

File#- FI 2537– Sawyer County 34.5 acres The Department acquired this property for \$40,000 in 1997 from Fishing Has No Boundaries, a not for profit organization. Fishing Has No Boundaries originally was gifted this parcel, with the intent that the property would be protected from commercial development

The property has approximately 1,296 feet of shoreline on Nelson Lake. It has NHI hits for bald eagle nesting, wood turtle and Elktoe. This and other parcels on Nelson Lake were acquired to prevent development on a wild area that sits in the middle of a developed and popular lake. This island raises the aesthetic value of the lake and provides a reliable public access location for picnickers, swimmers, and anglers. It is fringed by a rocky shoreline that offers excellent walleye spawning habitat.

Because the property is passively managed, the Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the property. There are currently habitat improvement projects planned for this area by local partner groups. There are no future timber harvests scheduled.

Because the property is on an island, the public can legally access the property from the lake.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

