



District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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Aquatic Vegetation



Often dismissed as “weeds” by many waterfront property owners, aquatic plants provide essential fish and wildlife habitat and help keep waters clean and healthy. These plants produce oxygen and also use nutrients that might otherwise fuel midsummer algae blooms. Waterfowl and many fishes depend on them for food and many fishes depend on them for a near shore habitat. Invertebrates that fish feed on are also provided. Northern pike and yellow perch lay their eggs on aquatic plants. Shore land vegetation also is the source of critical habitat for many aquatic insects to complete their life cycle, such as damselflies or dragonflies.

Removing aquatic vegetation to improve boating or swimming eliminates fish habitat and damages the root network that hold bottom sediments in place.

Aquatic plants are divided into 3 categories.

Emergent vegetation protrudes above the water's surface.

Submergent vegetation stays underwater.

Floating leaf plants rest on the water surface.

You may be wondering what you can do to sustain this valuable resource.

- Leave aquatic plants along your shoreline.
- Look into options for re-establishing aquatic plants along your shoreline.
- If you must remove plants, limit this removal to an area needed for boat access and safe swimming.

Fish Stocking

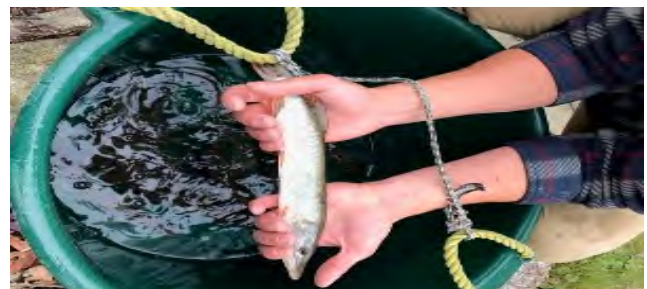
On Monday, November 13th at 1:00 p.m., 95 Northern Pike were released at the base of Jefferson Bay. On this blustery, rainy and cold day, a welcome committee from the DPL attended. Commissioner Dave Ansett assisted the employee of Keystone Hatcheries who transported them. They had to actually break through a thin coating of ice which at that time covered most of the Bay. The accompanying photos were kindly taken by Dave's wife, Christine Anstett.

We were lucky to receive these fish due to many problems in the hatchery business this year. The latest problems include frozen rearing ponds up north. Stocking these pike should see bass and bluegill size structure gains.

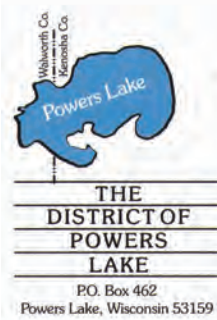
The DPL thanks and appreciates Dave Anstett for taking the lead on this.

Luke Roffler, the DNR Senior Fisheries Biologists for Racine and Kenosha Counties, finds the fishing/ice fishing reports and other public comments to be very valuable, so please feel free to get in touch with him about what you are seeing.

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The new arrivals



Elected Commissioners:
Neal Kuhn, Chair
Dan O'Connell, Secretary
Brooke Jensen, Treas.
Jim Michels
Dave Anstett

Appointed Commissioners:
Judy Jooss, Kenosha Co.
Mark Halvey, Randall Twp.



(left to right)
Judge Charlie Gitzinger, Commissioner Mark Halvey, Nancy Michael & Commissioner Dave Anstett



Dave releasing the Northern

WEBSITE SIGNUP

If you have not already done so, please visit our website and sign up for notifications of lake events such as E. coli advisory/closure at the Knolls Beach or Slow No Wake.

www.districtofpowerslake.com



QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Our next quarterly meeting will be held on Friday, January 12th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at Randall Town Hall.

The meetings are open to the public at the Randall Town Hall, 34530 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI.

DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

Within the scope of the powers vested in it under Chapter 33 and in furtherance of the Public Trust Doctrine of Wisconsin, the mission of the District of Powers Lake is:

To support, protect, preserve and enhance the native ecosystem of the watershed, shoreline, and waters of Powers Lake as a natural resource for generations to come;

To be responsive to the interests and concerns of the district residents and the public; and

To proactively advocate when faced with potential damage to Powers Lake's environmental values, wildlife, natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and/or recreational value.