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MEMO

Date: June 27, 2014
To: Sam Weber
From: Peggy Lauritsen
Re: CBCW content for BL Bugle

Sam, this is the copy for the Blake Lake Bugle. It is a combination of the key messages directed to residents, CBCW news and educational facts about AIS.

Summary of Clean Boats, Clean Waters Goals

- 1) Inform and remind readers about CBCW program and volunteers who perform boat inspections at 2 landings, including the DNR Landing Blitz coming July 3-6.
- 2) Increase awareness with area residents that a grant to the District requires volunteer hours.
- 3) Educate boaters and the public about AIS.

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Clean Boats, Clean Waters volunteers are active this Summer!

Wow, over 52 local residents and volunteers have signed up this season to be a part of the **Clean Boats, Clean Waters** statewide program for our lake! You will see them educating boaters and conducting free boat checks now through September 30 at both east and west boat landings. Inspectors work to assure that boaters do not accidentally spread Eurasian water-milfoil, zebra mussels, and other aquatic invasive species (AIS). *Thank you to all of our volunteers who signed up!*

Invasive species can crowd out native species, disrupt lake ecosystems, interfere with boating, fishing and other recreation, and cause economic harm. The main way that invasive species and fish diseases spread to new waters is aboard boating and fishing equipment and with live fish or water moved from one waterbody to another.

[2 photos of CBCW volunteers at boat landings, may need help with proofing names below:]

Clean Boats, Clean Waters Volunteers

Pictured left to right: Judy Hall, Katelin Holm/ Water Quality Specialist, Polk County Land and Water Resources Department, Mike Rogge, Naomi Anderson, Tom Borden, Diane Borden, Sue Ogren, Marge Filkens, Jim Filkens and Peggy Lauritsen. Not pictured, Kathy Maraden.

Pictured left to right: Max Bay, Peggy Lauritsen and Carla Hagen.



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Sixth Annual DNR Landing Blitz July 3-6

Citizen volunteers and aquatic invasive species experts will be teaming up to educate boaters and conduct free boat checks during the weekend of July 4th at boat landings throughout Wisconsin so the boaters do not accidentally spread Eurasian water-milfoil, zebra mussels, and other aquatic invasive species (AIS).

Throughout the sixth annual Landing Blitz inspectors stationed at many boat landings from July 3rd – 6th will help boaters understand Wisconsin's invasive species laws and what steps to follow to avoid spreading invasive species.

During last year's holiday, inspectors contacted 37,000 people and inspected over 15,000 boats at 290 lakes and rivers in 53 counties. Inspectors included citizen volunteers, state and local AIS staff, wardens and water guards, and numerous lake associations, organized by the Department of Natural Resources and the University of Wisconsin-Extension's Clean Boats, Clean Waters program.

This year's Landing Blitz runs from July 4-7. Volunteer inspectors will demonstrate prevention steps boaters must take entering or exiting the lake and boaters receive a free boating towel.

Basic tips for boaters and anglers:

INSPECT boats, trailers, and equipment;

REMOVE all attached aquatic plants and animals;

DRAIN all water from boats, vehicles, and equipment; and

NEVER MOVE plants or live fish away from a waterbody.*

*Limited exceptions apply. Visit www.dnr.wi.gov and search for "bait laws."

About Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program

With the growing concern over the spread of [aquatic invasive species](#) to Wisconsin's inland lakes and rivers, many lake association members and other concerned citizens are looking for ways to get involved. The *Clean Boats, Clean Waters* volunteer watercraft inspection program is an opportunity to take a front line defense against the spread of aquatic invasive species. More information is available online at <http://www4.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/cbcw/>.

DNR grant to our district requires 400 volunteer hours



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The Big Blake Lake P& R District receives a grant to remove coontail weeds and control the spread of AIS. Currently, curly-leaf pondweed is an invasive weed in Big Blake Lake. The DNR requires a contribution of 400 hours per season inspecting boats at 2 landings, 200 hours per landing. Without this grant, homeowners would have to pay these costs. Volunteers are critical to keep costs down.

[my sources for info include DNR site and <http://www4.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/cbcw/>]

Free Aquatic Invaders attack Pack

Spend some time this Summer learning about the aquatic invaders in our lakes for free. Just order an “Attack Pack” from Wisconsin’s Water Library to be sent to your local library. Email or call for details: askwater@aqua.wisc.edu or 608-262-3069. Pack includes 10 lesson plans and other educational materials.

Source: Lake Tides newsletter, College of Natural Resources, UW-Stevens Point



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[note to newsletter publisher: any of the copy items below can be used as sidebars anywhere in this issue or the next.]

Boating Safety Tips and Laws

- Please respect the no wake zone on our lake.
- All watercraft no wake 100 feet from shoreline.
- Personal watercraft no wake 200 feet from shore.

For more safety information go to

<http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/LE/LE0301.pdf>

Transport laws for boaters and anglers

- INSPECT your boat, trailer and equipment
- REMOVE any attached aquatic plants or animals (before launching, after loading and before transporting on a public highway).
- DRAIN all water from boats, motors and all equipment.
- NEVER MOVE live fish away from a waterbody.
- DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash.
- BUY minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer. Use leftover minnows only under certain conditions.*

*You may take leftover minnows away from any state water and use them again on that same water. You may use leftover minnows on other waters only if no lake or river water, or other fish were added to their container.

Source: Wisconsin DNR, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/boat.html>

Aquatic Invasive Species Laws

NR 40 Helps to Slow the Spread of AIS

NR 40 took effect in 2009. The purpose of NR 40 is to establish a consistent and comprehensive classification and regulatory system for all listed invasive species. For a list of regulated species visit, http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification/pdfs/species_proposed.pdf.

With regards to what this means for aquatic invasive species, the laws under NR 40 prohibit:

1. The transportation of any vehicle, including boats and trailers, on a public highway with aquatic plants or aquatic animals attached, and
2. Require removal of aquatic plants and aquatic animals and draining of all water from any such vehicles or equipment immediately upon removal from the water and before leaving any boat launch or parking area, and
3. Prohibit the placing of any boat, vehicle or equipment into waters of the state (statewide) if they have any aquatic plants or aquatic animals attached.



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NR 40 is a DNR rule.

July is Lakes Appreciation Month!

Wisconsin is one of 14 states that officially recognize July as a special time to recognize our 15,000 lakes, natural wonders in our state!