

Fishery & Water Quality Committee

Update, Fall 2020

By Jim Zach, Chair



The LLAA application for a WI DNR fish stick permit was approved October 28th. The application process was more complicated and took longer to gather all the necessary information than expected. The application was accomplished with the assistance of Steve Kircher, Forest County Land and Water Conservation Department, and Greg Matzke, WI DNR Fish Biologist for Forest and Florence Counties. Funding for this project has been provided through a grant from the Forest County Potawatomi Community through the Town of Lincoln.

The revised design shown includes up to 42 fish sticks along the shallower southern area of Lucerne bounded by Anthony Island and the DNR-owned islands. There are 6 private landowner host sites — 3 along the northern third of Lucerne, 1 on the eastern shore mid-lake, and 4 on the south end. Joe Heilmann volunteered to order and assemble the cables and

anchoring materials over the next few weeks for securing the trees, so we'll be prepared by January, 2021.

The remaining uncertainties at this point will be weather, ice conditions, COVID, and coordinating with the Novak family's Managed Forest Law thinning of Anthony Island which is our source for the trees. Several volunteers (labor and equipment) have offered to assist, but for a project of this nature we can use additional offers. Please contact me if you are interested in helping, 715-572-4646. Given the warmer winters and heavier snowfalls Lake Lucerne has experienced in recent years, creation of ice roads would help assure the access to cut the trees on Anthony Island for the Novak family and for LLAA volunteers to drag trees to fish stick sites over the ice and assemble them in bundles of 5 trees. In particular, a skid steer with tire chains and a hydraulic grapple would be very helpful. For more information, please review this link: https://p.widencdn.net/jcv7ac/Outreach_FishSticksBestPractices.

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Permit No. 10
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*Lake Lucerne is a uniquely special lake
and the Association desires to maintain
and improve its quality.*

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2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events are on hold due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. A schedule will be released next spring when, hopefully, we have a better handle on the health crisis

PRESIDENTS POINT OF VIEW

As we navigate through this very difficult time, my sincere hope is that everyone in the Lake Lucerne circle of family and friends remains safe and healthy. Currently, hope is on the horizon as vaccines sound promising. We can only hope and pray that 2021 is a return to some kind of normalcy. While we all continue to feel the pressure of separation, please remember that there are many out there who are far less fortunate than us.

Your Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Board of Directors continues to forge ahead with projects and programs that maintain a keen eye on the long-term health of your Lake. Please keep checking the website for the most current update on information about these programs, and please volunteer where you feel your talents can help maintain our wonderful natural asset. We are blessed with many individuals who continue to bring their talents forward! But more importantly we are challenged with maintaining this jewel of the Northwoods we call Lake Lucerne.

While the upcoming Holiday season will be one without precedent, please remember those less fortunate than us during this difficult time. Focus on what we are blessed with, and find joy in delivering happiness to someone in need.

See you on the Lake!

*Rick Hermus
President*

Job Opening for Clean Boats Clean Water

Each year Lake Lucerne Advancement Association has an opening for Clean Boats/Clean Waters program at the boat landing. This position involves the inspection of boats and trailers prior to entering the waters of Lake Lucerne to prevent invasive species from entering the lake. This paid position is during boating on Friday-Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., dates to be determined. For more details look on our Facebook page or website in February or contact Jim Wienser at jwienser@outlook.com.

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