

JESSIE LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HOLLISTER MADSEN:

I hope everyone had a great summer and the chance to enjoy your lake home or cabin. Thank you again for the opportunity to represent JLWA as President for another year. I have enjoyed the chance to work with a great group of board members that are all interested in supporting our Association and they are looking forward to another productive year.

As many of you know, we had very little rain this summer, which caused the lake level to drop throughout the year. It did come back a little in the fall, but we are all hoping it will recover back to normal by next spring, assuming we get a good amount of snow this winter. I have heard from many people that the fishing on Jessie was slow this year for walleyes, as they were not jumping in the boat like previous years. The DNR will be conducting their General Fish Survey on Jessie next year, which will give us a picture of the current lake fishery status. The DNR has offered to work with JLWA to get input on developing the fishery plan after the survey results are available. The General Fish Survey for Little Jessie is scheduled to be done in 2019 and we will also partner with the DNR in their efforts.

We worked this year with the DNR to improve the public boat landing at Little Jessie. It was reported by several Little Jessie homeowners that there was a large hole at the end of the boat ramp that caused larger boat trailers to fall off the platform and get stuck or damaged. The DNR came out with some heavy equipment, filled the hole with rock and installed an additional large cement pad to extend the landing about six additional feet, which should eliminate the problem.

Many of you may have noticed the high turnover of properties on the lake this past year. The JLWA board created a Welcome Committee this year, headed up by one of our directors, Chuck Klingsporn. He and several other JLWA members put together a welcome booklet that will be passed out to new homeowners on the lakes. The booklet contains lots of helpful information for lake owners along with information on local clubs, services, activities and sites to see in the area. Now is the time to get started preparing for winter activities, ice fishing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, so many things that you can only do during the Minnesota winter! The local snowmobile clubs will be getting the trails ready for the season and hoping for lots of snow. For others it's a time to close up the cabins and some may head south to their favorite winter location.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season and I look forward to a successful 2018.

JLWA ANNUAL MEETING-SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

By Marie Flicker, Secretary

President Hollister called the meeting to order at 9:10 am following the coffee hour and introduced the Board and new members. There were 27 members present.

OLD BUSINESS and 2017 PROJECT REVIEW

Business Items -- There being no additions to the agenda, a motion was made to accept the agenda.

The minutes for the Spring meeting were read and the members approved the minutes.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$8,198 at the end of August, which includes \$745 donated by 41 members. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer report. Hollister presented the proposed budget for next year (see attachment). A motion to accept the budget carried.

Membership -- It was reported that the membership was down for 2017 and was currently (Sept. 1st) at 104 members (120 last year). This may have occurred due to changes in property ownerships or the dues increase. However, the annual revenue was higher with the increase in JLWA dues for 2017.

Picnic/Spring Meeting- Spring meeting and picnic will be held in June next year. This year the picnic/meeting was held at 5pm on Saturday, July 15th at Rhonda's house. Due to weather and scheduling the June date did not work. Marn Flicker suggested we make a donation to Rhonda Nichols for her many years of generosity in hosting the JLWA events at her home. Diane Goetzman made a motion to present Rhonda a \$150 Visa gift card. The motion was approved by the members.

Website -- The Association website is updated regularly by Hollister Madsen. President Madsen explained that the actual number of lakes in the watershed is 10 and they are: Jessie, Peterson, Little Peterson, Spring, Little Spring, East, Goodman, Goose, South Ackerman and North Ackerman. The four major lakes with members are listed for the Association in addition to Little Jessie. Contact Hollister if you have any ideas for the website, www.minnesotawaters.org/jessielakewatershed.

Share the Lake Day -- Marn Flicker reported that the weather was bad so the event was held at the Marcel Community Center. We had a good turnout and the guests had a great time. Marn and Jim DeConcini will be stepping down as co-chairs after 10 years. Diane Goetzman thanked them for their dedication and hard work. The Board will look for members to chair this event. Marn and Jim volunteered to assist the new event chair in procedures if requested.

Water Quality -- Harold Goetzman reported that Jessie Lake has been green since the end of July. Phosphorus is high and clarity is poor since the lake is already turning over due to colder weather. Little Jessie's clarity is very good with less phosphorus present. Harold reported the midge fly (blood worm) hatch recently was normal, but spread out over almost a week rather than four days.

Lake Level -- Jim Anderson reported the Jessie Lake level is down 12 ¼ inches from the level in May as of 9/1/2017 (see following article and chart).

Beaver -- President Madsen reported that beaver activity is very low this year. Both Spring and Tillys Creeks are being monitored. Jim Anderson suggested that the leveler be checked in the spring of 2018. Jerry Kazcor will be paid to continue trapping beavers this year.

AIS Update -- Harold Goetzman reported that Itasca County is very active in checking boats for invasive species on Itasca lakes including a number of days at Jessie Lake. Itasca County has three mobile decontaminating units for boats. JLWA posted an AIS sign on Little Jessie a year ago and the sign was somehow removed this year. A new sign has been installed and as of 9/5/2017 the sign was still there. It was reported the Little Jessie access is in poor condition and the DNR has been informed.

Loons -- Jim reported that he counted 7 adult and 2 young loons on Jessie this year. The nesting pair on the north end of the lake hatched the two chicks while the pair on the south end had none.

NEW BUSINESS

Roadside Cleanup -- Don Ojanen reported that fall cleanup will be held on Friday, October 6th. Meet at 10a.m. at the Jessie View Resort.

2018-2019 Fish Survey -- President Madsen reported that the DNR will be doing a fish survey on Jessie in 2018 and on Little Jessie in 2019 regarding the stocking of walleyes. Dave Weitzel of the DNR would like fishery plan input from the Association. President Madsen has spoken to Mr. Weitzel regarding him speaking at our 2018 fall meeting to share results of information on Jessie.

Marn Flicker reported that he is on the DNR state walleye advisory board and would like input as to the possibility of changing the limit of walleyes from 6 to 4 statewide.

Welcome Committee -- A new committee has been formed consisting of Chuck Klingsporn, Patty Klingsporn, Cheryl Wagner and Jerril Madsen. A packet of information about Jessie Lake & the surrounding area was presented for review. Packets will be given to new cabin/home owners on Jessie Lake and Little Jessie Lake. Members were impressed and suggested that others may want to purchase

these booklets. Committee will look into that possibility and will present a suggested price to the Board of Directors. Also, it was suggested that some of the information should be put on our website. *Open Discussion* -- Jim Anderson brought to the Board's attention that the 2003 adopted logo for dues notices and all other communications were not being used. Officers were not aware of the official logo and agreed the adopted logo will be used on future mailings and communications.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following nominations for Officers and Directors were presented by President Madsen:

President – Hollister Madsen

Vice President – Don Ojanen

Treasurer – Tina Jorgenson

Secretary – Open (note - Gin Anderson later volunteered to be Secretary)

Director 2-year term – Jason Jorgenson

Dick Schedin

Director 2nd year of 2-year term – Chuck Klingsporn

Craig Johnson

Past President (1-year term) – David Anderson

Marn Flicker made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the list of officers presented to the members and Diane Goetzman seconded it. The motion carried. A Secretary is still needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Marn Flicker made a motion to adjourn, Peg DeConcini seconded. Meeting adjourned.

JLWA 2018 Proposed Budget-Approved at Annual Meeting

<u>Income:</u>	2018	2017 YTD	2016 (Actual)
Dues	\$1545.00	\$1545.00	\$1210.00
Donations	\$ 745.00	\$ 745.00	\$ 880.00
Grant	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -0-
<u>Total</u>	\$2490.00	\$2490.00	\$2090.00

<u>Expenses:</u>	2018	2017 (Est.)	2016 (Actual)
Postage	\$400.00	\$403.08	\$424.40
Printing	\$250.00	\$208.51	\$220.93
Share the Lake Day	\$420.00	\$232.07	\$ -0-
Conservation MN	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$320.00
MN Lakes and Rivers	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
ICOLA	\$ 50.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 60.50
IWLP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Meeting Rental	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00
Water Testing	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$266.00
Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 46.92	\$ 91.53
Beaver Bounty	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$220.00
AIS Sign	0	\$ 58.78	0
<u>Total</u>	\$2340.00	\$2120.36	\$1923.36

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

VIRGINIA ANDERSON- SECRETARY

I was born and raised on a farm in central Minnesota near Wadena. I graduated from St. Cloud State where I met my husband Dave. We married and have 5 children and almost 6 grandchildren, who all love to come to the lake. We live in Corcoran, MN. I worked in IT in the financial services industry

for many years and retired in 2010. Dave's parents owned our Jessie Lake property beginning in the late 1960's. We purchased Dave's sisters shares of the property in 2003 and put up a new cabin. We enjoy it immensely in all seasons of the year. I am interested in working to help support the Watershed Association in keeping our lakes clean, free of or limiting invasive species, having a good fishing habitat and supporting a recreational environment. I fully expect the cabin to be in our family for at least another 50 years.

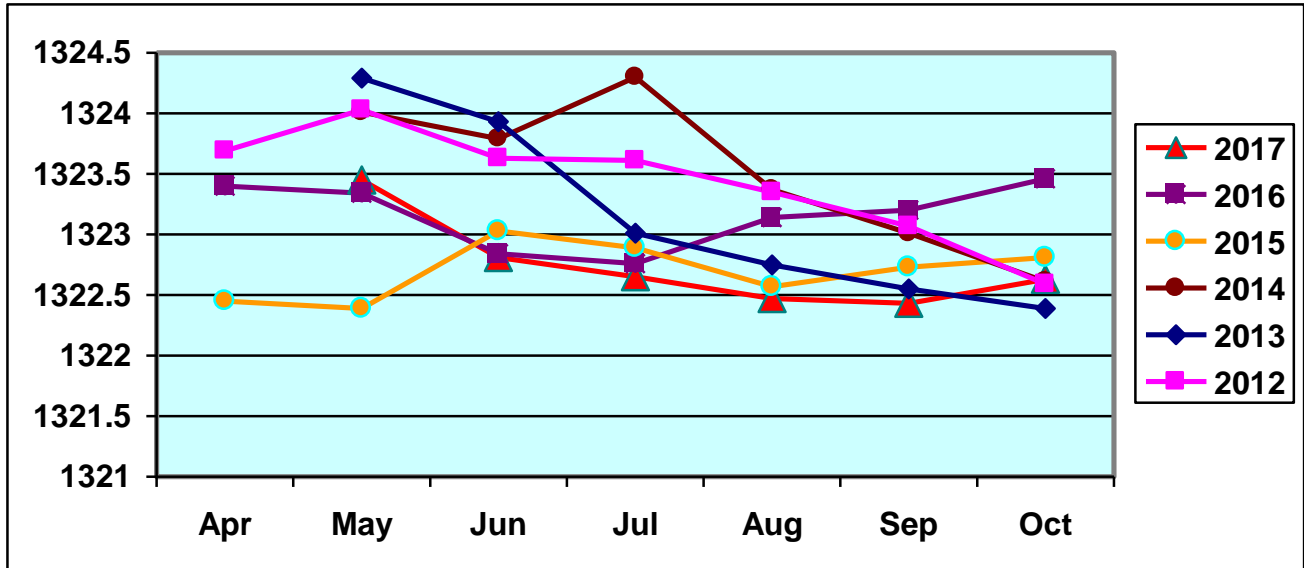
I look forward to the opportunity to serve as Secretary of the JLWA and to seeing all of you at the meetings, picnics, Share the Lake Day, roadside cleaning or maybe even fishing on Jessie.

JESSIE LAKE WATER LEVELS – 2017

By Jim Anderson

This year the ice out on April 10th was early, which was six days ahead of last year and 15 days ahead of the average of April 25th. The first measurement of the water level was **1323.45** feet above mean sea level taken on May 2nd, which was about one inch higher than the previous spring. This was again a winter with pretty low snow levels so we gained nothing from the fall of 2016 as the readings were exactly the same. By the opening of fishing we had only lost a couple inches so boating activity was good. By mid-June we had lost about 9 inches, which was the low for the summer.

With only moderate summer rainfall, the lake slowly lost about 4 inches in July and remained relatively constant through August and September. October gained several inches to finish at 1322.59 feet on Oct. 14th when the gauge was removed. This was about 11 inches less than the beginning of the year. Thus, the water levels were fairly consistent for the whole season with only a 13 inch variation. However, compared to the end of 2016 we were almost a foot lower and will need some late rain or a heavy snowfall this winter to avoid having low lake levels next year. To return to the average in the 1990's of 1324.26 feet will take a couple feet of extra moisture, which may take a few years.



Jessie Lake six year summer water levels (Feet Above Sea Level)

UPDATE ON AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS)

By Harold Goetzman

Zebra mussels

The AIS Control and Monitoring crews at SWCD walked the shorelines of most high priority lakes in Itasca County looking for AIS. Jessie Lake was completed in late August and no AIS was found including zebra mussels. Early detection devices were put at the Jessie and Little Jessie landings and

no mussels were detected on those. In addition, a number of our members had devices on their docks and none reported any zebra mussels.

The DNR has listed zebra mussels in 250 lakes, rivers and wetlands. In early November they usually add more infested lakes as fall is when people are seeing the mussels on docks and lifts being removed. In September and October this year they announced the newly infested lakes in Itasca County, which are Little Winnie, North Star and Dora Lake. This is rather bad news for other lakes in our area as these are all close and are heavily used by people traveling between lakes. North Star is an established muskie lake so travel to other muskie lakes is normal.

The County AIS crew inspected boats at the Jessie Lake landing 16 times this summer and fortunately no infested boats or trailers were discovered. Details on how many violated the state rules for plug and water removal was not available at this time.

Starry Stonewart

We also have a new invasive species found in Lake Koronis (Stearns Co.) in August 2015 called “starry stonewart” which is a grass-like macro algae with a small star-shaped structure or flower called a bulbil that is less than ¼ inch in diameter. The algae produces dense mats that chokes out native plants and is typically spread by lake users who transport fragments of the plant. It can even displace Eurasian milfoil, which is really scary. No successful treatment to stop the spread has been found.

Last season the starry stonewart was found in Cass Co. in Turtle Lake and then in Cass Lake and Red Lake. Then in September, the DNR confirmed it was found in Lake Winnie (Itasca Co.), Moose Lake (Beltrami Co.) and Rice Lake (Stearns Co.). The DNR AIS specialist said the extent of the spread and depth in Lake Winnie indicates it has been there for several years. This infestation has spread extensively along the western and northwestern shores of Winnie including a public access. The presence in Lake Winnie is rather disturbing since this lake on the Mississippi River is so heavily used and often the boats travel to nearby lakes including our JLW lakes.

General

One of the best preventative measures for our lakes is to suggest that our residents try to avoid going to an AIS infested lake. With the number of lakes available we can find good fishing other places. A list of AIS infested lakes is published on the DNR website and in the fishing license booklet.

MOVING DOCKS, BOAT LIFTS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

DNR Website

Residents may not be aware of the Minnesota law which states “a boat lift, dock, swim raft, or associated equipment that has been removed from any water body may not be placed in another water body until a minimum of 21 days have passed, having AIS or not.” (Minnesota Statutes 84D.10 Subd. 4(f).) After a thorough cleaning, equipment should be kept dry for 21 days before placing in the water.

DNR Permit required for transporting docks, lifts and other equipment. If you plan to purchase and/or move a dock, boat lift, swim raft, or other water equipment from one lake or river to another, all visible zebra mussels, faucet snails, and aquatic plants must be removed whether they are dead or alive. A DNR transport authorization permit form is required for individuals who are moving equipment that has had prohibited invasive species and/or plants attached. There is no charge for this permit. If a business provides this service for you, the business would need to get a lake service permit. These forms are available on the DNR website.

If you hire someone to move your equipment, make sure the provider is on the DNR's list of Permitted Service Providers for each county, located online under permits on the DNR website.

To find out if a lake is infested with invasive species, check the DNR Infested Waters List at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/infested.html>

This is very important to keep our lakes free of AIS, particularly if the equipment is from an infested lake or its neighboring lake.

REPORT ON COUNTY AIS PROGRAM

Information reported to ICOLA By Bill Grantges, AIS Coordinator

At the October 18th, ICOLA meeting a report on the Itasca County AIS program was given by the coordinator, Bill Grantges. This year all 59 lakes with AIS and 40 highway AIS locations in Itasca County have received control measures. In addition, there were over 24,000 boat inspections and 250 decontaminations completed at 35 landings on 27 lakes. There were 5 major fishing tournaments in Itasca County and all were staffed for boat/trailer inspections with a decontamination unit available. Currently, the County has 3 decontamination units. The Control and Monitoring crews also helped to map Lake Winnie for starry stonewort. Dixon and Swan Lake were treated for curly leaf pondweed while Crystal Lake was treated for Eurasian milfoil.

In Itasca County, Zebra mussels were discovered in Little Winnie Lake and 1.7 miles downstream from the Winnie Dam on the Mississippi River. Also, it was disturbing to hear that zebra mussels were discovered in North Star Lake near Marcell. The DNR has determined that the infestation has probably existed for several years and is too wide spread for treatment. It is believed this infestation came on a dock that was moved from a lake with zebra mussels near Brainerd.

An AIS grant was received by the County for a Multi-Region Resort Ambassador Program on 10/13/17. This two-year grant is for \$420,000 and was awarded by the Initiative Foundation to provide funding for Itasca, Cass and the Lake Vermilion/Burntside Lake regions to develop and expand AIS early detection and inspections at resorts, lodges, campgrounds and marinas. Funding for the training of 30 new AIS Detectors in 2018 is part of the program that will be led by Itasca County. The County will receive about \$225,000 of the funds. The first goal will be to develop, expand and recognize AIS boat inspection and early detection activities across the resort, lodge and campground businesses. Further goals will provide the tools for these businesses to support and sustain AIS activities. Communication between the resorts will be established to help determine the best practices for stopping the spread of AIS in our lakes.

HELP PRESERVE QUALITY FISHING

By Harold Goetzman

Working together we can leave a productive fishery for future generations. Please release a portion of your fish caught. The best size fish to release recommended by the DNR is as follows: Northern Pike – over 25 inches, Walleye – over 20 inches, Bass – over 15 inches, Crappie – over 10 inches and Bluegill – over 8 inches. Many people who practice catch and release fishing will often return fish much smaller than these sizes and the slot lakes also require it. Also, remember that the smaller fish are better to eat as they taste better and contain less mercury. In any lake, mercury levels are higher in older fish and in fish that eat other fish.

You can also help the quality of our fishery and protect wildlife by switching to lead-free tackle. The toxic metal can poison wildlife such as loons, swans and eagles that inadvertently swallow lead fishing tackle. To benefit wildlife and anglers, the MPCA suggests using sinkers and jigs made from materials such as tungsten, steel, tin and bismuth. Check out your local bait and tackle shops to find out what is available.

MINNESOTA LAKES AND RIVERS STUDY

MLR Newsletter

Minnesota lake home and cabin owners — that oh-so-MN demographic — are getting older. And not any richer and their health care costs are rising. This might prove troublesome for the cherished natural resources — namely our lakes — that lakefront property owners are at the forefront of protecting. Those are among the findings of a study released Friday by Minnesota Lakes and Rivers

Advocates, an environmental-advocacy group that often focuses on issues relevant to lake property owners associations.

The group called the findings a "disturbing trend" because of the uncertainty it could create over the future of both seasonal property ownership and environmental stewardship. "Simultaneously as owners and the state both struggle to protect the healthy lakes in Minnesota while working to restore the 40 percent of waters that are degraded, very hard decisions are coming in the short term," said Jeff Forester, the group's executive director. "Minnesota is about to experience the largest intergenerational transfer of shoreline property in our history. Yet, the next generation will no doubt be stressed to pay for medical bills and maintain the properties that will come into their ownership in the next decade."

The group surveyed some 300 Minnesotans between August and September, paralleling surveys conducted in 2005 and 1999. Those surveyed included property owners who use their cabins only seasonally and those who use lake homes as their primary residence.

Here are some of the findings:

The average age of lake home and cabin property owners is 68. That's up from 62 years old in 2005 and 58 in 1999.

The average household income of lake home and cabin property owners is \$58,000. That's pretty much unchanged since the previous two surveys.

THE YEAR OF THE PESTS

By Harold Goetzman

Some years we seem to have more pests than others, but this summer was a pesky one at our place. Maybe you had some of the same bad luck. It started out with the starlings taking over the unused martin houses. Not so bad, but they also were taking over the bird feeders and learned how to get our expensive suet carrying it back to the nest. Got mighty tired of chasing them. Then the deer came early in the season and really never left all year. They ate flower buds and then when we did have some blooming they would suddenly show up and eat them off also. Late in the year they were eating everything including the bushes. Hard to keep up with using that expensive/smelly deer off spray and eventually the rain takes it. In early summer about a dozen geese started coming in the yard and before we knew it there were lots of little ones with them. We often counted 55 adult and young ones either in our yard or the neighbors. What a mess they make and with grandkids coming we had to pick up those endless piles. Had to put up string along the beach and around the yard since the willow buffer was not growing tall enough to keep them out. By fall the molting adults and the young ones were flying bringing a new challenge. Fall also brought huge flocks of black birds that soon required taking down the bird feeders as they stayed until everything was gone including the suet. Also, in the fall we seemed to get a number of black and white night visitors. Those skunks really tore up the yard looking for grubs and worms. Holes were as big as a softball, which we had not seen before. Then the warm fall days brought the usual crop of Asian Ladybugs that seem to want in the cabin. Labor Day also brings the pesky midge out of the lake and they lasted for about 10 days this year instead of the usual 4-5 days. We managed to keep the hornet nests down, but one day discovered we couldn't use the front door as yellow jackets were always there. Found they were nesting under the flower pot next to the step. A trip to the store for a few cans of spray took care of them one evening. Of course, I can't forget the usual flies and mosquitoes throughout the summer. What a year of fun at the cabin!! Still love it!!

POTPOURRI

By Harold Goetzman

Share the Lake Day. This was the 10th year that our Association hosted a day of sharing with those not able to live on a lake. Unfortunately, due to bad weather we could not hold the event on the lake and use the Let's Go Fishing pontoon. Instead we held the event for our guests from the Deer

River Nursing Home at the backup location of the Marcell Community Center. About ten JLWA members and six students from the Deer River HS Honor Society served a picnic lunch (hot dogs, beans, potato salad and chips) and entertained the guests with card games and visiting. A \$200 grant was received from the Round-up program at North Itasca Co-op to assist with the cost of the event.

July 4th Parade. According to Dick Schedin, this was the 41st year that Little Jessie Lake has held a boat parade on July 4th and 27 boats participated. The parade started at noon and afterwards they rendezvoused for cake and beverages.

On Saturday, July 1st this year the second boat parade on Jessie Lake was held with 10 boats participating. The parade started at 1pm and afterwards Jerril and Hollister Madsen hosted a party with brats and beverages. Think about joining the boat parade next year if you are at Jessie Lake on the 4th of July. Any flag or appropriate decorations would be good.

Roadside Clean-up. On Friday, October 6th we had 8 members meet to pick up litter on 3 miles of County Rd 35 between Highway 6 and County Rd 133. Those helping were Dave and Gin Anderson, Craig Johnson, Harold and Diane Goetzman, Mike Summers, Jim Wilson and Don Ojanen who organized the project. Also, Hollister and Jerril Madsen did a portion of the roadside on another day prior to Oct. 6th. The County provides garbage bags and vests so it is a good public service event for JLWA. Think about helping next year, which will be year thirteen for this program.

Buffer Law. By late summer the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) reported that 89% of land requiring buffers is in compliance with the new state law. Our lakes, rivers and streams are on track to be better protected. BWSR the state agency has delegated both the implementation /consultation and enforcement of the buffer law for our county to the Itasca SWCD. State aid is being provided and Itasca County will receive about \$90,000 from the State Statute: Riparian Protection Aid. November 1, is the deadline for completion of buffers for all qualifying lakes and rivers in the entire state. Non-compliant buffers in Itasca County are few with only about 14 sites that still need work. This information was reported by Andy Arens, District Manager of SWCD. at our recent Itasca County Water Plan Implementation Committee (WPIC) meeting.

MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates. During the last legislative session, MLR members sent over 6,000 emails and letters to our elected officials. While a freeze on the State General Tax was included in the Tax Bill, the legislature dropped two important pieces: (1) there was no sales tax relief for lake associations on AIS lake treatments and (2) there was no increase in the AIS surcharge on the 3-yr boat registrations. These AIS fees have not increased since the fund was created in the early 1990's and was expected to increase by \$1.66/year. Please help to get these issues passed in the upcoming 2018 legislative session by contacting your legislators and asking them to support their passage.

Northern Pike New Regulations for 2018. A new regulation passed this year by the legislature will start next spring for northern pikes. This will establish different regulations in 3 zones covering the whole state of Minnesota. In our zone we will have an expanded limit of 10 fish with all 22 to 26 inch fish returned and two fish over 26 inches allowed. More details will be forthcoming in the Spring Jabber.

Shoreland Stewardship Award. The Itasca Coalition of Lake Associations (ICOLA) and SWCD started the Shoreland Stewardship Award Program to recognize lakeshore owners who have implemented outstanding shoreline management practices within Itasca County. The purpose of the award is to recognize as well as promote shoreline conservation practices on area lakes. Annual award winners are presented with a plaque and a framed nature painting honoring their commitment to protecting the county's water resources. Award winners also receive recognition at the Itasca County Fair. The awards for this year went to KAXE radio and the YMCA for installing rain gardens.

JLWA Website. The website is updated regularly by our webmaster, Hollister Madsen. Our members should feel free to contact him at 832-3551 with any additions or changes they would like. You can visit the website at URL www.minnesotawaters.org/jessielakewatershed to see updates, meeting notices and the latest issue of the Jabber.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Harold Goetzman

- The recent edition of the MN Bird Atlas reports MN now has nearly 10,000 nesting pair of eagles. The eagles were nearly extinct in the 1960s so this is quite a recovery success story. This atlas survey also estimated there are 17,000 trumpeter swans in MN with nesting confirmed in 55 of 87 counties.
- A deer has 310 degrees of vision without moving its head.
- More than 640 million acres in the USA are considered public lands.
- About 15 percent of does will bear triplets at some point in their lives. Hope you saw this years triplets near Tillys road and CR #135 where they often hung out.
- There are over 500 lake associations in Minnesota.
- The Itasca Water Legacy Partnership (IWLP) has shortened its name to “Itasca Waters”.
- The monarch butterfly population has declined 90% in the last 20 yrs in North America. Milkweed is the only plant that monarchs lay eggs on and that their caterpillars will eat.
- Jessie Lake froze over on Nov.22nd, which is one day under the long-term average of Nov. 23rd.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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MEMBERSHIP

The JLWA presently has 104 paid members. Treasurer, Tina Jorgenson will send out an invoice for dues in early January.

CLIP AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Our JLWA website is ---www.minnesotawaters.org/jessielakewatershed

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