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MEMO

Date: May 16, 2015
To: Sam Weber
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Re: CBCW report for Spring Meeting 2015

CBCW – 3 Goals and Objectives

1) Goal #1: Coordinate volunteers to perform FREE boat inspections at 2 landings for a total of 400 hours per season, 200 hours per landing. This is to help boaters from accidentally spreading invasive species ENTERING or EXITING our lake.

2) Goal #2: Increase awareness with area residents that a grant to the District requires volunteer hours.

3) Goal #3: Educate boaters and the public about invasives.

Thanks to Vickie Dorner for representing our lake, attending the Annual CBCW training April 29 presented by Katelin Holm, Polk Co. Land and Water Resources Dept. She reports the training was excellent and the information shared by Katelin was excellent. Highlights are included in our display at the meeting.



Plans for this year: **June is Invasive Species Awareness Month/WDNR!**

BOAT INSPECTIONS AT LANDINGS AND AIS TRAINING

New Volunteers and Veteran Volunteers needed

There will be training on two Saturday mornings to refresh CBCW volunteers in June as part of the WDNR “**Drain Campaign**” **June 12-14**, a statewide initiative to make sure anglers know about Wisconsin’s invasive species laws. Posters, ice packs and flyers will be available for volunteers to give anglers at the landings again this year. Photos will be taken on all three dates for local media.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters - refresher basics and training at the landing

Saturday, June 6, 10am to noon

Blake Lake, east landing/north end of lake /Bystrom Lane

Come have a cup of coffee and kick off the boating season by volunteering with other CBCW volunteers. All new volunteers will be paired up with veteran volunteers this year. We will go over the basics of boat inspections and what is needed to educate the public about invasives.

Supplies and t-shirts will be available for all volunteers. Coffee, tea and treats provided.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters - refresher basics and training at the landing

Saturday, June 13, 10am to noon

Training will be done by **Katelin Holmes, Water Quality Specialist, Polk County Land and Water Resources Department.**

New! Pontoon Classroom

Saturday, June 13, Noon to 2pm

Blake Lake, east landing/north end of lake /Bystrom Lane

Join the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department for an on the water experience to learn how water samples, algae samples, and sediment samples are collected and analyzed on Big Blake Lake. This is your opportunity to learn how to find wild rice, how water samples work, learn more about Big Blake Lake and ask any questions you have regarding the lake. There is no cost to attend the classroom, but please RSVP to Katelin Holm at katelin.holm@co.polk.wi.us or (715) 485-8637. Kids over 7 years are welcome, everyone bring a life jacket.

WDNR 7th annual statewide Landing Blitz, July 3 -6

Heightened awareness and inspections at both landings

We are one of 90 lakes in Wisconsin participating again this year.



Other things we do to achieve our CBCW goals:

PUBLIC AWARENESS EFFORTS:

- CBCW information published in BL Bugle sent 3x per year to district members.
- Literature and displays at May and August member meetings: includes the latest AIS information from state and county sources. (WLC-wisc lakes conference and PCLRD)
- Email communications to 40 volunteers 2x month, June to October.
- Email sent to members on AIS topics, added this year over the Summer.
- Distribute brochures and posters to local bait shops throughout the Summer.
- Place 1-3 newspaper articles in local papers.
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What's needed to be a CBCW volunteer?

Requires: 2 hours of reading orientation material, watch a 7 minute video about boat inspections, perform first boat inspection with a veteran volunteer, and do up to 4 hours per month alone or with others monthly (June, July, Aug., Sept.).

volunteer to help in many ways, such as:

- a) inspect boats at the landings, hand out literature to visitors and neighbors launching a watercraft;
- b) put brochures at bait shops in the area; help with displays at the annual meeting
- c) enter data online into SWIMS database as other volunteers complete inspection forms;
- d) write copy for the newsletter, social media or for mailings.

NEW Volunteers and Veteran Volunteers needed . [sign up sheet in back](#). If you are on the list from last year and want to continue, don't need to sign up again.
