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Dear Neighbor:

This newsletter highlights recent activities undertaken by the Town Lakes Committee and the many volunteers who have been working to protect the lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species. The newsletter also presents recent AIS-related actions taken by the Town Board.

Pages 2-3 focus on the effort to inspect watercraft and monitor the lakes; pages 4-5 highlight how volunteers have been raising beetles to combat infestations of Purple Loosestrife; pages 6-7 report on the successful start of the Lake Steward Program; and, pages 8-9 present some information learned from a survey of residents.

After you read the newsletter, feel free to contact the Town or Tribe if you would like to participate in any of the activities next season or if you would like to receive more information.

The Town Board recently approved the TLC's plans for 2011, including hosting another Lake Steward Workshop. A complete list of the activities is on the Town website.

The Town Board authorized the TLC to submit another grant application to the WDNR. If approved, the funds will support the Lake Steward Workshop.

The Town Board also approved TLC members and officers for 2011. A warm welcome is extended to new members: Georgine Brown, Joan Fahning, Sally Kunkel, and Russ Sanderson. The new officers include: Norm Wetzel, Chair; Donna Roche, Vice-Chair; Georgine Brown, Secretary; and Rob Milburn, Treasurer.

The Town Board expresses a sincere thank you to the TLC members who

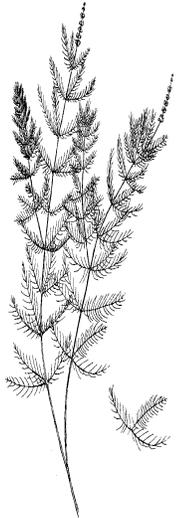
are leaving the TLC: John Spickerman, Randy Augustinak, and Chuck Pollack.

I close by thanking the TLC's primary partner, the Tribe, as well as all of the volunteers and lake associations for their continuing support. A special thanks is also due Manitowish Waters and the Discovery Center, who joined us as partners in this year's grant program.

Respectfully,



Francis P. Chartier,
Town Board Chairman



Town Lakes Committee

The Lac du Flambeau Town Board established the Town Lakes Committee (TLC) in cooperation with the Tribe in 2005 to protect the lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species.

The TLC is guided by three goals:

1. Prevent AIS Infestations

2. Manage AIS Infestations 3. Administer Efficiently and Effectively.

The TLC meets on the third Wednesday of each month, April through October, 10:00 am - Noon, in the Lac du Flambeau Town Hall at 109 Old Abe Road.

All meetings are announced in the local media and agendas are posted in advance at the Town Hall.

The public is encouraged to attend the meetings, a portion of which is reserved for visitors to address the committee.



Watercraft Inspections: Clean Boats Clean Waters Program

The website for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources includes a detailed presentation of Clean Boats Clean Waters data for Lac du Flambeau as well as Vilas County and the State of Wisconsin: <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/aquatic/>.

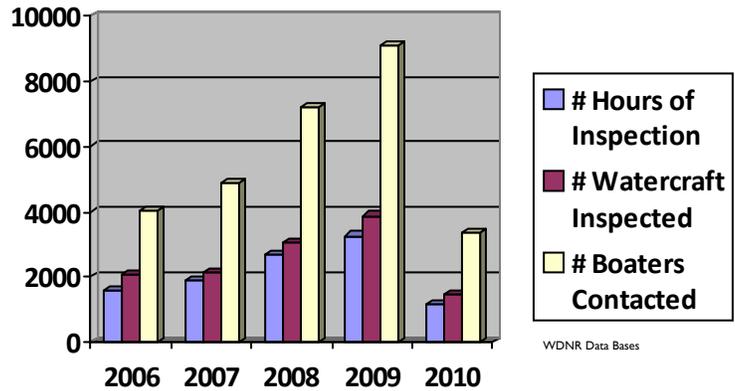
Since 2006 the Lac du Flambeau Town Lakes Committee (TLC) has focused on watercraft inspections and education to keep AIS out of the lakes. In 2006 and 2010, the TLC relied almost exclusively on volunteers while from 2007

to 2009 it relied on volunteers as well as paid inspectors.

In the most recent season, April to October 2010, inspectors in Lac du Flambeau and Manitowish Waters spent 1141 hours inspecting

1474 watercraft while distributing AIS education materials to 3369

Clean Boats Clean Waters



Above. Volunteers at a workshop on watercraft inspection and plant identification, Discovery Center.

boaters.

The table on the right shows the number of volunteer watercraft inspectors that have donated time each year since 2006.

Hall to volunteer, or, when a volunteer asks you to serve, please say "yes!"

Year	# Vol
2006	135
2007	122
2008	84
2009	114
2010	68

For the 2011 season, the TLC will rely strictly on volunteers to inspect watercraft. At least 100 volunteers are



needed, about 30 more than last year. Please call the Town

Children attending a Clean Boats workshop designed especially for them, Lac du Flambeau Public Library.

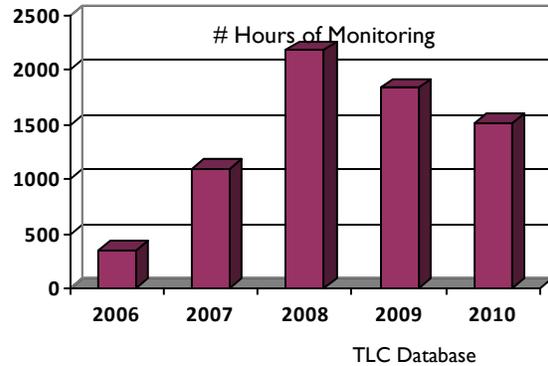
Lake Monitoring & the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network

Volunteers donated more than 1500 hours in 2010 to monitor the lakes. What do such volunteers do?

They inspect the water along shorelines, landings, and channels for evidence of Aquatic Invasive Species, especially Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed.

Recording water temperature, and collecting water samples for chemical analysis.

The TLC has volunteer SCUBA divers who periodically check the deeper water at landings and who are available to check on reports of AIS.



Volunteers survey the signs at landings to make sure they are up to date.



They host a booth at Lakes Fest to provide educational materials about AIS and lake monitoring.

They collect data for the WDNR by taking Secchi readings, re-

cording water temperature, and collecting water samples for chemical analysis.

to the lakes, a volunteer found a floating mass of Curly Leaf Pondweed in Island Lake in Manitowish Waters this summer, and the community has been meeting with the WDNR to determine the appropriate response to the find.

- AIS in Vilas County

 - Chinese Mystery Snail
 - Curly Leaf Pondweed
 - Eurasian Water Milfoil
 - Freshwater Jellyfish
 - Rainbow Smelt*
 - Rusty Crayfish*
 - Spiny Waterflea
 - Purple Loosestrife*

*in Lac du Flambeau



They conduct a variety of workshops on AIS identification.

As a result of paying attention