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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Taylor

Winter has always had a special place in my heart, so staying in Minnesota makes me happier than spending the winter in Florida or Arizona. I realize that many of you love the snowbird lifestyle, and that is great. I also realize some of you spend the winters in Minnesota or some other northern tier state and don't really love it, but rather endure it and wait for spring and summer.

Look at the activities we have to love and embrace during the winter: **cross country skiing** - my real love. This is my 6th winter to groom trails for others to enjoy and we have hundreds of kilometers of groomed trails in our area; **ice fishing** - in fact, today as I write this 10,000+ fisher persons endured light to moderate rain to try and win prizes and help Camp Confidence continue to do the wonderful job it does; **snowmobiling** - our area is blessed with hundreds of miles of trails groomed by many clubs with hundreds of thousands of dollars of equipment; **ice skating** - many cities have rinks, and most resorts have rinks they keep maintained, and many other activities that make the Brainerd Lakes Area such a special year round place to live.

But with all this your board has been busy going to meetings concerning aquatic invasive species, water testing in the water shed, and learning about a state clean water management plan. We are also working on a tree planting program, and have applied for DNR invasive species prevention grants to continue our efforts to keep our lakes free from these unwanted species.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*John Taylor*

Last summer we leased 3 I-LIDS video monitors and installed them at the 2 DNR Public Landings and the Corp of Engineers landing. These were such a success your board has decided to purchase the equipment and also have the company we are buying the equipment from look at most of the videos and follow up on enforcement. This will be a \$35,000.00 commitment over the next 3 years and then about a \$6-7,000.00 commitment after that. We also will continue to hire DNR interns to supplement the video cameras, to have in place both a way to stop invasive species and also to educate boaters on the Gull Lake Chain the importance of inspecting their boats for aquatic vegetation before launching into our lakes. We have found that many boats are coming from Mille Lacs Lake which already has several unwanted species that we don't want transported to our lakes.

We are also exploring the possibility of installing boat washing facilities at the public landings to help stop the spread of small, hard to detect invasives such as zebra mussels and spiny waterfleas. This would be another major investment.

In addition to the above we will continue with the installation and maintenance of the lighted buoy system during the summer, and their removal in the fall. This past summer we started replacing buoys that are many years past their life, and solar lights that are also nearing the end of their projected lives.

I want to thank all of you for your past support and hope we can continue to count on you in the future. We have a lot of work to do to keep our lakes clean and safe and can't do it without your support.



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## A LOOK BEHIND AND A GLANCE FORWARD FOR GCOLA

Rob Johnson, Board Member

In 2009, the Gull Chain of Lakes Association was one of the first lake associations in the Upper Midwest to install the new Environmental Sentry Protection device sensors system. The units were placed at all three public boat accesses last Spring. These videotaping devices are activated as boats are launched or removed from the lake. Nearly 26,000 of these videos were recorded between mid-May and late October this past year.

GCOLA also placed interns, via a cost sharing agreement with the DNR, to manually inspect boats coming in and out of the Lake. The inspectors were in search of damaging invasive species such as Eurasian milfoil, Curlyleaf pondweed, Hydrilla and Zebra mussels. Through these electronic and “hands-on” deterrents, most boaters did pay closer attention to their trailers; however, a number of citations were still issued.

During the past year, your Lake Association installed and removed 135 navigational and enforcement buoys – the majority with solar lighting - throughout the Chain. Through membership dues and donations, we also supplemented our water testing and monitoring programs; kids & water safety programs; and continued our ongoing emergency equipment donations to law enforcement.

Looking ahead, if possible, GCOLA plans on expanding both inspection programs at all three public launches. We must also continue the replacement of 12 to 15 buoys annually while over 70% of our solar powered buoy lights need replacement very soon.

Unfortunately, the demands on our small budget are many and continue to grow. Your Board is a small group dedicated to preserving the quality of life on the Gull Chain, but there is no way we can continue do this alone; we need your talent and your economic support. Less than one-third of lake shore owners are members of the Association, and less than 3% of boaters using the Lake, day in and day out, belong to the Association. It is an obvious shame that the majority of folks enjoying the Gull Chain think \$50 per year is too much to join the Association. Unfortunately, since we cannot count on the State or County governments to provide the necessary programs and funding to preserve and enhance the Gull Lake Chain, we need your involvement. Please consider an additional donation when you make your dues payment and please urge your neighbors to join – the odds are they think the DNR or County still make everything happen on the Lake!



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## LAKESHORE RESTORATION PROJECT RECEIVES AWARD

Rick and Deb Roberts recently received the “2009 Lake Friendly Development Award” sponsored by several local organizations and agencies that are working to protect our beautiful lakes. Awards are given in several categories that recognize lakeshore owners, builders and local units of government that have chosen to take actions that protect the water quality and wildlife of area lakes for future generations.



Before

The Roberts started their lakeshore restoration project with a simple no-mow zone on their property on Nisswa Lake. The Roberts also planted some native seeds in their no-mow zone. After that succeeded, they wanted to expand their restoration to include the entire shoreline hillside that had previously been mowed and maintained. They applied for and received a DNR grant to plant native plants, as well as native woody shrubs, and expand their restoration by creating a 30-40 foot deep buffer along most of the lakeshore.

The whole project was a huge undertaking and was planned and carried out very professionally. The first step was eliminating the grass with Rodeo. Then mulching was done covering the area with four inches of wood chips, and finally planting with native plants grown at the Lino Lakes Prison nursery. All steps went smoothly. They watered frequently and saw impressive growth the first year. By the second year many of the plants bloomed and resulted in attracting wildlife and numerous birds they hadn't seen before in their yard.

Both of the Roberts were physically involved with the project which included carrying huge rocks up the hill. They said it was a pleasure working with the DNR staff and interns. The project can be viewed by boat on the west side of Nisswa Lake.



After

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## LAKE AND STREAM TESTING

In the spring of 2007, GCOLA embarked on a 3-5 year program of lake and stream monitoring. Three years of this program were completed this past fall. Again during the past season, Jack Warden and Robert Eliason collected the stream samples, and Bob Toborg and Rosemary Goff took the lake samples.

Water samples from Nisswa, Upper Gull, and Booming Out Bay of Gull Lake were analyzed for total phosphorous and chlorophyll-a, and, in addition, Secchi disk readings were taken. The three-year average for each of these pieces of data was calculated. All three of these averages yielded values that put these lakes at the lower boundary of the MPCA classification of eutrophic. These types of lakes have moderate amounts of aquatic vegetation, experience algae blooms, suffer from decreased transparency, and develop oxygen deprivation at lower depths (anoxic hypolimnia) during the summer. This means that our lakes are not well equipped to handle additional phosphorous.

There are five streams that drain the watershed into the Gull Lake Reservoir. All of the streams flow into the upper lakes of the chain; none flow into Gull Lake itself. The concentration of phosphorous in all of the streams was measured, and the results showed that the concentration of phosphorous varies with the stream height. In general, higher stream heights give higher phosphorous concentrations. A three-year average of the phosphorous concentration for each stream was calculated. In general, the stream phosphorous concentration was twice that measured in the lakes.

With streams delivering high concentrations of phosphorous to our lakes, it seems prudent that property owners on the chain of lakes adopt stewardship practices that minimize adding any phosphorous to the lakes. There are two stewardship practices that every lakeshore owner could implement. The first is to add a shoreline buffer zone of native plants that prevents surface water from draining directly into the lake. The second practice is to not use any fertilizer that contains phosphorous anywhere on their property; this includes flower and vegetable gardens and new lawns.

## AQUATIC PLANT PERMIT FEE INCREASES

The DNR has just released proposed rule changes which would increase permit fees for aquatic plant management. The 2008 legislature directed the DNR to set the fees at a level that reflects the cost of administering and enforcing the permit program. Basically, the fees for most activities such as operating a weed roller or use of chemicals in front of an individual property to control vegetation would go from \$35 to \$90. Permits for Swimmer's itch and filamentous algae control would be \$40 for an annual permit. The fee to mechanically remove aquatic plants with harvesters would be \$100.

Public hearings to discuss proposed changes are schedule from 2-5 pm and 7-9 pm at the following locations:

- Feb. 23 – Bigwood Event Center, Fergus Falls
- Feb. 24 – Camp Ripley Education Center, Little Falls
- Feb. 25 - Kelly Inn, Plymouth

Written comments can also be sent to Administrative Law Judge Bruce H. Johnson, Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620 or by e-mail to: [rulecomment@state.mn.us](mailto:rulecomment@state.mn.us). Mor information on the proposed rules and process that went into their development can be found at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/rules/app/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/rules/app/index.html).

## 2009 WATERCRAFT INSPECTION REPORT

In 2009, the Gull Chain of Lakes Association received a \$5,000 matching prevention grant from the MN DNR to conduct boat inspections in an effort to prevent the spread of invasive species into our chain of lakes. From May through Labor Day of 2009, DNR interns spent over 800 hours and conducted a total of 3,297 inspections at the three Gull Lake public landings and at the Yacht Club during their national youth regatta. Of the boats inspected, 105 had come from a waterbody in Minnesota known to be infested with zebra mussels – the majority being from Mille Lac Lake. Out of the 3,297 boat inspections, 42% had not been inspected prior to 2009.

The inspection process consists of a six-question survey that ensures that boaters are aware of the issues surrounding invasive species and includes the inspector walking the boater around the watercraft to show them where they should be looking for invasive species. Survey questions focus on boater knowledge and behavior with information given on the impacts of invasive species and what can be done to prevent their spread. Approximately 4.9% of boaters said they were not familiar with zebra mussels or Eurasian water milfoil. Another 4.7% had come from another state.

GCOLA has again submitted a grant request for 2010 and is hopeful we will again be successful and be a part of the MN DNR watercraft inspection program.



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### Stakeholder's Task Force

Several years ago, Lake Margaret was placed on the Minnesota Pollution Control's impaired waters list due to the excessive amount of phosphorous in the lake. As a result, the City of Lake Shore commissioned Wenck Associates, Inc. to conduct a study to determine the causes of the problem and recommended steps needed to be taken to remove the lake from the impaired waters list. One of the first orders of business in the plan is to form a Stakeholder's Task Force to ensure that recommended actions are carried out. This group has been formed and includes city, county, State of Minnesota, Lake Margaret shoreline owners and watershed representatives. Earl North has been elected Chair of this group. The Task Force will select and prioritize recommended activities that need to be taken to improve Lake Margaret water quality, ultimately leading to its removal from the impaired waters list. Key elements will be to work with Lake Margaret property owners and people in the watershed.

### Curly Leaf Pondweed

Last May for the third straight year, Lake Margaret was sprayed for curlyleaf pond. The City of Lake Shore requested and received DNR grant funds to pay for the spraying. DNR funding has again been sought to cover the cost of spraying in 2010. The Curly Leaf Pondweed beds in the southwest bay are particularly difficult to treat due to the water flowage. It has been recommended that both a liquid and a pellet product be used this year to help ensure a good outcome in that area. The other areas of the lake had a great "kill rate".

### Water Quality Monitoring

During the summer, Bob Toborg performs four Secchi Dish readings each week on Lake Margaret – two in the north bay and two in the south bay each Thursday and Sunday. He has reported seeing an improvement in the readings from summer 2009 as compared to summer 2008. His reading charts are available for review at Lake Shore city hall



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The precipitation totals for 2009 at Gull Lake were 29.71 inches. The normal annual precipitation for the Gull Lake is 26.29 inches. The normal rainfall in the months of June, July, August, and September are 3.95, 4.13, 3.75, and 2.49 inches, respectively. This year the area received 2.70 inches in June, 7.31 inches in July, 2.23 inches in August, and 0.39 inches in September. So, it is obvious that the only reason we were close to normal precipitation for the summer months was the 3 inches above normal that was received in July. The rainfall in July is also the reason that Gull Lake was able to stay within its summer band throughout August and September.

Gull Lake's summer band ranges from 1193.75 to 1194.00 feet. Since near the end of March, Gull Lake had been either in its summer band or slightly above the band. In order to regulate a reservoir within a 3 inch summer band, it takes an extra effort by the Park Manager and the Park Rangers. They assist the regulator in continued monitoring of the lake level, as well as being available to make gate changes on any given day.

We are now in the next phase of reservoir operations and that is the drawdown phase. The lake is drawn down to help prevent shoreline ice damage and to allow enough capacity in the lake for spring runoff to prevent flooding. However, due to the fact that the area has seen below normal rainfall, the normal drawdown of Gull Lake is going to be evaluated as the winter season progresses. As of January 15, 2010 the water level on Gull Lake is 1193.32 feet. This puts Gull Lake just above the target drawdown for the winter season. During the months of January and February snow surveys will be conducted to determine the amount of snow and the amount of water content in the snow to once again evaluate the level to which Gull Lake should be drawn down to in order to provide enough storage for the spring snow melt.

Regulation of the reservoir during drawdown is a balancing act between providing enough flood control storage versus having enough potential spring runoff to fill the reservoirs back to their normal summer levels by the beginning of the fishing season in May.

## MORE INFORMATION

You can visit the Corps of Engineers Water Control Web site at [www.mvp-wc.usace.army.mil](http://www.mvp-wc.usace.army.mil) for more information on the regulation of Gull Lake Reservoir. Questions on the regulation of the Gull Lake reservoir can be directed to Brian Johnson at 651-290-5652 at the St. Paul District Water Control, or Mary Kay Larson at the Gull Lake Dam at 218-829-3334.



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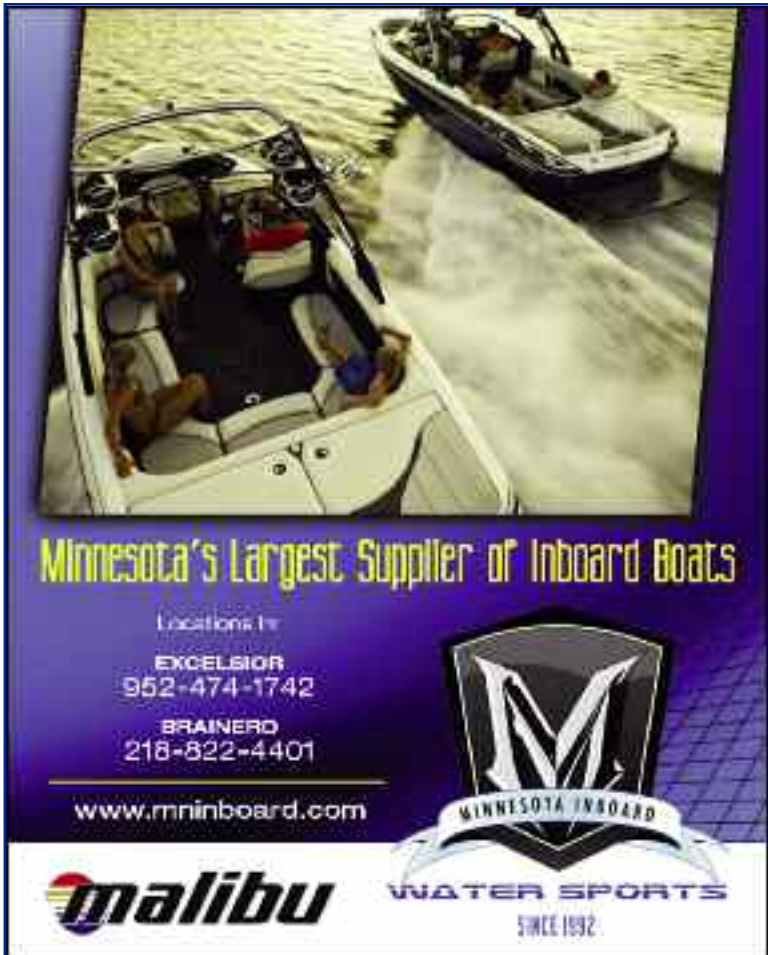
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The DNR website on which the proposed rules will appear is: [www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/index.html)  
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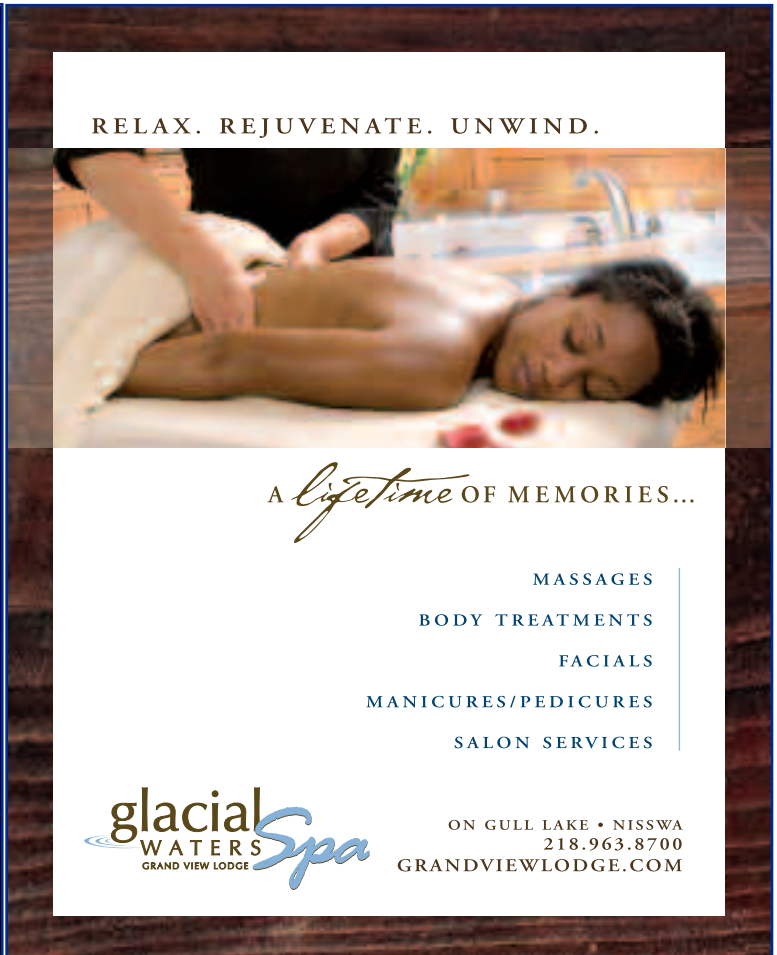


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## FOCUS ON INVASIVE SPECIES - Faucet Snail

This is an ongoing series of information articles talking about exotic aquatic plants and species that could be a threat to the Gull Chain of Lakes.



Yet another aquatic invasive species has been found in nearby waters, the faucet snail. This snail was introduced to the Great Lakes in the 1870's and was probably brought to North America with the solid ballast used in large timber transport ships or perhaps with vegetation used in packing crates.

Faucet snails are difficult for non-specialists to conclusively identify. Adult faucet snails can grow up to ½ inch in length, but are generally smaller. They are light brown to black, with 4 to 5 whorls and a cover on the shell opening. The shell opening is on the right when the shell pointed up.

Faucet snails are host to three parasitic trematodes or flukes that have contributed to the deaths of about 9,000 scaup and coots in the past two years on Lake Winnibigosh. When waterfowl consume the infected snails, the adult trematodes attack the internal organs and cause lesions and hemorrhage. There is no evidence that these snails affect fish species. Faucet snails also compete with native snails, and may clog water in take pipes and other submerged equipment.

They can be spread by attaching to aquatic plants, boats, anchors, decoy anchors and other recreational gear placed in the water. They can survive out of water for several days so precautions should be taken when transporting boats and equipment from infested waters.

To help prevent the spread boaters and others should:

Inspect for and remove aquatic plants, animals and mud from boats and equipment before transporting from one waterbody to another.



Preferably, spray with high-pressure hot (120F) water for a couple minutes to kill snails that may not have been visible.

There are not any good management tools to eliminate faucet snails from an infested lake. As with other types of invasives, it is up to boaters and others using our lakes to help prevent their spread.

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Contrary to popular belief, there are lakes and trees in South Dakota. Rob & Pat grew up enjoying these lakes and knew they wanted to be on Gull Lake when they bought their home on the Narrows five years ago. They would be on the boat everyday if possible and enjoy watching the world cruise by from their dock.

After 25+ years of growing his family's Carquest Auto Parts Store to the 5<sup>th</sup> highest volume of all 2,500 stores in the Company, Rob decided it was time for a change and sold his business. He and his wife Pat decided to leave their hometown of Aberdeen, SD and relocate to this area 12 years ago. Thinking it would be nice to have an 8 to 5 job; Rob joined a closely-held company in Brainerd, but soon learned he wasn't cut out as employee material. Rob had previously dabbled in commercial real estate and was soon selling and developing commercial properties and businesses. Today he and his son own Dakota Plains Companies and Dakota Plains Energy, both based in Aberdeen. They are developing their mixed-use retail/multi-family site and are in the pre-construction phase of Campbell County Wind Farm, a \$200 million project in northcentral South Dakota.

Rob joined the Board four years ago after learning most of the amenities of the lake, including navigational buoys, water quality efforts and safety programs were not provided for via tax dollars, but through the efforts of Gull Chain of Lakes Association. He serves on the GCOLA Community Relations/Membership committee.

Rob also previously served on the Nisswa Chamber Board and is on the Finance Committee at All Saints Church.

The Johnson's son, Heath, formerly of Brainerd, daughter-in-law Stacy and two young sons now live in Aberdeen. Their daughter Nicole loves the heat of Las Vegas and says she certainly doesn't miss the cold.

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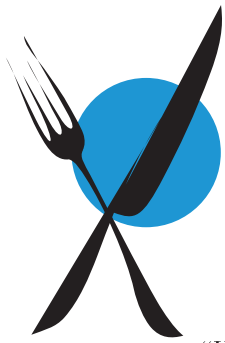
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The **Gull Chain of Lakes Association** is dedicated to representing the interests of lake property owners without bias toward either seasonal or full time residents. The Association's primary responsibilities include educating members about best management practices to conserve water quality, water safety, and controversial lake issues.

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