequences close to home in Minnesota. Migratory birds from central and eastern North America began migrating southward last fall. For some of these birds, it will be a one-way trip to the oily waters and shorelines where they could perish when they become mired in oil or face a lack of natural foods that have been eliminated by the oil. Potential victims include shorebirds like the Common Loons. Loons have no natural defenses against oil. They do not recognize a sheen of oil on the water as a hazard. While this disaster at first seemed far away, the hazard to Common Loons now strikes close to home and close to the heart. More than our state bird, it is a symbol of Minnesota's outdoors. As residents of Vergas, the Loon is an important part of our community's identity...can you imagine "Looney Days" without the loons? Now the future status of loons is at risk and some lakes could become hauntingly silent in the next few years if loons do not return from their wintering grounds.

Where do Minnesota's loons winter?

Past banding studies of loons from Minnesota have demonstrated that most winter along the Gulf coast from Alabama and the Florida panhandle southward along the western coast of Florida to the Florida Keys. They use near-shore areas that are generally less than 150 feet deep. Areas from Orange Beach, Alabama through Pensacola, Florida had severe problems with oil washing ashore. Those are the areas where loons began arriving last October and November. At this point, we don't know what percentage of our loon population could be lost to the oil spill. All we do know is that it is a threat. Unfortunately, there is no strategy that will prevent the loons from migrating or from choosing another wintering area. Their migratory routes are "hard-wired in their genes".

What is the Minnesota DNR doing?

The Nongame Wildlife Program in the Department of Natural Resources is the primary program that carries out loon conservation efforts in Minnesota. It has been involved with loon conservation since its inception in 1977.

Educational efforts: Activities have included educational efforts to encourage boaters to avoid loon nesting habitat so they do not scare loons from their nests and leave the eggs exposed to predation. The DNR provides information on how to build and place loon nesting rafts on lakes where the loons do not have islands or other protected sites for nesting. The DNR also works with the Minnesota Pollution Control agency to encourage anglers to use nontoxic jigs and sinkers so that loons do not become poisoned by lead jigs and sinkers that are lost by anglers.

Population monitoring: The Minnesota Loon Monitoring Program (MLMP) is a long term project that has been in operation since 1994. During that period, over 1000 volunteers have surveyed pre-selected lakes in six study areas to check on the loon population. Until now, the population has been relatively stable in five areas and increasing in one area. The crisis in the Gulf of Mexico could create a decline that would be detected by the annual loon surveys. In addition, the Volunteer Loon Watcher Survey is conducted statewide and currently has about 400 Loon Watchers in all parts of the state. These Loon Watchers send the DNR a report on their particular lake for the success of their loons' nesting season. For some Minnesota lakes, the Volunteer Loon Watcher Survey program has data going back 20 years or more. If loons don't return to certain lakes, we will have Loon Watchers reporting their absence.

Research: Current studies are being done in Minnesota to assess mortality factors here. Loons that are found dead are analyzed to determine the cause of death in order to develop conservation programs that can reduce mortality within Minnesota. The DNR is also collaborating with the US Geological Survey to have satellite transmitters implanted into loons in central Minnesota to develop longer term plans for monitoring the fate of loons on their wintering grounds.

What Can We Do on Long Lake?

Let's do our best to make Long Lake a safe and hospitable environment for our state bird, so the loons can be admired and appreciated on our lake for many years to come.

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More on the Annual Meeting

Cont: Page 2 LLVA Annual Meeting

Lake Safety and Responsible Behavior

It has been discussed at length amongst various members about the need to monitor the behavior of some boaters on the lake. Complaints have been registered about people who appear to be somewhat careless and are somewhat disrespectful about the safety of others that are using the lake. Some of the dialogue centered on the possible excessive speed and handling of boats in the "narrows" of the lake. Discussion about buoys, wake signs or the like could be used. Rich McCrady will meet with the Otter Tail Sheriff's department as well as the DNR to see what other lakes have done to insure that safety and being responsible towards other people's property, but not curbing the excitement of boating on the lake. There were various opinions from those on the lake as to whether they wanted any restrictions or not as to the "speed" going through the narrows. More discussion will take place at committee and the executive committee level before bringing to the membership.

Lake Association Meetings

Pam Kirsch recommended that the association hold a spring meeting in late April or early/mid May as well as the end of the year meeting. After further discussion, Pam Kirsch made the motion and Wally Hegg seconded which then carried with a unanimous vote.

High Water issues and Highway 36 Culvert Safety Issues.

With the significant moisture experienced this year, and the 29,000 +/- acres of watershed that Long Lake covers, the water level of the lake is incredibly high. Gary Hanson identified that the calculations that he has established show that the culvert is not capable to eliminating the amount of water that flows into Long Lake and that something larger is required. Dennis Mathiason indicated that he would offer to work with others to address the issue with the County Engineer. After further discussion, it was also noted that the culvert area is not one of safety, as many fisherman fish off of the embankment and that the water flow has no "guarded" area to keep someone from being sucked into the culvert. Some have indicated that they know of dogs that have been sucked through the culvert to come out the other side. This, too, shall be addressed with the DNR and highway departments, respectfully. Possibly caution signs could be put up by the association. No motion was made and it will be taken under further advisement.

Other Business

Joan Bohlig inquired as to whether there has been any dialogue from other lakes about spraying for mosquitoes. Rich indicated that he had not heard of any, but would check into it. Because of the vast number of lakes and water areas, it probably is not foreseeable.

There were 64 total members in attendance.

A prize give away was provided as well as a ham/beef dinner. The members provided over 250 pounds of canned goods that were transported to the Perham Food Shelter. (Thanks to everyone who donated!)

With no further business, Rich McCrady Sr. adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pam Lewis, Acting Secretary

Those in attendance:

Members:

Pam and Rick Lewis Mary and Rich McCrady Sr Pam and Rick Kirsh Maxine and Wally Hegg Kris and Jerry Whalen Chuck Ponti Kathy and Chuck Hillstrom Janice and Bruce Nereson Tom Kaluza Steve Kaluza Judy and Lloyd Schulz Ardis and Ed Orman Rod Helland Karen and Dennis Mathiason Sandi and Harold Mickelson Al Houdek Marion Dahlgren Rudy Matzke and Brooke Hamann Mary and Wayne Eckhoff Linnea and JC Chrest Barb and Don Anderson Karen and Chris Odden Jan and Gary Hanson Lila and Rich Huebner Ellie and Roger Johnson Janine and Brad Nelson Craig Seydel Dick and Judy Applegate Joan and George Bohlig Amanda and Chad Homelvig Wayne and Pat Greenwood Marlene and Warren Keefe Bruce Stoddard Terry and Dennis Pausch Glenn Rogers Sue and Doug Halverson Guests: Rod Smith - Pelican Lake

(A quick comment from Rich McCrady: I was terribly remise for not acknowledging the efforts of the current Board of Directors and Beach Captains. Without their commitment of time and efforts—both fiscally and physically—the Association would not have moved forward. I failed to do that at the meeting—so am doing so now. To all of you, thank you for your help)

Protect critical habitat. Loons build nests out of reeds and grasses on the edge of the water. Leave critical habitat along your shoreline for loons to nest. Avoid loon nesting areas when fishing and boating.

Give Loons space. Give a wide berth to loons swimming or fishing out in the open.

Use non-toxic (non-lead) jigs and sinkers. Loons regularly pick up pebbles on lake bottoms. The pebbles help grind up minnows that they eat. If they swallow lost lead tackle while eating pebbles, even a single split shot can kill a loon. Studies in Wisconsin and Michigan have revealed that about a quarter of loons found dead in those states have died from lead poisoning.

Report activities that threaten our population on Long Lake:

- If you find an injured, sick or dead loon contact the DNR's Nongame Wildlife Office right away. Katie Haws, Bemidji, 218-308-2641, katie.haws@state.mn.us

- Report any harassment, nest disturbance or shooting of loons to the local DNR Conservation Officer.

Additional Resources:

There is always a need for more volunteers. If you wish to participate contact LLVLA member Amanda Homelvig (218-863-1116) or Google "Minnesota Loon Conservation".

Read about federal treaties and congressional work to protect our Loon population:

<http://www.conservationminnesota.org/news/?id=5023>

Read general facts about the Common Loon:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/birds/commonloon.html>



Homelvig are
this summer

(A further important note about the author: Amanda and Chad lakeshore owners on Long Lake and hope to have a new home started for permanent residency. Amanda has agreed to be the Lake Associations' resident "conservationist" and will be the Volunteer Loon Watcher for the Minnesota DNR representing our Association and Long Lake. Thanks to Amanda for her interest and we look forward to more articles and reports from her in the future.)

Thoughts for the day.....

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The average number of minutes a drill is used in its lifetime.

767

The number of million gallons of wine Americans drink over the course of a year.

18

Million flowers used to decorate the

floats in the Tournament of Roses Parade. Each float contains more stems than an average American florist goes through in five blooming years

(Real Simple, January 2011)

Let's Go Fishing With Seniors, Detroit Lakes chapter provides free summer fishing and boating excursions for seniors, veterans and youth groups. Call 218 847 5670 or go online to www.lgfws.com for information.

Safety:

Remember if you are digging on your property—Call GOPHER ONE to insure that you aren't hitting a gas or electric line. **1 800 252 1166**.—It's the law!

Current events -

***Brooke Hamann has agreed to be the Lake Associations' directory editor. This is an incredibly time consuming task that involves a vast amount of information gathering, business sponsorship, and layout development. With this edition of "The Long View" is an informational sheet that we would ask that you fill out as completely as you can, and return it in the envelope provided. We are in hopes that the directory can be used for a number of causes, no less than having information that identifies who our neighbors are. Also, we will be doing somewhat of a written "portrait" of our lake members and hope that in future Long View's that we can incorporate information and pictures about each of us. Please cooperate in helping us get this information as quickly as possible. Brooke's email address is: haman058@umn.edu and her phone number is: 651.592.9673. Thanks for your assistance.



***Please put this date in your calendar:

June 11, 2011 9 am to 1 pm

At the annual meeting in August, it was suggested that we hold a "spring" meeting in addition to the Annual meeting in late summer. I



have reserved the Community Center in Vergas on June 11, 2011 from 9 to 1 pm. We are still identifying with the venue and if we are able to get some qualified speakers to attend. The other earlier dates were already taken by other lake associations and/or it was felt that those coming for the summer wouldn't have arrived until after Memorial Day.

I would appreciate any input from the members as to information that they would like to be made aware of, and/or if there are specific speakers of interest.

Contact me: Rich McCrady 651 245 4571

Or email: richmccrady@comcast.net

***Your Board of Directors met on March 24, 2011. The following is the agenda of such meeting.

6:30 pm Presentation and discussion with Mike Larsen of Larsen Helicopters regarding spraying of "tent worms"

7:15 pm **Opening of Executive Board**

Approval of Agenda

Approval of August 28, 2010 Executive Board Minutes

Approval of Finance Report

Old Business

High Water

Tin Can Alley Update

County Road 36 Culvert Issue
Web site

"The Long View"

New Business

Spring Meeting

Directory Update

Fund Raisers?

AIS Initiatives

Amanda Homelvig

Lake Protection Challenge
Grant

Filling open positions on Board
and Beach Captains

Local Government Doings.....

Hobart Township—Not much to report regarding the activities of our Hobart Township supervisors. I would like to commend them on their handling of the snow removal no less than my side of the lake. Without exception, they did a wonderful job in keeping our roads clear and open during this record snowfall year. Kudos to them. With high water facing them, the possibility of road washouts are possible. Watch closely the roads that are near you and do not hesitate to contact any of the Hobart Township Supervisors as to problems with the roadways.

Vergas—The local council continues to search for ways to create betterment in the Vergas area. One item that affects the lake association, is the decision by the council to take over a +/- mile area adjacent to the public park, east on highway 228. This area is nicknamed "Tin Can Alley", and it is the desire to convert this land to "green" land and extend the park along the highway eastward. On the surface, this appears to be a worthy goal, however; questions that have been directed to the planning commission and the council have not been answered. The addition of park land is always a wonderful idea. However; some questions that have gone unanswered are:

- What is the long term vision for this land?
- What enhancements and/or eventual use do you see this land being used for?
- With current fiscal restraints, how do you plan on paying for the enhancements, for the upkeep, and for the monitoring?
- How will this affect how people get to this area from the park, in as much as over \$400,000 was spent to get a path from the park partway into town which is not complete?
- What is the benefit to town and or lake owners?
- What do landowners who are adjacent or just across the lake from this area have to say about this development?

So as this plays out, your comments are very much requested and possibly the Lake Association should think about volunteering to take part in the overall planning process. I don't believe that this is necessarily a bad thing—just too many questions not being considered and then, answered.

COLA, DNR and Minnesota Waters Information..... March 22, 2011 Communiqué

From Nathan Olson, MN DNR, Fergus Falls:

For citizens wanting to become trained to conduct watercraft inspections on a volunteer basis, the DNR Invasive Species Program in Fergus Falls will be offering a Volunteer Watercraft Inspection Training at the DNR Office in Fergus Falls (1509 1st Avenue North, Fergus Falls, MN 56537) on May 21, 2011 from 9 am-12 pm. This training is meant for people who are interested in volunteering their time to conduct watercraft inspections at public accesses. At the training, people will learn:

- basic identification of different aquatic invasive species and their impacts,
- methods used for the inspection of watercraft, and
- requirements for conducting watercraft inspections on public accesses.

All participants will be required to pass a background check before being approved to conduct volunteer watercraft inspections for the DNR. **If interested in attending do not reply to this email, please RSVP to Anna Ness, Watercraft Inspection Coordinator, at anna.ness@state.mn.us or 218-739-7576 ext. 247. Include your organization name (if applicable) and how many people are planning to attend.**

LLVLA will be providing a budget and spending initiative to their members very soon. Be patient as we are still evaluating those projects and initiatives that can be done and be properly funded.



While Minnesota's legislators debate priorities and budgets, Minnesota's lakes and streams hang in the balance. These legislators need to hear from you. Contact your representatives today and let them know we need to sustain the environmental protections already in place and to build the new, much-needed protections recently introduced.

DNR 2011 Aquatic Invasive Species Bill

Last week Governor Dayton and DNR Commissioner Landwehr announced [a ground-breaking Aquatic Invasive Species \(AIS\) Policy Bill](#) at a press conference at the DNR central office in St. Paul. The bill is based largely on stakeholder recommendations from a series of meetings held throughout the fall and early winter. The AIS bill addresses each of the eight areas outlined in the final [Prevention Stakeholder Report](#) from these meetings.

- **Increase enforcement of AIS laws at the state and local levels.**

- Gives conservation officers and other licensed peace officers more authority to inspect watercraft and other "water related equipment" for AIS

- **Increase penalties for violations of state invasive species laws.**

- Doubles most of the monetary penalties for violations of AIS laws and has higher penalties for repeat offenders. Allows local law enforcement agencies to retain civil penalty amount for citations issued by their agency

Allows criminal citations for violations involving the transportation of aquatic macrophytes (plants). This will allow the violation to be included on the statewide payables list so that fines can be paid without a court appearance

- **Improve the DNR's watercraft inspection process for AIS.**

- Defines Inspection and gives authorized inspectors more authority to inspect watercraft and other "water related equipment" for AIS

- **Increase public awareness of AIS.**

- Requires watercraft owners and operators to have a decal that lists invasive species rules. The decal must be attached to the watercraft and be in full view of the operator. Decals would be available at no cost and are intended to help with education efforts aimed at preventing the spread of AIS

- Require lake service provider licensing and training.

Requires permitting and training for people that receive compensation for installing docks, boat lifts, and other water-related equipment

- **Focus on high-use infested waters & prioritize other efforts at infested waters**

- Authorizes enforcement officers to set up check stations at critical locations

- **Increase funding for AIS efforts (Watercraft surcharge increase is in Governor's Budget)**

- **Among many other projects, would help DNR improve AIS prevention actions at accesses**

- **DNR Technical Amendments**

- Allows docks and boat lifts that are removed from an infested water to be placed on riparian property for the winter or for repair to be returned to the same water body

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- Allows emergency response vehicles to replace drain plugs after draining any live wells and bilges prior to transportation on roadways
- Simplifies requirements for commercial fishing equipment used on Lake Superior - this equipment is not typically removed for use on other water bodies
- Relaxes some permit requirements for large-scale control of invasive aquatic plants
- Consolidates the bi-annual legislative report on prevention with the annual invasive species report.

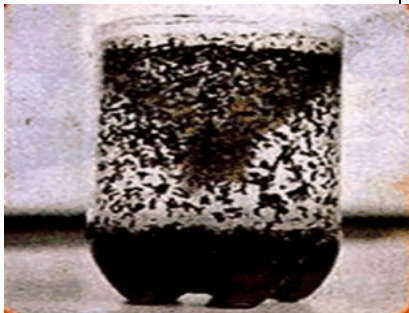
The AIS bill, news release and other related information can be found on the [DNR web-site](#).

TAKE ACTION

The AIS bill, [SF847](#) and [HF1162](#), has been referred to the Environment Committees in both the House and Senate. Contact the Senate [Environment and Natural Resources Committee](#) and the House [Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance Committee](#) to let them know that their support is needed for the AIS bill, which is based on the prevention recommendations received from stakeholder groups across the state and directly addresses many of the immediate actions needed to help strengthen statewide prevention measures.

Helpful Advice.....

Mosquito trap (Dengue, malaria,



Ross River prevention?)

It's just a mix of water, brown sugar and yeast.

1. Cut a plastic bottle in half, keep both parts. Can be plastic soft drinks bottle.
2. Take the lower portion of the bottle. Dissolve the brown sugar in hot water. Let it cool down to ~70 deg F.
3. Add the yeast. Carbon dioxide will form (This will attract the mosquitoes)

4. Place the top portion - upside down like a funnel - inside the bottle
5. Cover the bottle with a dark wrap and place it in a corner in your house. In 2 weeks you will be surprised by the number of mosquitoes killed.

Submitted by Joan Bohlig

Watch for and protect our waters from:

Eurasian Water milfoil, now in Detroit Lakes.

Spiny and Fishhook Water flea, now in Boundary Water areas.

Zebra Mussel, now in the Pelican Lakes Chain.

Clean your boats, your trailers, empty your wells and bilges—all of this is mandatory now and carry some very, very stiff fines if gone neglected.



A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature."

-- Henry David Thoreau

Website links for your information:

COLA –Otter Tail

www.minnesotawaters.org/group/otccola/otter-tail-county-coalition-lake-associations-48

DNR—Dock Restrictions

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/publications/waters/shoreline_alterations_water_access.pdf

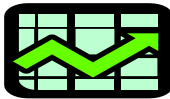
DNR—Shore Beach Blanket

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/publications/waters/shoreline_alterations_sand_blanket.pdf



We need articles and photos for "The Long View" and also for the new Website that is being developed.

Send to: Rich
McCrary Sr. Address
is above!



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