

# WINDEMERE LAKE AND LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION



# WINDOW

"if you want information, just open a window"

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At one of our general meetings this summer, we had a request to publish in our newsletter the total amount of grant money we have received from the DNR. The grants began in 2004 when we retained Blue Water Science to survey Sand Lake to see what was growing. That was our first discovery of **Eurasian Water Milfoil or EWM**. In the years 2006, 2007, and 2008 the off-shore waters of Sand Lake were treated. In 2009, off-shore water in Sturgeon Lake was treated. The total in grant money we have received from the DNR is \$15,526.96. We have been very fortunate to have received so much. Many other lakes are in need of grant money also. Windemere Township and Moose Lake Township have given us \$7,022. for off-shore treatments and your lake association's Eurasian Milfoil Fund has contributed \$620. Thank you all so much for your generous contributions to our ongoing EWM fund. Please keep it up!

## NEWS OF THE LAKES

### SAND LAKE

This past summer was a mystery on Sand Lake as next to no EWM showed up on three surveys. Maybe the four years of treating has knocked the plant back to a non-nuisance level. Or, was it the cool darker summer? However, three miles away it grew in Sturgeon Lake. Or, could there be milfoil munching native weevils in Sand Lake? Our own DNR EWM specialist is looking into a study the University of Minnesota is doing about these weevils. Check our spring newsletter for any news on these critters.

### STURGEON LAKE

EWM was found growing off-shore near the public landing in Sturgeon Lake in the summer of 2008 and it had greatly increased in size this summer. We were lucky with the help of Rich Rezanka to get in on a new DNR grant, EDNR or Early Detection Rapid Response. The state had \$20,000. and would accept seven lakes. We were given \$2,771.96 for this treatment. However, at the same time a patch was found in Sunset Bay. Dennis Huddleston, with some volunteers surveyed and mapped the lake learning the process from Steve Kozak, who does this each fall on Sand Lake. These maps are a big help in the spring as we plan our attack on EWM. A walk-a-round was done on Sturgeon Lake last June to educate the residents of the lake about the problem. We never know what the spring and summer will bring. We have to count on you, our members, to learn, help and contribute to this ongoing problem.



## ISLAND LAKE

We are zeroing in on Island Lake and its large water-shed, which greatly affects the lake. We are putting together a water quality improvement plan. Ron Hansen is heading up the Island Lake Task Force, to hopefully discover how we can alleviate some of the algae blooms and phosphorous loaded water draining into the lake. Next spring a walk-a-round is scheduled to educate the residents about the problems.

**IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!**

### 2010 GENERAL MEETING DATES AND AGENDAS

- JUNE 12 Rich Rezanka, DNR EWM Specialist
- JULY 17 Roger Hugill, DNR Fisheries
- AUGUST 21 Elections and guest speaker

Do you have a good idea for a general meeting? Let us know. We welcome input from our members!

### Minnesota's Adopt a Highway Program - Shirley LaFond, Program Chairperson

Windemere Lake and Landowner's Association does its part in Minnesota's Adopt a Highway Program. Volunteers pick up trash on eight and a half miles of roads. The trash is picked up 3 times during the spring, summer and fall months. We are always in need of volunteers, so if you have some free time, we would love to have you join us. If you are unable to pick up at scheduled pick up times, please just pick up around your own home. It will be greatly appreciated by all.

**Thank you ALL volunteers! You DO make a difference!**

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