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Turtle Flambeau Flowage and Trude Lake Recieve Grant to Study Water Quality

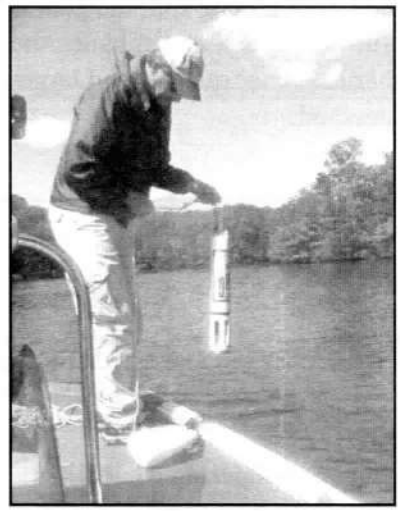
By Terry Daulton

In these economic times, good financial news can be hard to come by, but this past March the Association's water quality study grant was approved! This grant comes through the Lake Management Grant Program with the DNR and will allow us to take a more in-depth look at the water quality of the flowage and Trude Lake. The grant is for $10,000.

The project will begin this season with the establishment of five water quality sampling points, four on the flowage and one on Trude. The US Geological Survey (USGS) will be conducting the tests. As a partner in the project, the USGS will be contributing about $5000 in staff time and expenses. Other partners in the project include the Iron County Land Conservation Department and the Wisconsin DNR.

The USGS will conduct most of the water quality work. Water samples from selected locations will be analyzed for total phosphorus, chlorophyll a, and, during spring turnover, a suite of water chemistry constituents. Total phosphorus concentrations will not only be measured near the surface, but also measured near the bottom if anoxic conditions are present to determine whether the internal release of phosphorus may be important. Phosphorus and nitrogen species will be measured in July to determine whether phosphorus or nitrogen is the potential limiting nutrient in the lake. Water-quality analyses will be done by the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene. Profiles of temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific conductance, and pH will also be developed.

The lake association will be doing some work as well. Our biggest job will be to conduct a survey of members and partners to ask what concerns and issues we need to consider in future management of the waterbody. Jim Leever, who has been a long-time board member and volunteer, is leading this effort. You should see the survey in your mailbox this spring or summer. Please share your thoughts with us through the survey!



We will also be sampling aquatic plants, compiling planning documents and reports about the flowage, and continuing our ongoing water sampling and invasive species work. With this new workload, we will be, as always, looking for volunteers.

The flowage and Trude Lake are often touted as "crown jewels" of our state. It is interesting to note that to date a thorough study of this aquatic system has not been

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undertaken. Like many northern lakes, establishing baseline data and developing preventative management goals are the keys to future water body health. Decline in water quality, shoreline erosion, fluctuation in water levels, and invasive species have been targeted as potential threats by TFF-TL POA board members and natural resource professionals.

As this project moves forward, we hope to shed light on the qualities of the waterbody and to gain insights into additional research needs. In the long run, the goal is to further protect and enhance the fisheries, water quality, and larger watershed.

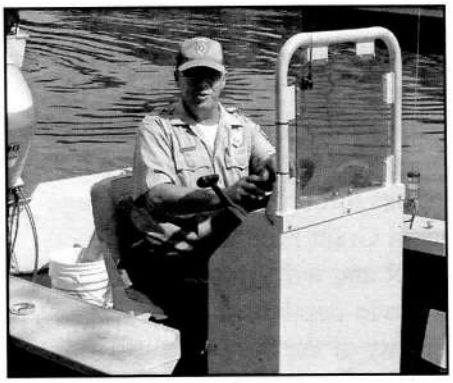
Association Annual Meeting: June 13th

If you are wondering what is happening with water levels, the association's new grant, invasive species, or fish cribs, put June 13 on your calendar! The Association's annual meeting will include updates on these topics as well as elections of officers and board members. Elections will be held for Treasurer, Secretary and two board positions. The meeting will be held at the Haines Civic Center meeting room in Mercer at 6:30 pm. We will have refreshments available and time to socialize after the meeting!

Come and share your views!

Dennis O'Brien to Retire from Ranger Position

"Dennis has always been especially helpful, courteous and friendly… We hope that he will always have jurisdiction over the Turtle Flambeau Flowage!" This is just one quotation from the many letters of appreciation that have made their way into Dennis O'Brien's file in the 14 years he has spent as the DNR public contact person for the Scenic Waters Area. In many ways, Dennis has come to represent the face of the DNR for visitors and residents alike. This will be Dennis's last spring working for the Scenic Waters Area. He will be retiring in June after spending several weeks training the new Ranger.



Dennis first started working on the flowage in 1994. At that time he was conducting creel surveys (fisheries) for the Park Falls DNR office. The flowage position at that time focused on maintenance with some visitor contact. Dennis "grew" that position into what it is today – a seasonal Ranger position. Roger Jasinski, Dennis's supervisor, commented "Dennis's skills as a people person really shaped the position. He took pride in his visitor contacts and educational efforts. He took the initiative to go to school and get his law enforcement credentials." For his efforts, Dennis was honored with the DNR Limited Term Employee of the Year Award in 2001.

Dennis has been a true friend to the Association, attending our annual meetings, assisting with the enforcement of jet ski and fireworks regulations, helping boaters, and working with us on landing information and education. His cheery wave as he boated by was always a welcome sight. His wife, Melanie, and son, Alexander, have also become flowage friends, frequently volunteering for educational events or assisting Dennis on his patrols.

Those who are well acquainted with Dennis know that he is unusually modest. He artfully dodged being interviewed for this article, stating that we should highlight his replacement instead. Well, Dennis--we will welcome your new colleague, but our seasons will not be quite the same without your thoughtful brand of education/enforcement. We hope that you and your family will not be strangers to the Flowage and Trude Lake and will stop at our docks for a visit, give us a friendly wave from your boat, or float over to share couple of good stories! All the best to you and your family in retirement, Dennis!

Aquatic Invasive Program New To Iron County

Invasive species are an ever increasing concern as they threaten natural ecosystems by displacing native plants and disrupting the food chain. The Iron County Land and Water Conservation Department recently received a grant from the DNR to provide an education and outreach program on aquatic invasive species. The grant will run through December of 2011. Goals of the program are to educate residents and recreationists to the threat invasives pose to our local waters and to prepare them to identify, prevent, and respond to invasives. Heather Palmquist, a lifelong resident of Mercer, has been hired as the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for the county.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters is a program in which volunteers staff boat landings to educate recreationists on the importance of cleaning their boats and equipment to prevent the spread of invasive species. Citizen Lake Monitoring is designed to have residents monitor for invasives along their shorelines and near boat landings, report new infestations, and monitor existing species. The Iron County Land and Water Conservation Department is looking for volunteer monitors this summer for both programs. If you are interested please attend one of these workshops. Free training workshops have been scheduled in **Mercer on Saturday, May 30th from 9am-1pm** and on **Saturday, June 13th from 9am-1pm.** Both workshops will be held at the Mercer Community Building. A complimentary lunch will be provided. For more information on these programs and other volunteer opportunities, contact Heather Palmquist at the Land and Water Conservation Department at 715-561-2234 or lakes@ironcountywi.org.

Cribs For Crappies

On Sunday, January 18, a hardy band of members of the association, along with a friend or two, their enthusiasm and their excess caloric reserves stoked by the Cabin Fever Party of the preceding evening, assembled for the annual crib-building exercise. Ably abetted by Roger Jasinski, Jeff Roth, Jim Cox and Jim (Hulio) Zarzycki from the DNR and their "veteran" snow machines, the group set about transforming a sizeable stack of timber, some of which was more than a little outsized, into cribs. On shore, hookaroons flashed, drills whined, sleds were loaded, and winter joints creaked. Out on the lake, another crew hefted, roped, and weighted the newly drilled logs into would-be fish condominiums. At the end of the day on Monday, 24 cribs, lashed together and to the shore, awaited ice-out and their final deployment in Horseshoe Lake. As promised, Arnie Popp provided "eagle" soup for the hungry volunteers, though the consensus was that it tasted very much like gourmet chicken soup. Arnie mused about preparing another of his roadkill specialties for next year. The odds are, however, it will strongly resemble chicken soup.

In this photo from right to left: John Wahleither, John Parker, John Green, Jim Cox (DNR), Bill Bednar, Mel Yeakle, Jim Zarzycki (DNR)

Then in April, a second group converged on the spring ice to stuff the cribs with brush. That group, (a number of whom are pictured here), battled chill, damp winds and treacherous slick ice to get the cribs ready for launch. Come May, a veritable sub-division will await discovery by schools of flowage fish.

Oh Give Me a Home, Jerome...

By Mike Hittle

The Jerome Fishing and Hunting Club, located on the southern shore of Trude Lake, is perhaps best known to local history buffs for its connection to Charles Comiskey, the owner of the Chicago White Sox, and for the ballplayers and celebrities who visited it. But the club also figured prominently in the early history of the Flowage both in expected and unexpected ways.

As Edward P. Sherry, President of the Flambeau Paper Company and driving force behind the construction of the Flowage, recognized in 1920, the Jerome Club posed one of the biggest challenges in his effort to secure ownership of or flowage rights to the properties that would be affected by the proposed dam. The Jerome Club owned substantial real estate, including a farm across the lake. Moreover, its two dozen structures easily made it the most developed piece of property in the area. A projected rise of about six feet in the water level, as well as subsequent lowering of the water during draw-downs, threatened not only some of the club's facilities, but also bank erosion. This likely damage left Sherry with little recourse but to purchase this expensive property. (Though there was consideration given to building a small barrier dam that would prevent the flowage from raising the level of Trude Lake.) Dealings with the club were facilitated by the fact that Comiskey and his closest associates had sold off their shares in the club prior to any contact from Flambeau Paper Co. Even so, negotiations dragged on for several years, and it was not until October of 1925—the year of the building of the dam—that the property was purchased for $70,000.

Ownership of the Jerome Club entailed numerous obligations and costs. Protection and maintenance of the improvements required a caretaker—a position jointly held by Otto and Melanie Janzen, at equal salaries of $62.50 per month. Supplies for them, mostly food, added to the costs—and to the business of M.E. Brandt, who delivered orders to the door in his Ford truck every few weeks. The telephone line from the club to Mercer, some of which was strung along now flooded fence posts, had to be rebuilt. To beautify the property for potential buyers, a crew was sent in during the winter of 1927 to cut trees and brush along the shoreline. And finally, a section of the road from Jerome to Mercer, washed out by flowage wave action, needed repair. Ed Evenson, the Mercer town chairman, sent the bill to the new owner.

But the most intriguing inheritance from the Jerome Club was its "Game Park," which at the time of the purchase contained some deer, six or seven elk and three buffalo—one adult male, one adult female, and a juvenile male. Initially, the elk proved the more troublesome, because of their propensity to escape through downed sections of flooded fence, swim about the flowage, and return to dry land outside their compound. In time, the buffalo learned the same trick, and some more. In September of 1928, Donald Boyd, Secretary of the CFIC, informed Mr. Sherry: "The buffalo swim the lake and get out of our park. We drove them back once and

it cost us $84.00 to do it. This was the first real expense connected with them. Then they got out again and the bull hooked a cow and pony owned by Mr. Voss who lives near Mercer. We will probably have to pay damages, but do not think they will be very heavy. The buffalo are now hanging around the farm of Henry Peters, but have done no serious damage. They broke some fences and dug up two or three little spruce trees which were in his front yard."

As this account foreshadows, the matter of expense proved decisive in resolving the buffalo problem. All Sherry operations relentlessly sought to cut every cost, and to realize the maximum gain on every asset. The buffalo, clearly, had become assets with considerable potential liability, and the Chippewa & Flambeau Improvement Company moved resolutely in the fall of 1928 to divest themselves of them. The company contacted the Brookfield Zoo and the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago and the Milwaukee Zoo for information on the value of the animals and for assistance in finding a buyer. Values ranged from $125 to $250 for the adult animals, and $100 for the calf. The company made at least two attempts at direct sale, one to the Steuben Outdoor Club in Winchester, the other to Budd L. Small of Kankakee, Illinois; but both contacts failed. In the meantime, it seems that at least three of the elk were sold for $300 to a Mr. Klich, of Mercer, for his resort and park. Klich had also purchased four deer from the Jerome park. But the buffalo remained, and as of October, 5, CFIC officials were puzzling over the best way to get these animals into someone else's hands.

The end came swiftly. On November 12, Boyd wrote to Sherry, "We will have no more trouble with the buffaloes. Mr. Furgeson and Mr. Jones of this city [Eau Claire] went up to Mercer last Saturday, shot them and brought them to Eau Claire on a truck. They will sell the meat through one of the local butcher shops and expect to have the hides for their profit." In the end, the CFIC realized $150 for the sale of the carcasses, an amount "which will just about let us out even on the damages we had to pay." The whole episode seems to have left the otherwise hard-boiled secretary of the company saddened and puzzled. Boyd concluded his letter, perhaps in ignorance, perhaps in condescension, as follows: "It seems strange to me that the people of Mercer and vicinity, knowing for a long time that we wanted to get rid of these animals, would let them go out this way instead of helping us to sell them alive, and thus keeping in that vicinity one of the best attractions for tourist trade that they can ever hope to get."

The Chippewa & Flambeau Improvement Company sold the Jerome Fishing and Hunting Club property in early 1931.

Lake Bastine Osprey Platform Repaired

For those who watched the Lake Bastine osprey pair over the last few years in their increasingly precarious nest, the news that they have a newly repaired home will be welcome. The nest, which has been located on the island in Lake Bastine for a number of years, was in a dead pine; the frequent storms finally took their toll and it fell to the ground. This winter, Bruce Bacon (DNR) and Jeff Wilson, with assistance from John Kosidowski and Doug Reed, placed a new platform in a pine next to the old tree. Hopefully, the osprey will like their new, more secure home.

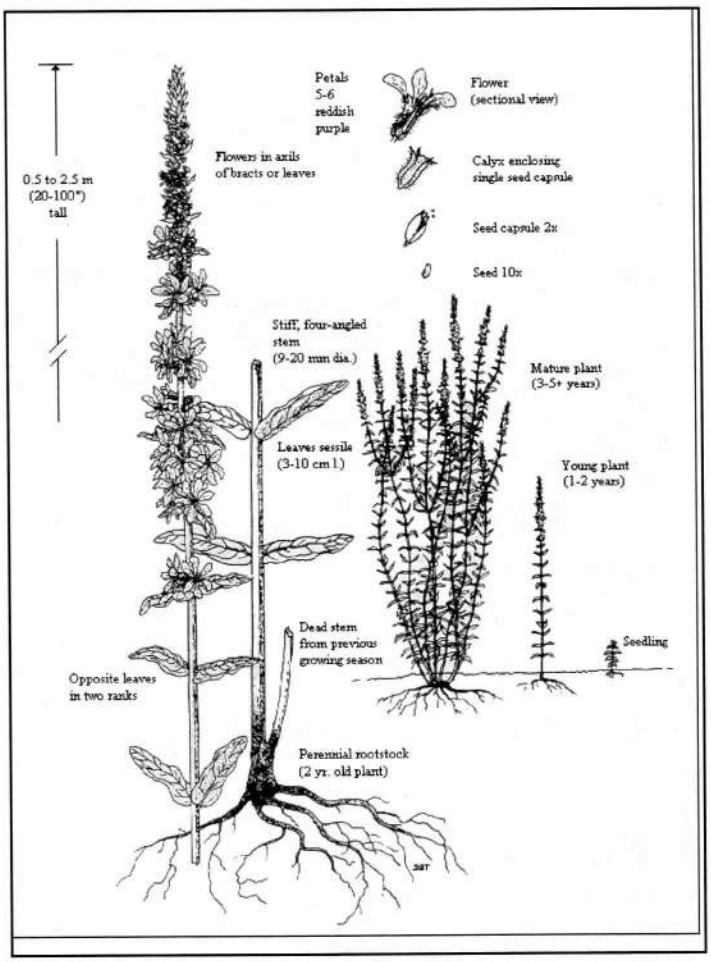
A Community Effort

This year's efforts to control Purple Loosestrife on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage will involve many individuals, organizations, and agencies. To begin this year's efforts, Heather Palmquist, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator of the Iron County Land and Water Conservation Department (ICLWCD, has arranged an opportunity for Hurley High School students to learn about aquatic invasive species during a workshop led by Brock Woods, the state Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol Program Coordinator. Students who attend the workshop will then teach elementary students about Purple Loosestrife and the Galerucella beetle. Since Galerucella beetles eat only Purple Loosestrife, they have been used to control areas inundated with these invasive plants. Together, the high school and elementary students will collect beetles from the wild, and the elementary students will then raise these captured beetles in netted enclosures. The goal is to multiply the number of beetles for future release in various areas in Iron County—including the Turtle Flambeau Flowage and Manitowish River.

Another effort is being organized by the DNR and ICLWCD to control the large outbreak of Purple Loosestrife plants on the Manitowish River. Besides pulling, digging up, and chemically treating Purple Loosestrife plants, participants will release some of the beetles raised by the Hurley students.

For its part, the Property Owners' Association will also return to action on the Loosestrife front this summer. We need volunteers to check one of the 18 survey routes between July 15 and August 1. . Ideally, routes should be checked more than once early in July and then again in late July. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO SURVEY A SECTION OF THE FLOWAGE THIS SUMMER.

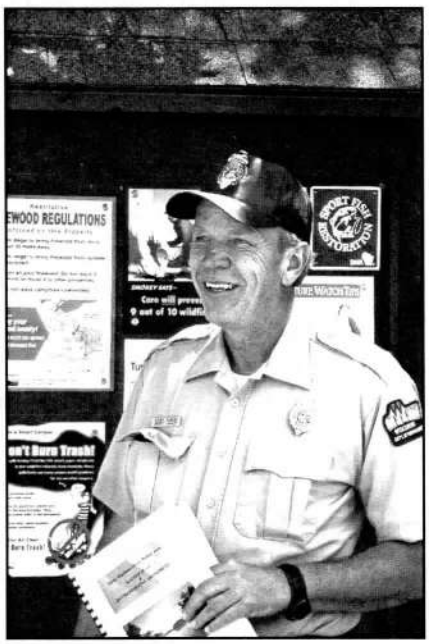
In addition, we shall hold another Loosestrife Work Party this summer. Association members, DNR staff, and ICLWCD staff will work together to remove identified Purple Loosestrife plants from the flowage. The Party will take place late in July-- the precise date and location yet to be determined. Participants have fun, learn about the fauna and flora of the flowage, and enjoy a cookout. We will also need volunteers to grill the food for the diggers. **If you are interested in volunteering for any of these activities, contact Diane O'Krongly at 1-715-476-0287 or at dokrongly@centurytel.net.**



Roger Jasinski Retires as TFF Property Manager

When Roger Jasinski became the Property Manager for the Turtle Flambeau Flowage Scenic Waters area in1992, his plan was to camp at each of the 60 campsites, evaluate the tenting, consider fire ring and outhouse locations, and probably enjoy a sunset from the campfire. Seventeen years later he ruefully acknowledges that he has now put this goal on his retirement list! Looking at his many accomplishments, it's easy to see how that first, and perhaps somewhat romantic, goal got put on the backburner.

On June 8, Roger will be retiring from his 32 year career with the DNR. His cozy office in Mercer is a reflection of the hard work he has done for the Scenic Waters Area. On the walls hang photos of completed projects such as the nature trail at Fisherman's Landing, boat landing improvements, and the Big Island Bridge Project. There are numerous educational publications, maps, and brochures; and on his computer the DNR Scenic Waters Area website is easily accessible. Many of us may not realize that Roger also manages nine additional state properties ranging from boat landings (in both Iron and Price Counties) to State Natural Areas (Evelyn Lake, Springstead Muskeg, and Bass Lake Preserve) and a handful of small state land parcels. The total acreage under his watch is 38,417.



When asked what he is most proud of, Roger points to the Scenic Waters Area Master Plan, which was written under his leadership in 1995. Aside from the projected bridges at Trude Lake and Turtle River, all the master-plan goals have been accomplished. Roger's most lasting legacy, however, will undoubtedly be the lands he acquired for the Scenic Waters Area. The original acquisition by the state totaled 22,000 acres. The master plan mapped in additional lands within the property boundary that could be purchased from willing buyers. Roger has been able to add 15,650 acres to the original purchase. "Public lands are something that I value; they are why I live in Northern Wisconsin." Roger observed. Wisconsinites who hike, hunt, fish, and camp in the Scenic Waters Areas will benefit from his hard work for many generations to come.

When asked what he will miss Roger says, "Probably the variety of demands on my time, the diversity of the tasks and people I work with… this job is always interesting and brings something new." Roger hopes that his replacement will be hired this season. The position will be opened for internal transfers; and if there is interest, a hire could happen as soon as a month after he leaves.

Roger has been a great friend of the Association, working with us on numerous projects and contributing frequently to our newsletter. We will certainly miss his meticulous care of facilities, aesthetic approach to planning, and his open style of communication. Perhaps instead of meeting him at the office, we will see more of Roger out on the Flowage! In retirement he hopes to spend more time dog sledding, bear hunting, fishing, and of course camping on the 57 campsites where he has not watched a sunset from the campfire! Our best wishes to you Roger; we hope to stay in touch!

Loon Research Continues on the TFF and Trude Lake

By Jeff Wilson

When a graduate student showed up in 1985 to study common loons on the TFF and Trude Lake, I'm sure he didn't think he was starting something that would be continuing 24 years later. That student was Jerry Belant, currently a professor at the University of Mississippi. Jerry's study identified almost 30 distinct loon territories and found the TFF has more loon territories than any other body of water in Wisconsin.

Following Jerry came Dr. Mike Meyer, a toxicologist researcher with the WDNR, and two graduate students, Jerry Hardigan (of Mercer) and Brick Fievold. Their studies included the flowage and Trude Lake as controls (not high mercury) to evaluate the impacts of mercury on loons. Currently, TFF loons are of interest to Kevin Kenow, a biologist with the US Geological Survey. Kevin is evaluating a new way of monitoring movements and behavior of the common loon.
Miniature archival geolocator tags were attached to 8 adult loons on the TFF and Trude Lake this past summer. The tags, attached to a colored leg band on the loon, measure and record light levels, temperature, and pressure for up to two years. Location (latitude and longitude) can be determined from sunlight levels, dive information from pressure movements, and activities such as flight or incubation patterns can be interpreted from temperature data. The tags are little over half the size and a third the weight of an AAA battery.

I have been lucky enough to assist in all the loon research that has been conducted on the flowage. This season, Kevin and I hope to re-capture the tagged loons and download the data. The loons of TFF and Trude Lake are probably the longest-studied loon population in our state, another badge of honor to note as you recreate on these waters!

TFF Water Level Update

By Tom Mobray

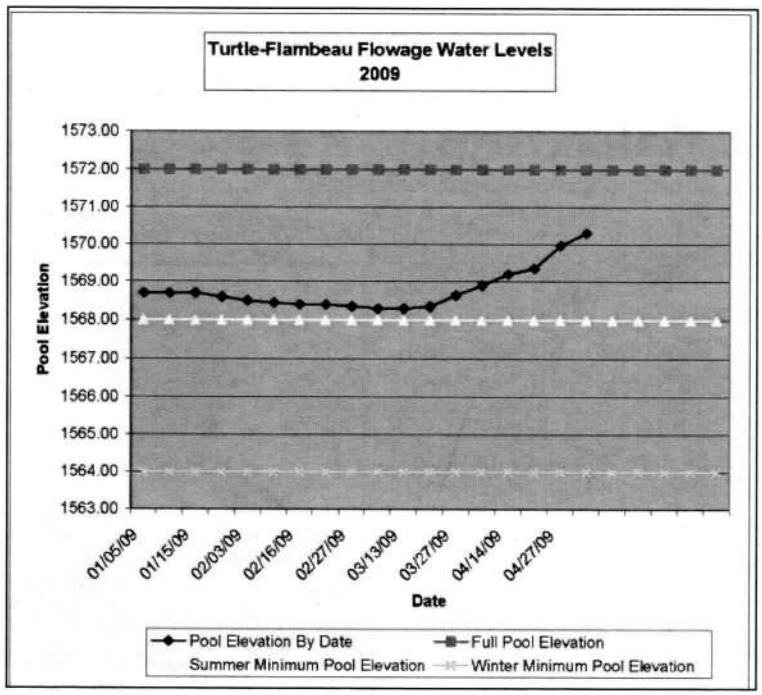
As most members know, over the past 2-3 years the Association has worked closely with DNR and Xcel Energy to monitor TFF water levels and to gain a better understanding of how "our" water resource is managed. For the most part, our meetings and interactions have been positive and productive, and we certainly have learned a lot about the complex issues involved in managing water resources like the flowage.

Despite the best efforts of all involved, spring water levels on the TFF are likely to be well below normal.

As of April 27, 2009, the TFF water level was 1570.11'. This is 1.89' below full pool and 1.39' below the elevation called for by the Memo of Understanding: 1571.5' by April 20 or within one week after ice-out.

Before fingers start to point, let's review how water levels on the TFF have been managed since last fall:

- Starting last September, the amount of discharge from the TFF dam was reduced to approximately 235 cubic feet per second (cfs). This discharge amount has been in effect since last September, and it is well below the normal minimum discharge amount of 300 cfs.
- The low water mark last fall, 1567.6', took place on October 7, 2008. This was 4.4' below full-pool.
- Even with the very low discharge, the water level only recovered about a foot from October through December 2008. On January 1, 2009 TFF elevation was 1568.70' (3.3' below full pool). (Please note that Xcel's legal options include an 8 foot winter drawdown, which they did not take).
- From January 1, 2009 to March 30, 2009 there was no significant change in TFF water level.
- Since April 1, 2009 the water level has increased almost 1.5'. Almost all of this increase came in the last half of April when we finally had some decent rainfalls over the entire TFF drainage area.



The bottom line is that having adequate precipitation is a critical element in establishing and maintaining TFF water elevation at normal levels. The drought conditions we experienced in 2006 and 2007 returned late last summer and have continued ever since. In the current low water situation, "Mother Nature" must take the vast majority of blame. By continuing our program of close monitoring and ongoing communication with DNR and Xcel Energy, the Association hopes to encourage timely and proactive management of TFF water resources for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Spring 2009 Legislative Update - 2 Laws that Impact Lakefront Property Owners

First -- Governor Doyle signed the recently passed "Clean Lakes" bill into law on Tuesday April 14, 2009. Following an example set in Minnesota, Wisconsin now has a statewide law that prohibits the display, sale, and use of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus.

With a few specific exceptions, the new prohibition against lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus will take effect in April of 2010 (the bill specified an effective date 12 months after it was signed into law). The delay gives retailers time to order and stock phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer for next year as many retailers place inventory orders for seasonal items like fertilizer several months in advance.

Nutrients like phosphorus, a common ingredient in lawn fertilizer, are degrading 90% of Wisconsin's inland lakes. Plants don't absorb more phosphorus than they can use, and the excess phosphorus from lawn fertilizer ends up washing directly into our lakes and streams causing algae blooms, fish kills, and declining water quality.

Second – A bill, expected to be signed into law shortly by Governor Doyle, will establish a statewide "slow-no-wake" zone for all motorboats operating within 100 feet of any shoreline (including islands). This law will be a very positive step forward to prevent shoreline deterioration and improve public safety for citizens who are fishing, swimming, or paddling on our shorelines.

Boating at speeds greater than "slow-no-wake" close to the shoreline can contribute to shoreline erosion and can also lead to reduced water clarity by stirring up lake bed sediments (including phosphorus which causes algae blooms) and harm important habitat when propellers uproot aquatic plants in the littoral zone.

A provision in the bill allows for local boating ordinances to either extend the slow-no-wake zone farther than 100' (to 200' as Dane County has done) or to reduce the 100' slow-no-wake zone in specialized situations where a local ordinance may be needed to handle a specific recreational activity. There is also an exemption for a water skier pick-up and drop-off zone.

New Ranger for the Scenic Waters Area

Beginning this season there will be a new face behind the windshield of the DNR ranger boat. Josh Kamrowski will be starting work at the Mercer Ranger Station in late April. Originally from Trempealeau, Wisconsin, he is no stranger to the water. Josh studied Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin--Stevens Point. His first position with the DNR was as a wildlife technician in the southeast region of the state. He then attended the Law Enforcement Academy and began working as a ranger in the Wisconsin Dells area where he patrolled at Mirror Lake, Rocky Arbor State Park, and the Dells Natural Area. He enjoys outdoor recreation, hunting, and fishing and is looking forward to working on the Scenic Waters Area. The Association welcomes Josh and hopes to develop a strong partnership with him as he learns his way around the rock bars and stump fields of the flowage.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Governor's Proposed Budget Cuts will Eliminate Funding for Protection of Wisconsin Lakes and Streams

What does this mean to you? It could mean diminished water quality and natural resource protection for Iron County.

During the past year we have heard devastating projections about the severe economic crisis that Wisconsin is facing. With reduced revenue and a growing deficit, the Governor has many tough decisions to make in order to balance the budget. There are three proposals in the Governor's budget that will eliminate funding from the Soil and Water Resource Management Program, which funds both the staff of the Land and Water Conservation Department and its Cost-Share Programs in the counties. The LWCD works with lake associations, schools, towns, private citizens, partners, contractors, and others to provide education and grant assistance for such activities as control of Aquatic Invasive Species, stormwater management, etc. In Iron County, this program has funded more than 1,500 linear feet of shoreland and streambank stabilization; 25,000 square feet of habitat restoration; 4,000 linear feet of access roads designed to protect water quality; and more than two dozen additional conservation and agricultural practices that protect our soil and water resources. Balancing the budget should not be done at the cost of such programs that promote and sustain healthy water resources.

The budget proposes:

- A $500,000 permanent cut in the annual allocation for Soil & Water Resource Management staff. This staffing reduction threatens our entire program.
- A $3 million dollar annual reduction in funding for cost-share nutrient management planning with landowners.
- The Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board would be converted into a "Council" which will not have the authority to make policy. This board advises the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the DNR on conservation and nonpoint water pollution issues.

Citizen groups and constituents are asking the Joint Finance Committee to consider the following changes to the DATCP 2009 Allocation Plan to protect conservation programs carried out through the Soil & Water Resource Management Program:

1. Increase the tipping fee by an additional 15 cents (the proposed budget already has a 30 cent increase in it to combat nonpoint pollution) to offset the Governor's proposed reduction in county staffing grants for county land conservation offices.
2. Restore the $3 million of SEG Funds Designated for Nutrient Management.
3. Retain and fund the LWCB as a functioning board.

I ask that you take a moment to write to Governor Doyle and Senator Mark Miller and Representative Mark Pocan (the Co-Chairs of the Joint Finance Committee) to support the three main points above. The lakes in Iron County and across the state will greatly benefit from your support. The addresses may be found on the Wisconsin Legislature website at http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/ or contact me at (715) 561-2234 and I will gladly provide addresses and/or further information.

MaryJo Gingras,County Conservationist
Iron County Land & Water Conservation Department

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I ask that you take a moment to write to Governor Doyle and Senator Mark Miller and Representative Mark Pocan (the Co-Chairs of the Joint Finance Committee) to support the three main points above. The lakes in Iron County and across the state will greatly benefit from your support. The addresses may be found on the Wisconsin Legislature website at http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/ or contact me at (715) 561-2234 and I will gladly provide addresses and/or further information.

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The purpose of the Association is to maintain, protect, and enhance the quality of the lake and its surroundings for the collective interest of members and the general public.

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