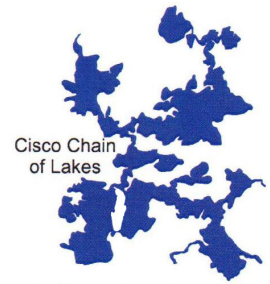


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## President's Report

By Bob McGuffin

This is my first report as your new President. Before I go any further, I want to thank Greg Wenzel for his service and guidance during his term as President. He has left me very big shoes to fill and I hope that going forward I can keep intact all of the relationships he has forged within the community to bring our Association where it is today. From working with our partners at the Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet (ISCCW), to partnering with our current biologists at Many Waters, to obtaining grants with various agencies, to attending and setting up several invasive species workshops, as well as countless hours engaging and educating riparian owners, Greg has set the bar for future Presidents very high. From everyone on the Board and from all who have benefited from your efforts, we thank you!

Before I start talking about where we need to go and what I hope to accomplish as your President, let's look at where we have come from. As early as 1939, when the Cisco Chain had 2 resorts and 17 cabins on it, the riparian owners found that in order to achieve common goals, they needed to work together. In this case, it was to combine efforts to require the Copper District Power Company, which later became part of the Upper Peninsula Power Company, to maintain water levels on the Cisco Chain to allow navigation. They appealed to and received an order from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin requiring just that. It is from the seeds of that effort that ultimately grew the Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association which we have today.

Fast forward to the present and we find an Association working hard to preserve and protect not only the natural resource that is the Cisco Chain but also the value of all of the properties situated here. From managing invasive species, to fish stocking, to securing the future water levels through the purchase of the Cisco Dam, we spend countless volunteer hours and an ever increasing amount of dollars to protect and enhance the Cisco Chain. Up to this point, we have met our financial needs through voluntary donations made by our generous members-- of which we are very thankful! Going forward, my genuine concern is our ability to



meet our ever increasing financial needs as Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), our primary invasive species, continues its spread throughout our chain of lakes-- currently verified in seven of our 15 lakes--as well as a permanent, stable funding source for owning and operating the Cisco Dam.

Thankfully, both Wisconsin and Michigan provide mechanisms to allow an organization such as ours the ability to assess all property owners who benefit from this work in an equitable manner. Within this mechanism is also a provision that shifts the required riparian consent for treatment on the Michigan side from the property owner to the local unit of government which, in our case, is Watersmeet Township. As the EWM has spread throughout the Cisco Chain, this requirement has become increasingly burdensome and has the potential to cause delays in important abatement work.

Undertaking this process, along with the ongoing purchase of the Cisco Dam, best serves the interest of all stakeholders on the Cisco Chain. It provides a stable, equitable funding source for an already robust and effective aquatic invasive species abatement program. In my next report, I will lay out a roadmap for us to travel and how you can participate.

Thank you,  
Bob McGuffin

**Mark your calendars for July 14, 2018, the CCROA Annual Meeting & Picnic  
10:00 a.m. at the Cisco Lake Resort Pavilion**

We encourage all members to attend the annual CCROA business meeting. This is every member's opportunity to learn about and discuss Cisco Chain business and issues such as the dam purchase and invasive species, both aquatic and terrestrial. You can renew or check on your membership at the membership table and meet the board members and lake reps one on one.

## The “Free for All” was “Fun for All”!!

By CCROA Collaboration

... And a good time was had by all!!!! Mother Nature was a fickle force this summer. We had a lovely summer day despite an ominous weather forecast. Many thanks to Jim and Kirsten Boehm for providing a great venue for the CCROA Annual Meeting & “Free for All” picnic in the Cisco Lake Resort Pavilion.

Everyone had a great time enjoying a picnic lunch and the two raffles - the ever popular 50/50 raffle and a grand prize raffle of a stand-up paddle board. In addition, thanks to Dan and Laura Hance, owners of Wilderness Bay Resort & Juls’ Sweet Shop, for donating a goody filled bait bucket door prize.

The “Free for All” picnic lunch included jumbo beef hot dogs, chips, a cheese tray and a delicious veggie tray with dip. Yummy chocolate brownies were the big hit for dessert or perhaps as an appetizer! Soda, water and beer were available at the picnic.

Dick Mehlhop, 1000 Island Lake South was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and Al Knutson, Mamie Lake Representative, won the stand-up paddle board.

Don Doran won the goody filled bait bucket.

CCROA clothing was available thanks to Melissa McGuffin and many helpers. ISCCW Educator, Denise Fautleroy, set up an invasive species kiosk with samples of invasive species and information pamphlets. Denise was happy to explain the difference between native and invasive EWM and other invasive species.

Consensus was that having a simple picnic following the annual meeting was a big hit. Having the meeting and picnic on a Saturday, allowed members to attend the meeting and picnic or one or the other. Simplifying also allowed board members and lake representatives to meet, greet and socialize with fellow members and friends. The meeting started promptly at 10:00 am as scheduled and the picnic immediately followed at noon.

Thank you to all the board members, their family and friends for organizing the pavilion set up, food, raffles, beverages and cleanup. Even though the picnic was simplified, it still required some volunteer work.

Next summer’s CCROA Annual CCROA Meeting and Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, 2018, at Cisco Lake Resort Pavilion starting at 10:00 am.



Visit the CCROA website [www.ciscochainroa.com](http://www.ciscochainroa.com) to view more picnic pictures!!

### Thank you, Thank you!!

The words “thank you” cannot begin to express the appreciation for all the retiring board members and lake representatives. Greg Wenzel retired his position as president of the CCROA after 4 years (previously he was the Poor Lake rep), Jessica Ryden, secretary for 5 years, Laurie Susmark-Cooney Lindsley lake rep, Kully Rohlen past president and Poor lake rep, and Dean Stanton 1000 Island North lake rep. Thank you to all for your hard work and dedication to the Cisco Chain.

Thank you and welcome aboard to the new board members and lake representatives!!! Bob McGuffin (Lindsley Lake) who was Greg’s sidekick (vice-president), is the new CCROA president. Bob has worked closely with Greg over the years and has a working knowledge of the dam purchase and has spear-headed the EWM battle. The new VP is Omar Shabaz, 1000 Island South; Sue Anderson, 1000 Island North is the new secretary. New lake representatives are Roy Knoth, West Bay; Mark Johnson, Lindsley; Rod Brost, Poor Lake; and Eugene Clark, 1000 Island North. Dean Stanton, 1000 Island North is now a member at large.

We are happy to say that all lakes on the Cisco Chain have a lake representative!!! If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your Lake Rep. Contact information is on page 6.

# INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATE – FALL, 2017

By: Bob McGuffin

2017 was another very busy year for our Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) abatement program. Let's review what we were able to accomplish in 2017-

**Clearwater Lake-** We surveyed Clearwater and again found no Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). This validates the success of our whole-lake treatment. We have been very pleased with the results of the treatment. Kudos to our biologists Barb Gajewski and Bill Artwich!

**Big Lake-** Of course the big story this year is the treatment we accomplished at the south end of Big Lake. This is the result of a lot of work done by your Association and biologists with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to obtain the permitting to allow the treatment. We tried to attempt EWM removal through Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting on the west side of the lake but low water visibilities made this impossible.

**West Bay-** Several EWM plants were found for the first time and removed on the south end of this lake.

**Indian Lake -**Again, we found one EWM plant here for the first time and it was removed.

**Lindsey Lake-** We treated for the first time on Lindsey lake on both the east and west ends as well as hand pulled individual plants along the north east end.

**Morley Lake-** We treated a new area on the north end

**Thousand Island Lake-**We were very busy this year on Thousand Island Lake. We treated on the east side of the lake. Using DASH we removed approximately 150 pounds of EWM on the north side as well as hand pulled nearly 100 plants in 2 locations on the south and east sides. Here you see Thousand Island rep Eugene Clark in action assisting with the removal!

**Northern Water-Milfoil**  
(*Myriophyllum sibiricum*)



One of the seven native milfoils found in Wisconsin. A valuable plant that offers shade, shelter and foraging opportunities for fish.

- Rigid feather-like leaves forming a Christmas tree shape. The lower leaflets are usually quite long.
- Leaves usually stiff when out of water.
- Leaves arranged in whorls (circles) of 4 to 6 around stem.
- Usually 7 to 10 leaflet pairs per leaf.
- Stem is usually whitish or whitish green in color.




**NATIVE MILFOIL**



Eugene Clark assisting EWM removal

**Eurasian Water-Milfoil**  
(*Myriophyllum spicatum*)



Non-native

Highly invasive plant, able to form dense mats near the surface that entangle motor boat propellers and interfere with swimming. Spread by watercraft and trailers.

- Delicate feather-like leaves. Leaflets are mostly the same length.
- Leaves are usually limp when out of water.
- Leaves arranged in whorls (circles) of 3 to 5 around stem.
- Usually 12 to 21 leaflet pairs per leaf.
- Long spaghetti-like stems.

If you suspect a new infestation, report it to your local DNR service center.

**INVASIVE MILFOIL**

Our activities next year will, as always, be dictated by the results of our spring AIS survey. I also want to take a moment to thank our membership for their critical support of our AIS program. Without it, none of this would be possible. THANK YOU! Look for our mailing next spring and please continue to support this effort!

Bob McGuffin  
President CCROA  
AIS Task Force Member

## NATURAL SHORELINE WORKSHOP REPORT

By Greg Wenzel

A collaborative effort by CCROA, ISCCW and Iron County Conservation District brought a Natural Shoreline Workshop to Watersmeet on July 28, 2017. The workshop highlighted how important shoreline protection is. The workshop was presented by Michigan State University Extension and featured numerous speakers. The event was well attended and participants were educated on the importance of shoreline buffer zones and provided with strategies on integrating shoreline preservation with viewing corridors. The importance of preserving, restoring and enhancing shoreline buffer zones was the core message of the day long workshop. A natural shoreline is critical to lake health, and habitat for a broad range of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish. Many riparian owners are unaware of the importance of natural shorelines both on land and the lake bed.

In a dual effort to heighten awareness on the topic, not only did the CCROA work diligently to bring the

workshop to a local venue, we also conducted a door hanger outreach to the entire Cisco Chain.

Lake Reps and additional volunteers delivered door hanger packets of information to every home on the Chain this summer. It afforded some great face to face contact with many riparian owners to discuss shorelines and the good work being conducted on the Cisco Chain by the Association. In the event nobody was home the material was left for property owners to review at their convenience.

There has been great feedback from many people that simply were not aware of how important healthy shorelines are in protecting the lakes, wildlife and fisheries. Hopefully you found your door hanger and had an opportunity to review the material in it and inspire or reinforce a mindset of heightened attentiveness to protecting, preserving and enhancing our shorelines.

## CISCO CHAIN WATER MONITORING - 2017

By Greg Wenzel

The Michigan Lake and Stream Association (MLSA) administers the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). This is the third year that the CCROA has participated in CLMP on an expanding basis. The program focuses on monitoring several benchmarks of lake health. One might liken the ongoing effort to an annual physical that assesses an individual's health. It affords early detection of problems and affords an opportunity to assess causes and develop remedial strategies. The primary assessments are spring and summer phosphorus sampling, dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll, and water transparency. All phases of the program are dependent on either conscripting volunteers or hiring individuals to gather samples or take readings.

The CCROA began participation by obtaining water samples for summer phosphorus testing and taking weekly readings for water transparency on several lakes and have since expanded our effort to include all lakes for both spring and summer phosphorus and transparency readings. We have hired our contracted biologists at Many Waters LLC to obtain water samples for phosphorus testing due to the complexity of gathering the samples, freezing and submitting the samples on a rigid timeline.

All the water transparency testing has been done by volunteers. That phase of the program involves taking weekly readings using a SECCHI disc.

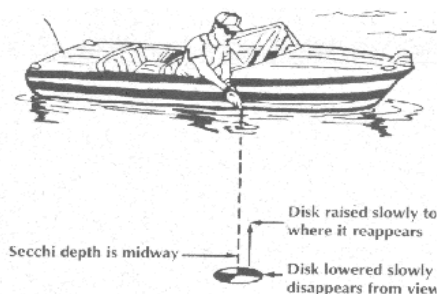
The SECCHI disc is a round disc with black and white quadrants attached to a tape measure that is lowered into the water which results in a depth reading of water visibility.

There are costs associated with participating in each component of the program. Water testing and archiving results to establish trends related to hundreds of lakes across the entire state of Michigan is a significant undertaking by MLSA. The expense of our participation is funded by the CCROA Lake Management Fund. Ongoing success is limited by available funds and the willingness of volunteers to obtain weekly SECCHI readings. We are very grateful to the volunteers that have assisted in the effort! Recognizing the importance of this undertaking, we emphasize the need for members to continue to support the annual Lake Management Fund appeal and volunteer to participate.

Additionally, the MLSA publishes an electronic newsletter. It can be subscribed to by going to [info@mlswa.org](mailto:info@mlswa.org) and signing up to receive it. Another excellent source of information is Lake Tides. It is a quarterly publication of Wisconsin Lakes Partnership and can be found by visiting [www.uwsp.edu/uwexlakes](http://www.uwsp.edu/uwexlakes) or [uwexlakes@uwsp.edu](mailto:uwexlakes@uwsp.edu). Both publications contain a wide variety of contemporary topics relating to stewardship of our waterways.



View of channel to Big Africa from the shoreline



Cisco Channel

# Walleye Stocking on the Cisco Chain

By CCROA Collaboration

Woohoo, more walleye!!! During the third week of October, 2017, the CCROA Walleye Stocking Program released **five thousand 5 to 8 inch walleyes** into the Cisco Chain!! Factor in the five thousand released each year starting October, 2010, plus the bonus of one thousand walleyes reared and released by Lac Vieux Desert tribal members in 2016, equals some great walleye fishing.

The fish are transported in specially equipped trucks. The fingerlings are gently dispensed into pails, then volunteers usher them quickly to the shoreline, gently and carefully releasing them into the lake.

In addition to walleye, many CCROA members inquired about the possibility of musky stocking. We were able to obtain permits to release two hundred 12 to 14 inch northern muskies in October 2015, and again in October 2016. The funds for musky stocking were from donations that were specified "musky stocking". Walleye stocking funds were not used for musky stocking.

Thank you to Phil Wolbrink for all his efforts managing the CCROA fish stocking program. If you have any questions about the CCROA walleye stocking, contact Phil Wolbrink at 715-367-9976



**Note: Membership year starts January 1st and ends on December 31st**

## Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association Membership Application 2018

NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Additional e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lake \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$25.00 per year. Advance payments are welcomed. Just indicate how many years in advance you wish to pay

Number of years \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime Membership is only \$450.00. Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of General Fund Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Lake Management (formerly AIS) Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount for Dam Purchase Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount for Walleye Stocking Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CISCO CHAIN RIPARIAN OWNERS ASSN.

MAIL TO: CCROA P.O. BOX 687, WATERSMEET, MI 49969-0687

Be a Volunteer! Join Us and Make a Difference!!!

Officer or Lake Representative \_\_\_ Picnic Volunteer \_\_\_ (just 1/2 hour of your time)

Seasonal Committee \_\_\_ Educate at Boat Ramps \_\_\_\_\_

Visit the CCROA website at [www.ciscochainroa.com](http://www.ciscochainroa.com) for more Cisco Chain information

## Board Members & Lake Representatives' Contact Information

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<b>Vice President:</b> Omar Shabaz 630-664-5678 mshabaz@ameritech.net	<b>Big Lake South:</b> Ann Rapp 715-547-6073	<b>Mamie Lake:</b> Al Knutsen 715-367-1325	<b>Paul Lucas</b> 906-358-4767
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<b>Parliamentarian:</b> Greg Wenzel 414-581-5444	<b>Fish Hawk Lake:</b> Dean Challed 906-358-4260	<b>West Bay Lake:</b> Roy Knoth 715-547-3286 rknoth7258@gmail.com	

## SNIPPETS

### Attention Lifetime and Prepaid Members

Do we have your current mailing address, phone number and email address? Many people are discontinuing "land lines" in favor of cell phones or have moved.

Don't miss out on important CCROA communications. If you are not sure of your contact information on file, please do not hesitate to contact us. Lake Representative and Board Member contact information is listed above. Thank you!!

### Simple Ways You Can Help

If not already completed—Fill out an AIS Permission to Treat Form & mail it to CCROA, PO Box 687, Watersmeet, MI

Volunteer—Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Contact your Lake Rep or a Board Member to volunteer.

Be an ambassador--encourage non-member Cisco Chain owners to join the CCROA.

Below are the website addresses and phone numbers for Watersmeet Township & the Town of Land O'Lakes –

Watersmeet Township  
[www.watersmeet.us](http://www.watersmeet.us)  
906-358-4501

Town of Land O'Lakes  
<http://townoflandolakes.com>  
715-547-3255

Check the CCROA website regularly. The website has a wealth of information, including detailed reports on the Dam, Invasive species, past newsletters and what is and can be done as well as links to other information sites.

You are also able to donate to various funds online -the easy way! At the bottom right of the website click "Donations" and follow the online prompts. Thank you.

[www.ciscochainroa.com](http://www.ciscochainroa.com)

### Around Town Events-October

**October 31, 2017-** Trick or Treat Watersmeet 3:30 pm to 6pm

**October 31, 2017**–Trick or Treat Land O'Lakes 4pm to 6 pm

**October 31, 2017** – Halloween Party for the Kids  
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Land O'Lakes Library

### Around Town Events-November

**November 24th** Ornament Workshop 11 am to 12 pm, LOL Library  
Santa Arrives at the LOL airport with his reindeer 1 pm to 2 pm  
Santa will take a carriage ride to Santa's Village (across from Library)

**November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**- Town Wide Reindeer Search

**November 25<sup>th</sup>** Breakfast with Santa 8am to 11am, Gateway Lodge

**November 25<sup>th</sup>** Visit Santa's reindeer 9am to 12pm, Gateway Lodge

**November 25<sup>th</sup>** Holiday Craft Sale 10 am to 3pm, Land O'Lakes