



*Sustaining the lakes for everyone.*

## Spring Newsletter 2023

Hi Folks,

Just a little update as we're all getting ready for the upcoming summer. Let's hope the summer is as amazing as the winter was. The last week we had quite an unbelievable meltdown which gave us high hopes for an early Spring. But as I sit here writing this, I'm told we should expect at least 8" of snow tonight. Time will tell but Spring does eventually show up every year.

This Newsletter will in part fulfill an obligation we have to notify landowners of our plans for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) abatement efforts. Shortly after the 15<sup>th</sup> of June we will be applying aquatic pesticides in Buskey Bay and Lake Millicent. Like last year in Twin Bear, we will also be building a barrier across the north end of Lake Millicent to help contain the pesticide in higher concentrations over the areas where we have excessive EWM. This process has again helped the Pike Chain of Lakes Association qualify for a DNR grant to cover a large portion of the cost.

As always thanks for all your support and we'll see you out on the lakes and at the Annual Meeting Saturday August 12th at the Community Center.

Jay Johnson, IRPCLA President

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**IF YOUR NAME WAS ACCIDENTALLY MISSED for 2022, please contact Tom Sandager (TSandager@outlook.com) or call/text 715-214-8808 cell and of course we apologize.**

## NOTICE to Property Owners on the Pike Chain

Northern Aquatic Services  
Professional Aquatic Weed Control Services  
1061 240<sup>th</sup> Street  
Dresser WI 54009

March 21, 2023

Dear Lake Shore Property Owner,

The intent of this letter is to notify you that the Pike Chain of Lakes Association has hired Northern Aquatic Services, an herbicide application company for hire, to treat the nuisance exotic Eurasian watermilfoil in the Pike Chain. The Wisconsin DNR is in the process of issuing a permit for a total of 22.1 acres in the Pike Chain including 11.7 acres in Buskey Bay, and 10.4 acres in Millicent. The herbicides I will use are ProcellaCOR EC at 4.0 to 4.5 PDU and 2,4-D Amine at 4.0 PPM ae. Any water usage restrictions for the treated area will be posted on **yellow signs** in that area.

The permit application requires all property owners to be notified that the permit application is being made and that they may obtain a copy of the application to review. You may view the permit application at the following web site: [IRPCLA website \(www.pikechain.org\)](http://www.pikechain.org) The planned treatment is in accordance with the Pike Chain's Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APM Plan) to control Eurasian watermilfoil. Questions concerning the APM Plan can be directed to Al Bochler of the Iron River Area Lakes Association. A copy of the permit may be obtained from the Lake Association.

I am scheduled to make the treatment in late spring or early summer 2023.

If you have any questions you may contact Northern Aquatic Services at 715-495-5252 or the Wisconsin DNR's Aquatic Plant Specialist Tyler Mesalk, 715-635-4227. Chemical fact sheets are available upon request.

Sincerely,

Dale Dressel  
Northern Aquatic Services  
715-495-5252 cell

**IF you aren't already a member of the IRPCLA, consider this.....**

I grew up in Jackson, Minnesota. Lakes were few, cloudy and crowded with cabins lining the shores. Usually the visibility was less than 3 feet. Upon first seeing the Pike Chain in 1980, I was amazed that the water was crystal clear and seeing 20 feet underwater was the norm.

For many of us, the ritual of “going to the lake” has become part of who we are. Our kids and now grandkids have lots of memories of swimming, learning to waterski, seeing an occasional bear, pontoon rides, wonderful sunsets and home cooked meals. And that’s just scratching the surface. Having friends up is fun partly for the “wow, your lake is really clear” or “I just can’t get over how beautiful everything is up here.” There’s nothing like seeing the excitement of kids learning to swim, ski or catch their first fish.

We all have a responsibility to keep this place nice for our families, friends and others. So, it seems to me that it’s an easy choice to join up with the IRPCLA to try and preserve what we have and keep it from getting spoiled by things like zebra mussels, Eurasian water-milfoil and other invasive species. There is simply no way that just a few people can deal with these things. We all need a strong lake association to preserve and protect what’s here.

Volunteers tend to be some of the nicest people in my experience because they are there because they want to be. It’s been a special privilege to get to know and work with our other Board members. We are very fortunate that we have had great support from the members of the IRPCLA and donors. We’ve also had strong support from the DNR in the form of grants that have saved us nearly half a million dollars over years to treat the Eurasian water-milfoil. Yes, we pay taxes, but without a lakes association, we would not have been successful at controlling EWM. Remember the summer of 2016 and 2017 when the EWM was really bad?

They say that the relationships we form in life are one of the most important things associated with longevity. Loneliness has the opposite affect. So, if you’d like to meet more people at the lake and be a part of something special, please consider being a member and volunteer for a few things. You will not regret it. It’s only 20 bucks for starters and a lot of fun.

Tom Sandager, Editor

**And now, a few THANK YOU’s:**

**John Joseph** (Buskey Bay) has been managing the website for at least 12 years and will be turning it over to Derek Johnson (Millicent). THANK YOU JOHN for creating and maintaining the website!

Special thanks to **Al Bochler** and **Kristina Sorensen** for continuing to fill out the grant applications/permits with the DNR this year to help cover nearly 75% of the cost of treating Eurasian water milfoil. Over \$400,000 in grants since we started our battle with EWM!

Thanks to **Amy Arneson Wangenstein** for maintaining the Facebook site with pictures, announcements, etc. for a number of years now.

Thanks to everyone who went a step further and made contributions. We are in a strong position financially due to your commitments and continued support.



[www.facebook.com/PikeChainofLakes](http://www.facebook.com/PikeChainofLakes)



[www.pikechain.org](http://www.pikechain.org)

**Membership & Lake Management Donation Form for IRPCLA**

All information is confidential and used only by PCLA. Thank you for printing clearly.

Type of Membership: (circle one)    New    Renewal

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (Note if new)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Lake address (if different from mailing address) \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a property owner on the Chain?    Yes    No

If a business membership, would you like your business listed on our website (circle one):    yes    no

Volunteer Opportunities (circle if interested):    PCLA Board Member    Roadside Cleanup

PCLA Committee    (Invasive Species, Education/Communications, Fisheries, Fundraising/Membership)

**Please make checks payable to Iron River**

**Pike Chain of Lakes Association. Mail this form and check to:**

Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association  
Attention: Treasurer  
PO Box 602  
Iron River, WI 54847

• Annual Membership Dues	\$20.00
• Annual Donation for lake management	_____
<i>Tax Deductible</i> (Suggested donation \$1.00 per front foot. But any amount is greatly appreciated!)	
<b>TOTAL (Thank you!)</b>	_____

**IRON RIVER PIKE CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION (PCLA) purpose is to promote the sustainable management of the Pike Chain by:**

- Providing leadership in lake management through environmental education, water quality monitoring, prevention of the introduction of aquatic invasive species and controlling populations of aquatic invasive species existing in the watershed.
- Working with government agencies and private organizations to generate the necessary human and financial resources
- Purchasing or accepting the donation of property or conservation easements to promote the overall goal of sustainable lake management
- Monitoring and responding to proposed developments within the watershed, taxation and land use planning and other environmental regulation
- Promoting mutual respect, cooperation and friendship between owners of property within the watershed, other lake users and town, county and state public officials by providing a forum for exchange of information and discussion on environmental issues of importance and concern.

**Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Assoc., Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 602**  
**Iron River, WI 54847**

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**Next IRPCLA Annual  
Meeting August 12, 2023  
at the Community Center**

