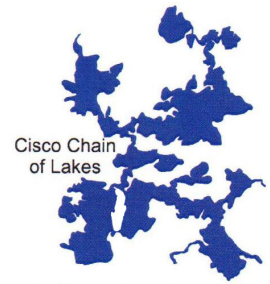


SHORE LINES

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President's Report

By Greg Wenzel

Spring has sprung! It seems more like spring has sprung a leak at the moment I am drafting this report. We have had rain, rain and more rain with minimal relief in sight for the week ahead. Hopefully by the time you receive this we will be enjoying sunny relaxing days here in one of the most beautiful places on the earth!

The February announcement by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to release the Cisco Dam from their license cleared the way for us to purchase it. Efforts have resumed in that direction. We have met with our attorneys, UPPCO, MDEQ and the Michigan State Dam Inspector. This issue languished on a desk at FERC for four years. Although we have an executed offer to purchase the Dam from UPPCO, much has changed in the past four years, and we are going to move forward slowly and methodically to make sure we do it right! Your continued patience is appreciated as we work through the process.

In regard to the fruit of our efforts to secure grants, we have been awarded a \$10,000 RAC Grant through the USFS. Additionally we have modified a previous grant under that umbrella of Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) money to make available monies over an expanded time frame. Preliminary federal budget projections by President Trump call for defunding GLRI by approximately 850 million dollars. This poses a substantial negative impact on our ongoing AIS efforts if it comes to pass. We were just awarded a bit over \$13,000 from a Bond Falls Implementation Team grant. We will continue to utilize allocated funds from the State of Michigan Grant awarded last year in collaboration with numerous partners in the Western UP this summer. All this funding is directed toward lake management. This is indeed good news, but please keep in mind, that these grants all require match funds that mandate we allocate resources in both cash and in-kind hours by volunteers from the CCROA. Consider this thoughtfully when responding to the recent request for donations to our Lake Management fund.

I will complete my fourth year as President of the CCROA at the end of July. As of July 31st I will retire as President due to health concerns. It has been a privilege to champion

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our beloved Cisco Chain of Lakes and lead the organization forward. I appreciate the support from the board and members of the association during the past four years as president and two previous years as a Lake Representative. Bob McGuffin, our Vice President will fill my position and I can assure you he has played a leadership role in this organization far more than most people realize! I will continue to support ongoing efforts and future initiatives.

Lastly, two initiatives that focus on the importance of shoreline protection, preservation and restoration have been undertaken. The first is the distribution of a door hanger packet of information that is being delivered to every home on the Chain. Please take the time to look through the material and learn if there are any components of the outreach that might apply to managing a healthy shoreline on your property. Secondly, the Michigan State University Extension, Natural Shoreline Partnership will present a workshop on July 28th, 2017 in Watersmeet. The CCROA board will reimburse members the \$ 40 early registration fee upon completion of the class. Members are highly encouraged to attend this great educational opportunity. More info on the workshop and registration is on page 4 in this edition of *Shore Lines*.

Hope to see you at the annual business meeting and 2017 "Free for All" picnic on Saturday July 15th at the Cisco Bar Pavilion!

Greg Wenzel
President-CCROA

CCROA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & "FREE FOR ALL" PICNIC SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017 AT CISCO LAKE BAR PAVILION

The CCROA Annual Business Meeting - 10 am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity to learn firsthand about CCROA Business, the Dam purchase and Lake Management including invasive species on the Cisco Chain.

"Free for All" Picnic - 12 noon to 1:30 pm! A simple picnic buffet will be served to members and their guests. See page 2 for details.

To Picnic or Not to Picnic??? - That WAS the Question!

By CCROA Collaboration

We asked and you answered! Thank you to all members for taking the time to respond to the Picnic Survey.

The Annual Meeting and Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the Cisco Lake Bar Pavilion. The meeting will be held from 10 am to 12 noon. From 12 noon to 1:30 pm will be the "Free for All" picnic.

At the annual meeting you are able to hear firsthand CCROA activities, business and ongoing efforts that are focused on maintaining the pristine nature of the Cisco Chain of Lakes.

At the picnic, members and their guests will be served a simple picnic lunch that is "Free for All". There will be 2 raffles held. The ever popular 50/50 raffle and a stand-up paddle board grand prize raffle. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy lunch, see old friends and meet new members.

Drive your car, walk, ride a bike or come by boat to the Annual CCROA Meeting and stay for the "Free for All" picnic

These changes reflect the survey responses from the members. There was overwhelming support to continue the picnic; however, to simplify it, lessening the volunteer workload to set-up, manage, take-down and clean up.

We hope you will attend the meeting and join fellow members on July 15th. Attending the meeting is not a requirement for members to enjoy the picnic and vice versa.

You can meet CCROA Board Members and Lake Representatives as well as address topics and questions concerning the Cisco Chain. Check or renew your membership at the meeting and at the picnic.

See you there!!
CCROA Picnic Committee



Did You Know????

By Bob McGuffin

In Michigan, any construction or land clearing within 500 feet of any water body or any construction area larger than one acre in size, requires a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (SESC) Permit before a Building Permit can be issued, as per State law. This program is designed to require erosion control techniques to reduce soil erosion and prevent sedimentation of lakes and streams through the issuance of a SESC permit and conducting site inspections to insure compliance.

What this means is that **BEFORE** Watersmeet Township can issue you a building permit, you first have to secure your SESC permit from Gogebic Conservation District and Gogebic County Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Enforcing Agency-as required by state law.

While the township may issue you your building permit **WITHOUT** this SESC permit, this does not relieve you of the requirement to obtain this SESC permit before construction begins. This permit typically cost \$150/acre of disturbance, but will double if work begins before a permit is issued.

More information and a permit application can be found at

<http://www.gogebic.org/soil1.html>

In addition to SESC permitting, this site also is a great resource for information on terrestrial invasive species, native shrubs for wildlife habitat, and an annual tree and shrub sale which would be excellent for shoreline restoration projects!

To aid in the battle against terrestrial invasive plant species, the CCROA has purchased both an Uprooter and a Mini Uprooter. These tools are for use by CCROA members. Contact Greg Wenzel in order to do so. For more information, visit www.ciscochainroa.com.

Uprooter-53 inches high



Mini-Uprooter-24 inches



Got Fish??!! -

Couple of dandies caught on the Cisco Chain!!

Both were photographed and Carefully released!!

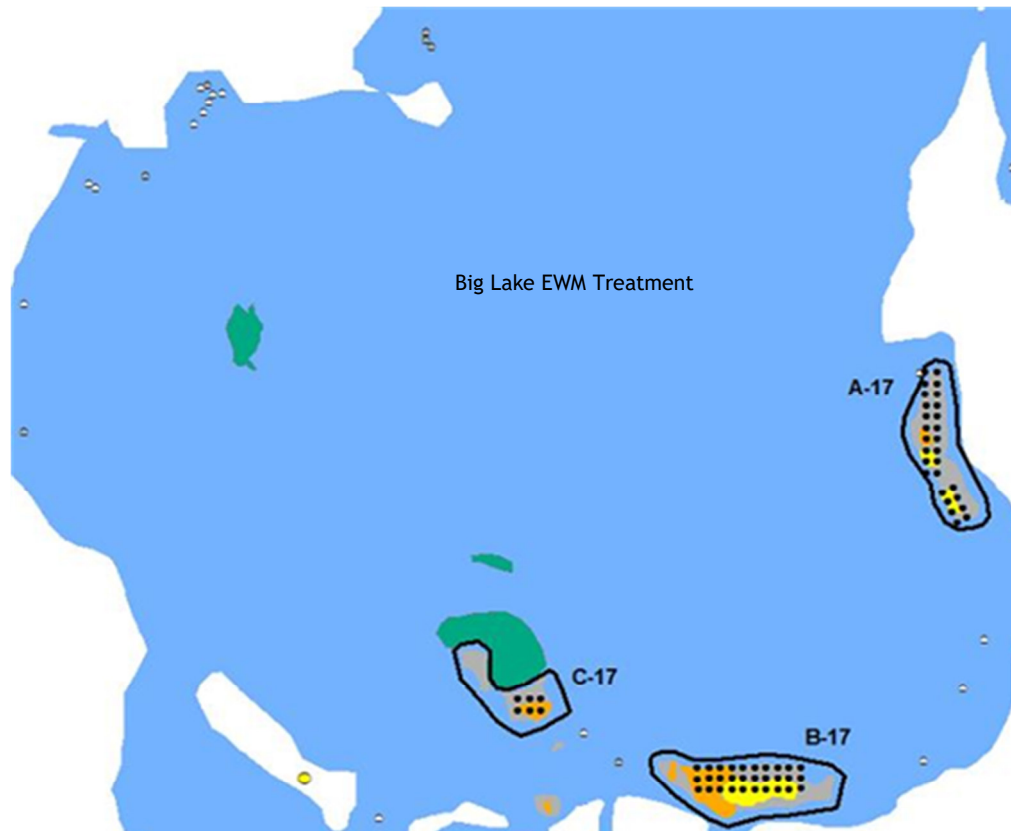
Left: Owen's 1st Musky
Right: Brady's Large Mouth Bass



SUCCESS!!!!

By: Bob McGuffin

I am very happy to report that we have finally received a permit to treat for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) on Big Lake! After several frustrating years, we will be treating nearly 10 acres of EWM on the south and east end of the lake. This is very good news and took far more effort than should have been necessary. In the end, your Association had to appeal to the highest levels of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the Wisconsin Natural Resource Board (WNRB). We are anxious to get started working on the long-standing EWM colonies here using every tool at our disposal- chemical treatment of large areas as well as physical removal of smaller stand-alone plants. We are hoping to have the same success we have experienced on the north end of Thousand Island Lake.



While the treatment on Big Lake is the big news, it certainly isn't the only work we will be doing this year in support of our Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) abatement program. We have permits secured to treat Morley, Lindsley, and Thousand Island Lake in 2017. Our spring surveys will dictate our course of action here. The larger colonies will be treated and the smaller areas will be either hand-pulled by divers or physically removed by use of Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH).

By now, you should have received my annual AIS fundraising letter. If you have already donated to this critical program we thank you. If you have not, please take the time to consider making a tax-deductible donation to this important program. Your Association simply cannot fund this program without the support of our membership. Donating can be done with either a check in the mail or online through our website www.CiscoChainROA.com and clicking on the "Donations" button in the lower right-hand corner.

We are very excited to get started on Big Lake. This year will be the culmination of a huge effort by your Board and biologists from Many Waters LLC. While eradication of the EWM is not a reasonable goal, control is. Managing EWM, now that it is here, will be a continuing on-going effort for us. As always, I- as well as your entire Board- appreciate your support! Thank you and see you on the water!

Bob McGuffin
 Vice-President CCROA
 Member- Invasive Species Task Force

NATURAL SHORELINE WORKSHOP - JULY 28, 2017

Michigan State University Extension is presenting a Natural Shoreline Workshop right here in Watersmeet on July 28, 2017!!!! Natural shorelines on inland lakes are not only beautiful, they also provide numerous benefits keeping the lake healthy, reducing shoreline erosion and run off into the lake plus providing essential habitat for plants and animals.

The Workshop will be held at Lac Vieux Desert Resort and Casino on July 28, 2017 from 9:30 am to 5 pm. Registration is \$40 per person on or before July 6, 2017 or \$60 per person on or after July 7, 2017. Advance reservation is recommended

The registration fee includes lunch, workshop handouts and the MSUE *Natural Shoreline Landscapes on Inland Lakes Guidebook* (A \$25 value). Registration is done online at

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/upnaturalshorelines>.

At the workshops you will learn the benefits of maintaining shorelines in a natural state, and about tools and resources to plan and protect the natural shorelines.

Any CCROA member that wishes to attend the program will be reimbursed for the \$40.00 tuition upon completion of the workshop. **SPECIAL PRICING FOR COUPLES** - a couple can attend at the cost of \$60 not \$80 (\$40 per person). There is a \$20 discount for sharing the book provided. The Natural Shoreline Workshop bulletin is posted on the CCROA website, www.ciscochainroa.com.

HATS OFF & THANK YOU!!

Highway B spring road cleanup was completed by CCROA members Jim Okraszewski and Dan Sauer. Six large bags full of road garbage were picked up and disposed of. The sign near the boat landing identifying CCROA as the organization responsible for clean-up from Thousand Island Lake road to the Helen Creek boat landing was down on the ground - the county was notified. As usual, debris in spring consisted mostly of drink and other food containers. After the summer the debris includes much more garbage that appears to blow out of boats as they are trailered down the road such as styrofoam bait buckets and lids and packaging from baits including worms and artificial baits. Over the years, useable shotgun shells, fishing tackle in working condition and even a valid driver's license (which was returned to the owner) have been found. There is also quite a bit of wreckage from cars and snowmobiles which have had mishaps along the road.

US 2 spring road cleanup - The 2 mile Adopt-A - Highway stretch of US 2 that the CCROA maintains has also been completed by members Paul & Patsy Lucas. Five bags of roadside trash were collected.

Road cleanup is again done in the fall.



Courtesy of Greg Wenzel

An unusual sighting in the Northwoods!!

This lovely Red-Headed Woodpecker is a very unusual if not rare sighting in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin. CCROA President Greg Wenzel was lucky enough to not only see one but to also photograph it!



The Pileated Woodpecker (seen left) is a more common but no less exciting creature to see.

The Pileated is a larger bird with an almost "jungle" like call.

Did you know? -

Most common, non-native landscaping plants have a matching native alternative with similar flowers, leaves, size and shape

SUMMER ROADWORK SCHEDULE

Phase 1 of Thousand Island Road paving will begin June 12th, 2017 and is expected to be completed shortly after July 4th. It will be a 3 mile stretch from US 2 south.

The removal and replacement of 18 culverts for the south portion of Thousand Island Lake Road will begin Monday, June 5th. Road closures will be done the same as in the past, opening for weekends.

In the works is final approval for paving 6 miles of Thousand Island Lake Road from Roddis Road north. The work will begin in late fall.

Another project is the removal and replacement of a large culvert and repaving on the Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River.

This summer \$2.2million (grant money and general fund) will be spent for roadwork on the Thousand Island Lake Road project.

As with all road projects, please slow down and be courteous to both the workers and your neighbors who will be trying to navigate these work areas

The CCROA Board Has Shoes That Need To Be Filled!!

This summer CCROA President, Greg Wenzel, will be retiring (happily, he will be available for advice). Current Vice-President, Bob McGuffin will take over as president. CCROA Secretary, Jessica Ryden, will also be retiring after 6 years as secretary. We can't thank these two enough for all their hard work and devotion to the Cisco Chain of Lakes.

We are in need of volunteers for the following positions on the CCROA Board:

**VICE-PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
WEST BAY LAKE REPRESENTATIVE**

Being on the CCROA board is not only rewarding, knowing you are working to preserve and protect the pristine waters of the Cisco Chain of Lakes, it is fun. There are usually about five meetings per year plus the annual business meeting. Contact a board member (contact information on page 6) or email the CCROA at ccroa49969@gmail.com to volunteer for these positions. Board member elections are held at the annual business meeting.

We Need You!! - The CCROA is participating in Wisconsin's Drain Campaign and two Landing Blitzes for Michigan and Wisconsin. Volunteers are needed for June 30th to July 4th, 2017. These will be done at various boat landings on the Chain. An hour or two (or more if possible) of your time would be greatly appreciated. Please contact a board member or lake representative to volunteer (see page 6 for contact information)

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

Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association Membership Application 2017

NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ DONATION _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ e-mail Address _____

Lake 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 ½ hour of your time)

Seasonal Committee ___ Educate at Boat Ramps _____

Board Members & Lake Representatives' Contact Information

President: Greg Wenzel 414-581-5444	Big Lake North & Morley Lake: Tom Krautkramer 906-358-0469	Lindsley Lake: Laurie Cooney 630-730-4067	Members-at-Large: Jack Erhart 906-358-9969
Vice President: Bob McGuffin 630-280-9542	Big Lake South: Ann Rapp 715-547-6073	Mamie Lake: Al Knutsen 715-367-1325	Paul Lucas 906-358-4767
Secretary: Jessica Ryden meleeandb@yahoo.com	Cisco Lake: Jay Sweney sweneycr@yahoo.com	Poor Lake: Kully Rohlen 906-358-4460	David Neumann 906-358-0159
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Parliamentarian: Wes Kiley 715-547-3283	Fish Hawk Lake: Dean Challed 906-358-4260	West Bay Lake: <u>NEEDED</u>	

SNIPPETS

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.cisochainroa.com

The CCROA Rocks Thanks to Volunteers!!!!

Thank you to all who volunteer their time and equipment. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated. Board Members and Lake Representatives can't do it all. An hour, a day, a summer or as a board member/lake representative, can help in our mission,
"Promoting Safe Fun on Clean Lakes"
Email the CCROA at ccroa49969@gmail.com or contact a CCROA Board Member and find out where you can help.

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

Watersmeet Township
www.watersmeet.us
906-358-4501

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

Watersmeet Township Transfer Station

8 am to 4 pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday thru Saturday
Closed on Wednesday
9 am – 12 noon on Sunday (June 14 – August 28, 2017)

Land O'Lakes Collection & Recycling Center

Tuesday 8 am – 3 pm
Thursday 12 noon – 6 pm
Saturday 8 am – 4 pm
Sunday 9 am – 12 noon (May 28 to September 30, 2017)

Around Town Events-Land O'Lakes

Wisconsin Free Fishing Weekend – June 4 & 5, 2016
For details visit [Wisconsin Free Fishing Weekend](#)

4th of July Fireworks – July 3, 2017 10:00 pm at the Airport
Salute to the 4th Parade & Picnic July 4, 2017 –
Parade starts at noon.

Picnic immediately following the Parade at the Town Park Pavilion
Art Impressions – July 22, 2017 9 am – 3 pm

Around Town Events-Watersmeet

Michigan Free Fishing Weekend – June 10 & 11, 2017
For details visit [Michigan Free Fishing Weekend](#)

4th of July Parade, Picnic & Fireworks Sunday, July 2, 2017
Parade starts at 2 pm.
Picnic immediately following the Parade at the Watersmeet pavilion
Fireworks July 2, 2017 at 10pm.