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District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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2022 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention

After two years of virtual Conventions, they are looking forward to gathering in person for the 2022 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention, scheduled for April 6-8 in Stevens Point. For 2022, the Convention is structured around the theme: Protecting What We Love for the Future. Wednesday will feature intensive workshops, while Thursday and Friday's schedule includes dozens of educational presentations in six concurrent topical streams. The Stevens Point Holiday Inn is now accepting reservations for overnight lodging associated with the convention. All the rooms in our block tend to sell out, so we encourage making reservations early. Find details for making a reservation and see updates as they develop at wisconsinwaterweek.org.

To help ensure that the April gathering recharges your batteries, they are bringing back one of their most invigorating keynote speakers, Chad Pregracke. Chad single-handedly initiated an award winning effort to clean debris and trash from the Mississippi River. In 25 years, Living Lands & Waters has engaged 108,000 volunteers to remove 10 million pounds of garbage from American rivers. They have since broadened their programs to encompass watershed restoration, environmental education, and citizen activism. Some VIPs have also been invited from the state and federal government to join in and share the many resources available to help us achieve this year's theme: Protecting What We Love for the Future. We will be posting announcements on Face book and on the Convention

website wisconsinwaterweek.org as details are finalized. The full agenda will be posted on there also early in 2022.

Water Treatment

Approximately 4 acres were treated this year for invasive species. The post treatment survey was delayed this year and was done the 3rd week in September.

Fish Stocking

Commissioner Dave Anstett assisted Gollon Hatcheries when they came out September 29th and stocked in Jefferson Bay. The Bay was chosen rather than the DNR launch since the Bay has better conditions. They also stocked earlier to give the fish more time to acclimate. They released 1,500 small mouth bass and 1,500 walleye. All were active when released and the 1,500 small mouth bass schooled up right away. Dave will repeat stocking with Gollon next year and he is pleased with our new relationship with this hatchery.

The DNR also added 4,590 large fingerling walleyes averaging 7 inches at the end of October. That makes over 6,000 walleye added in a combined effort for the DPL, the Sportsmens Club and DNR this year. The District is grateful for these partnerships.

Making Ice

Water has a unique behavior. Most liquids, as they cool, become progressively denser. Water is different. It becomes denser until it reaches 39 degrees F. Below that temperature it becomes less dense, until finally it becomes ice, only about 90 percent as



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Dave Anstett, Treas.
Lou Manfredini
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Appointed Commissioners:
Judy Jooss, Kenosha Co.
Bob Stoll, Randall Twp.

dense as water (this is why ice floats). That's important, because imagine what would happen if ice were denser than water and would sink. Through the winter, ice forming on the lake's surface would drop to the bottom, and eventually the entire bowl of the lake would be frozen solid. It might never thaw; almost everything in it would be dead. Making ice is hard work. A lake can take a long time to freeze, even with a number of cold and wintry days and nights.

Website Signup

If you have not already done so, **please** visit our website and sign up for notifications of lake events such as E. coli advisory/closure at the Knolls Beach or Slow No Wake.

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DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

Within the scope of the powers vested in it under Chapter 33 and in furtherance of the Public Trust Doctrine of Wisconsin, the mission of the District of Powers Lake is:

To support, protect, preserve and enhance the native ecosystem of the watershed, shoreline, and waters of Powers Lake as a natural resource for generations to come;

To be responsive to the interests and concerns of the district residents and the public; and

To proactively advocate when faced with potential damage to Powers Lake's environmental values, wildlife, natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and/or recreational value.

Quarterly Board Meeting



Our next quarterly meeting will be held on Friday, January 14th, 2022 at 5:00 pm. This meeting will be held at the Randall Town Hall, 34530 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI

The meetings are open to the public.