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Dear Neighbor:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Town Lakes Committee is offering a variety of workshops this summer, including another Lake Steward Workshop. A good first step to help protect the lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) is to learn about AIS. Attend the workshops! Become a Lake Steward! Details are in this newsletter.

Importantly, grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will be used to cover most of the costs of the Lake Steward Workshop as well as this newsletter.

The TLC will not be hiring watercraft inspectors this year. The support for this important activity remains high, however, and all those who volunteered to inspect watercraft in the past will be asked to volunteer again this summer. A few TLC volun-

teers will coordinate the effort so that inspections will begin over the Memorial Day weekend.

Volunteers have already been working diligently to contain local infestations of Purple Loosestrife through a method of biological control. By the time you read this newsletter, volunteers will have dug, potted, netted, and placed into small pools about 200 pots of Purple Loosestrife roots.

Once the plants are about two feet tall, they will be ready to receive beetles. In the meantime, volunteers will collect at least 2000 beetles! Your help is needed in this interesting and important step in the project—please call the Town Hall to volunteer!

Check the LdF website to see a complete list of TLC activities for 2011 as well as TLC newsletters and other

information about the TLC.

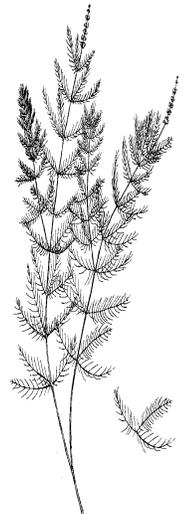
Feel free to contact the Town or Tribe if you would like to participate in any of the activities or if you would like to receive more information.

In closing, I thank the TLC, volunteers, lake associations and other groups that have helped protect the lakes. Especially, I thank the TLC's primary partner, the Tribe, for its continuing support.

Respectfully,



Matthew E. Gaulke
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 and on the town's website. The public is encouraged to attend the meetings.

For more information, see www.tn.lacduflambeau.wi.gov.

Lake Steward Workshop to be Repeated

The main purpose of the Lake Steward Program is to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to be a primary caretaker of their lake,

pleted an evaluation of the workshop. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being very poor and 10 excellent, participants provided an average rating on 9.39.

In addition, numerous positive written comments were also provided.

Considering the overall feedback, the TLC will sponsor the workshop again this summer on Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

Attendees will learn the basics of limnology, how to measure water clarity, how to identify the aquatic plants native to their own lake, how to identify the invasive species that threaten the lakes, and how to be a productive member in a network of other lake stewards.

The workshop is based on current science and professional standards, yet is structured for the layman, being practical and useful.

Participants will actively engage in learning from professionals, including

Susan Knight (Aquatic Ecologist for the WDNR and University of Wisconsin, Madison), Sandy Wickman (Coordinator for the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network), and Gretchen Watkins (Water Quality Specialist, Tribal Natural Resources Department).

The program will be held at

the Lake of the Torches Resort Casino Convention Center. Participants will need to set aside the entire day because the program will run from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Due to the hands-on nature of the instruction and that part of the training will occur on boats on Pokegama Lake, **the total number of participants is limited.**

If you would like to participate in the workshop, **call the Town Hall at 715-588-3358 by June 30, 2011.** You will be notified of the status of the application by July 15.

Because the Town Lakes Committee is receiving financial assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, participants will be able to attend the program at no cost.

Participants will receive a packet of information about the program a couple of weeks before the event.



Upper. Getting ready for the presentation on limnology

Above. Getting ready to practice monitoring techniques on Pokegama Lake

including being part of a network of other lake stewards.

The Town Lakes Committee started the Lake Steward Program in 2010 when it sponsored a Lake Steward Workshop in August.

By all accounts, the workshop was a success. At the end of the day, participants com-

Watercraft Inspections

Don't wait for a phone call inviting you to inspect watercraft. Rather, volunteers who want to inspect watercraft should call one of the following now:

Fence Lake Landing—call Charlene DeWald at 356-5724

White Sand Lake Landing—call John Bartosz at 588-3592

Squaw Lake Landing—call Rob Milburn at 588-9116

Pokegama Lake Landing—call Lester Kuerschner at 588-1707

Other Landings—call the Town Hall at 588-3358.

Consider Attending Workshops

The following workshops will be held at the LdF Town Hall from 9:00-11:00 am. Please call the Town Hall at 715-588-3358 about a week in advance to register for a workshop.

June 1: Watercraft Inspection. The most effective way to keep aquatic invasive plants from entering the lakes is by inspecting watercraft at the landings. Attend this workshop to learn how to identify the aquatic invasive plants that threaten Lac du Flambeau and how to inhibit their introduc-

tion through watercraft inspection.

June 22: Purple Loosestrife Workshop. This beautiful invasive plant currently infests the shorelines of Flambeau Lake, Moss Lake, White Sand Lake, Gunlock-Shishebogama Lakes, the channel between Fence Lake and Crawling Stone Lake, and other areas. Attend this workshop to learn about the plant, including how to identify it and keep it from infesting other lakes in Lac du Flambeau.

July 21: AIS Identification. Learn how to identify a variety of aquatic plants and animals that already infest the lakes in Lac du Flambeau or are poised to do so.

Picture. Susan Knight, Aquatic Ecologist for the WDNR and University of Wisconsin, Madison, demonstrates how to press aquatic plants.



Lac du Flambeau Lake Stewards

The following individuals attended the Lake Steward Workshop last year and have agreed to serve Lac du Flambeau as Lake Stewards. This means they are available to serve as primary contacts for you regarding topics like aquatic invasive species, Secchi readings, and lake monitoring.

Feel free to contact them if you have questions about AIS in general or need help identifying something you believe may be an aquatic invasive species.

Please keep in mind that given the many questions that may be asked and the variety of

species that exist, the Lake Stewards may in turn contact others in the network to develop complete answers.

John Anderson (White Sand)	588-7609
Roy Bodo (Spring/Jerms)	588-2211
Georgine Brown (Flambeau)	493-7426
Grant Callow (White Sand)	588-7007
John Dean (Ike Walton)	588-3642
Eloise Eager (Crawling Stone)	606-295-1270
Richard/Joan Fahning (Ike Walton)	588-3911
Tom Gartner (Stearns)	588-3926
Roberta Gast (Crawling Stone)	356-5550
Gerald Gorski (Squaw)	588-9073
Nancy Hafer (Pokegama)	588-3929
Celeste Hockings (Pokegama)	588-3560
Paul Hoppe (Moss)	588-7025
Joel Johannes (Fence)	588-7588
Remy/Jody Johnson (White Sand)	588-1308
Ralph Kerler (Little Crawling Stone)	588-7315

Barb Klaas (Moss)	815-262-1388
John/Sally Kunkel (Fence)	588-3663
Kris LaMarche (White Sand)	543-2601
John/Barb McFarland (Wild Rice)	543-2975
Rob Milburn (Squaw)	588-9116
Donna Roche (Moss)	588-3344
Russ Sanderson (White Sand)	588-7389
Chuck Venturi (Little Ten)	588-1213
Carol Warden (WDNR)	356-9494
Norm Wetzel (Little Crawling Stone)	588-9428

Additional Contacts

>LdF Town Hall	588-3358
>Gretchen Watkins (Water Quality Specialist) for the Tribal Natural Resources Department	
	588-3303
>Ted Ritter (Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator)	
	479-3738

Visit Lac du Flambeau Website: www.tn.lacduflambeau.wi.gov

This newsletter and all of the TLC's previous newsletters, are on the LdF Website. In fact, the website now includes a description of the TLC, the agendas and minutes for recent and upcoming meetings, a TLC Calendar of Events for 2011, and a variety of other TLC

resources.

So you can find information on specific AIS, the website is linked to the websites of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Vilas County, and University of Wisconsin Extension.

The complete training manual

used in the Lake Steward Workshop, for example, can be found through the link with the UW Extension.

Check the website periodically at www.tn.lacduflambeau.wi.gov to learn the latest information about the TLC.

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LAC DU FLAMBEAU LAKE TRASH PICK UP & AIS IDENTIFICATION

June 10 8:00 am—12:00 pm, Picnic 1:00-3:00 pm

Rain Date—June 13

The Lac du Flambeau Environmental Community Organization (ECO) and the Town Lakes Committee (TLC) are working together to search for aquatic invasive species and clean up the shorelines at the same time.

Join us at the Casino lakeside at 8:00 am on June 10 to register, select an area, get directions, AIS information, and supplies (or preregister by calling Gretchen Watkins at 588-3303 ext. 5316).

Canoe, boat or walk a shoreline to collect trash and recyclables while also looking for Aquatic Invasive Species. Gloves, canoes, nets, trash bags, and AIS identification materials will be available at the registration desk.

The main disposal site will be at the Casino. Other disposal sites will include the landings at Fence Lake and Little Crawling Stone Lake. Also, participants may take refuse directly to the Transfer Station.

The Lake of the Torches Casino is providing **\$10 in free play** for every person, 21 years or older, who properly registers for this event. Non-club members will have to sign-up for a Club Advantage Account (name and Address) to receive the Free Play. The Casino will honor the Free Play during the week following the event.

LAKES FEST

Plan to attend the 15th Annual Lac du Flambeau Lakes Fest!

Preservation on the Reservation

Lake of the Torches Resort
Casino Lakeside—Saturday,
June 25—10:00 AM—3 PM

- >Canoe Races with Prizes
- >Hourly & Grand Prize Raffles
- >Free Hot Dogs and Soda
- >Live Music and Entertainment
- >Kids Games & Activities