



DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS

1ST QUARTER 2015

ISSUED May 2015

Board Activities: The Board had meetings last quarter on January 13, February 18 and March 18, 2015. The Board also met with Fire Departments, Central Dispatch, Emergency Management and Township Supervisors on February 19 and March 26 working toward a number of fire and safety initiatives for our Shareholders. Additional meetings are forthcoming during 2015.

Annual Meeting Announcement: The Board has set the date for the 2015 Annual Meeting for Dead River Campers, Inc. The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the Westwood High School Auditorium. The meeting packet that will arrive in the mail will be addressed to you as a Shareholder, or to one of the Shareholders if the property is in multiple names.

There are two positions open on the Board of Directors this year. Shareholders interested may submit a nomination for another Shareholder or themselves in writing, or by email which must include a biography and resume stating qualifications, goals and the type of information that will assist the membership in making an informed vote. This information must be received by the Board by Wednesday May 27, 2015 by noon.

Resolutions – Any DRCI Shareholder wishing to submit a Resolution must also do so in writing or by email by Wednesday May 27, 2015 by noon.

Please send written nominations as discussed above and Resolutions in the format prescribed in the DRCI Bylaws to DRCI, P.O. Box 323, Ishpeming, MI 49849. Any questions, please e-mail the Board at: drcicampers@gmail.com

The opportunity to vote is something very important. Shareholders, the time is just around the corner for our Annual Meeting once again. The meeting packets will be distributed in the near future with all the information required. Within that packet is your ballot connected to any items that need to be voted upon. Whether you vote and mail your ballot back, or attend the Annual Meeting and hand deliver it, your actions are encouraged, appreciated and needed.



We need to have about 200 ballots to conduct business and that is actually not an easy task to accomplish. In fact, since

some of the Resolutions that are brought up from time to time require a 2/3 majority vote, 265 votes to pass, this obviously would require more ballots than 265 to be returned to have those Resolutions approved.



To go through all the effort to create the packet, and have the meeting is very time consuming and costly. Please make all the effort worthwhile and **VOTE!**



We would also add that as members of DRCI, we all need to be helping the Corporation with new

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neighbors becoming members of the group via their sharing a signed copy of their Deed, which gets their contact information to our staff, and their share of stock issued to them.

Fireworks On The Hoist Basin: Save the Date: June 27, 2015. Back up Date: June 28, 2015

Campers and friends of the Basin should mark their calendars for the night of the Summer Board meeting for once again a great fireworks display. Remember that evening of warm winds, clear skies and 70 plus boats in the bay by Turtle Island? Hopefully we will have those conditions again this year.

Your individual contributions to the Fireworks Fund makes it all take place and we are very thankful for everyone's contributions each year that it has taken place.



The Grand Finale is awesome and again this year it can be supplemented by additional contributions for more Grand Finale fireworks. They are \$200 a launch. If there are any campers who would like to pool their funds and provide additional Grand Finale launches, they would be most welcome.

We will acknowledge in the Summer Newsletter any campers or groups of campers who would like to make a \$200 contribution as described above. Last year one individual contributed \$200 for a great Grand Finale.

An envelope is available once again in this Newsletter if you would care to contribute any amount to the Fireworks Display. Thank you for your past support.

The Board has worked very hard this Winter and Spring making connection with the Agencies from Negaunee, Ishpeming, and Champion Townships. Agencies are identified as the Marquette County Sheriff's Department, and the Fire Departments of Negaunee, Ishpeming, and Champion, and also the Cities of Negaunee and Ishpeming Fire Departments.

Our initial mission was to connect these Departments with the Board of DRCI, and share our future vision of the area. Our vision looking down the road is that the Basin could easily become one of the largest platted Subdivisions in Marquette County if it isn't already. The future vision dramatically impacts the Agencies' abilities to service our area in times of need.

We are currently working on a unified address signage system for all three Townships. The Townships leadership teams are attempting to gain consensus for this unified plan and we are meeting again at the State Police Post in May to hopefully move forward with this plan.

Sample of One Sign Type



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DEAD RIVER BASIN FISHING DERBY

Sponsored by the Dead River Campers, Inc.

And organized by your Fish & Wildlife Committee

When: Saturday, August 15, 2015

Registration, Coffee & Donuts at East End Boat Launch:

Beginning at 8:30 am

Fishing Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Noon)

Ages: 16 and younger

Lunch, Gifts and Prizes: East End Boat Launch - 12:00 Noon

Rain or Shine!

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER, ARE ON THE DRCI WEB PAGE AND AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

This is a day for DRCI Shareholders and their neighbors to celebrate our fishery with our children and grandchildren. It is our goal to promote the sport of fishing with our next generation of stewards of the Basin.

Invasive Plant Species:

Why Should You Care About Invasive plants? This is a continuation of our discussions of previous Newsletter articles addressing weed growth and concerns over whether or not any of the weed types found are considered invasive species. The Board has had a representative attend a seminar on this topic and will stay informed about this subject.

Invasive species take over slowly, hardly noticed, then once established, expand their territory rapidly. Anyone going to Green Bay over the past few years may have noticed the tall wheat-like topped plants along the road. These are common reeds (phragmites australis). They started out along the side of the highway



Phragmites

in a few places but now have spread to many of the wetland areas outgrowing the native cattails. The way invasive species work is they start small, and seem innocuous enough, and may even be nice to look at, which brings human involvement. They increase their range much faster and they are sometimes colorful or make nice floral arrangements. People bring them home as decorations and when they dry out or fulfill their usefulness they are discarded. The problem comes from the fact these beautiful tops of the plants are full of seeds which if not properly disposed of start new colonies.



Purple Loosestrife

Invasive species, once established, are hard to eradicate mostly because when you handle them you help spread their seeds. Some of the most troublesome plants to be watchful for are Garlic Mustard, Purple Loosestrife, Common Reed, Japanese Knotweed, and Spotted Knapweed. Eurasian Water Milfoil is one of the more

bothersome water plants. It grows on all bottom surfaces, growing in large mats. These plants reduce the quality of fish spawning grounds and plug boat mo-



Eurasian Milfoil

tors. Boat trailers and motors are the main means of transport from lake to lake. This is why it is so important to clean your boat before moving onto a different water body.

UPPCO Line Improvements to the Basin:

Recently the Board was made aware that UPPCO is interested in making an investment in electrical power line improvements around the Basin. They are looking at the feasibility of building a new line across the Basin to tie together the overhead lines along North Camp Road and South Camp Road with those on North Basin Drive. This would increase electrical reliability around the Basin.

UPPCO is looking at both underground and overhead options, but soil (rock) conditions may dictate how the lines are installed. An easement would be needed from DRCI and/or land owners prior to any construction work for the new lines.

There are certainly many more moving parts to the conversations around this project, and at the moment all of the discussions involve the initial planning stages of the project.

E-mailing the Newsletter: Thank you to all who have sent us their email addresses. We now send out about 189 e-mails, reaching 158 different Shareholders and multiple Shareholders per share. That leaves 253 Shareholders that still receive the Newsletter via-mail. Our savings is significant. Send us your e-mail to add to the list. The e-mail list is for the exclusive use of DRCI to correspond with our Shareholders.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE:



Fish & Wildlife Committee Report – David Laitinen, Chairman, DRCI Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Well, here we are approaching a nice Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and hopefully another good year of fishing on the Basin. Not a lot of news to report since the last Newsletter so we will just review and mention upcoming thoughts and projects.

A. As you know, Earl Hawn (past Committee Chairman) sold his cabin last Fall. We will miss his leadership, expertise and accomplishments made while on the Committee. We wish Earl the best and hope to see him while fishing on the Basin. If you see Earl, give him a “thank you” for all his time and effort.

B. First project this Summer will be the minnow netting study in cooperation with the MDNR. This is tentatively planned for late June. There will be ten netting sites around the Basin and we'll have some results in the next Newsletter. Thanks to all the volunteers who manage the nets.

C. Now that the MDNR walleye stocking program is back to full strength, the Basin is back on the schedule for every even numbered years as before. As you recall, we went several years without any walleye plants due to the VHS virus present in the eggs. Now that this condition has been resolved, we received 7,000 fingerlings in 2014 and will get up to a maximum of 20,000 in 2016. This is constantly reviewed based on fish condition, growth rate, food forage conditions, etc. The minnow netting program, electro - shocking results and fishing reports from the people fishing helps us and the MDNR make these important

decisions. Thanks for all the reports and keep them coming.

D. We are still working on the importance of providing adequate fish habitat in the Basin. This is probably the most important thing in keeping our minnow and small fish population were it needs to be.

E. Work is also in progress on improving the pond area at the East access site. This is still being evaluated.

F. Last, but certainly not the least, we plan to have our " Kids Fishing And Fun Day" again on August 15. Hope to see everyone there.

Thanks again to our Shareholders and Board of Directors for your continued support. Also thanks to the MDNR staff and George Madison for their partnership and continued efforts in developing a long term plan for the Basin fishery for all to enjoy. Have a safe Summer and good luck fishing!

On pages 5 - 7 we have included a guide to assist in the identification of various fish you may find in the Hoist Basin while fishing.

Our Posted Reward Signs

REWARD BEING OFFERED: The Dead River Campers Inc., is offering an ongoing reward of \$1,000 for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any illegal activity on any camper's property on the Dead River Hoist Basin. If you have any information please contact the Michigan State Police at (906) 475-9922 or the Marquette County Sheriff's Department at (906) 225-8435.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

by Steve Gutierrez, Chairman

While Committee member travel schedules did not allow for a full quarterly meeting with our advisors at Wells Fargo, I did meet with the Wells Team briefly in early February to discuss three areas of importance.

A. Review that our first quarter 2015 portfolio results were tracking their benchmarks as anticipated.

B. Determine if anywhere in our portfolio we can improve on execution costs associated with certain products within our portfolio.

C. Review income streams we derive from our investments to ensure they are on track with forecasted needs.



While all areas are meeting expectations we agreed to review these items and more in greater depth with the full group at our June meeting.

Our goal of optimizing our risk adjusted returns within a very conservative portfolio remains front and center during what has been a somewhat uneventful environment during the January-March 2015 quarter.

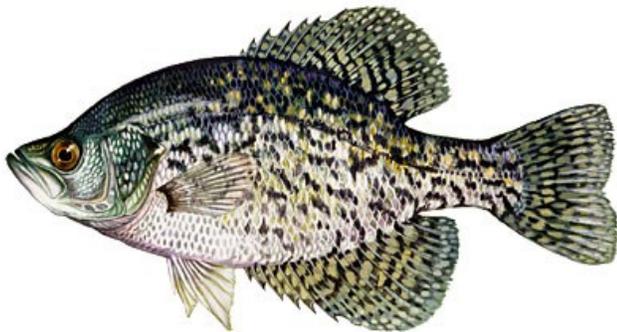
Committee Members: Steve Gutierrez, Chairman, Joe Ervin, Bill Stream, Denise Albrecht, Jim Grundstrom, Darryll Sundberg.

Dead River Campers, Inc.

Fish & Wildlife Committee

Hoist Basin Fish ID Assistant

The following guide is to assist in the identification of various fish you may find in the Hoist Basin while fishing.



Black Crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)

Identifying characteristics: Large dorsal and anal fins of almost identical shape and size. The sides are marked with black blotches which become more intense towards the back. The dorsal, anal, and caudal fins also are marked with rows of dark spots. Crappies have compressed bodies, small heads and arched backs. It has a large mouth with an upper jaw extending under the eye.

Fish & Wildlife Committee Note:

The MDNR planted about 500 mature Crappies in the early 90's and they didn't seem to take, but we have reports of one being caught now and again.

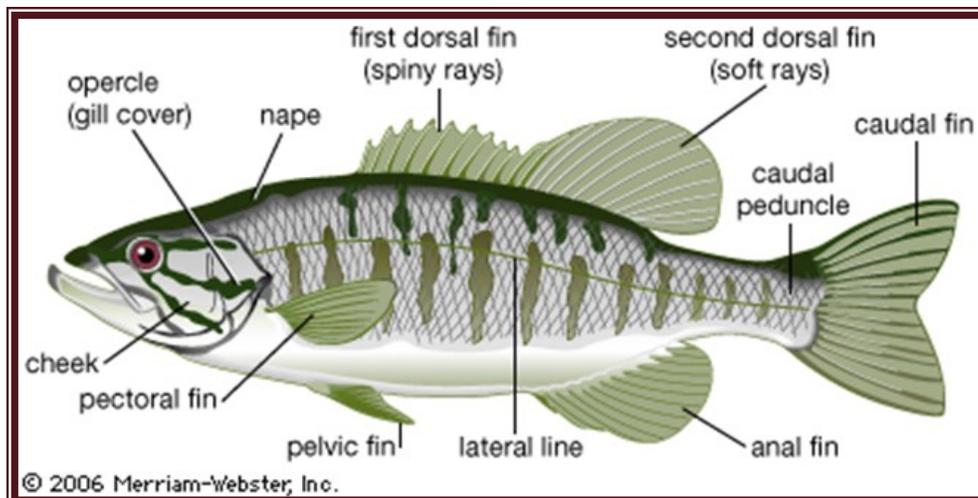


Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

Identifying characteristics: Two dorsal fins with spiny and soft-rayed portions united, small mouth, long pointed pectoral fins, faint black spot on soft-rayed part of dorsal fin separates the bluegill from other sunfish, which lack this dorsal coloration.

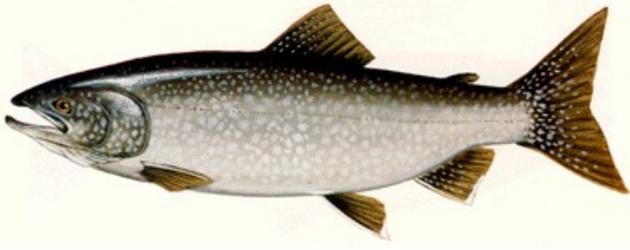
Fish & Wildlife Committee Note:

5,000 Bluegills were planted in 2013.



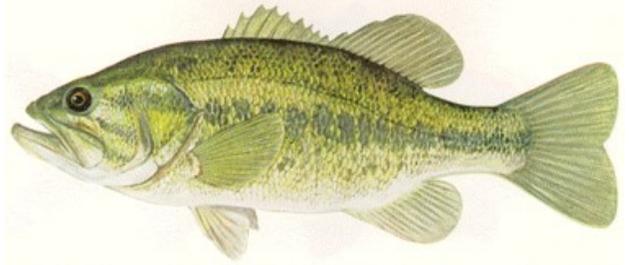
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EXTERNAL FEATURES OF A BONY FISH.



Lake Trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*)

Identifying characteristics: Two dorsal fins including one adipose fin, light spots on darker gray background, lower fins edged with white, tail forked, 11 rays in anal fin.



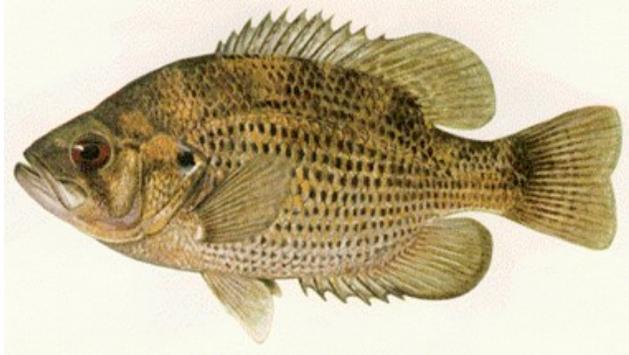
Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)

Identifying characteristics: Two dorsal fins with a deep notch between spinous and soft-rayed portions, body longer than deep, upper jaw extends beyond rear of eye, dark lateral streak.



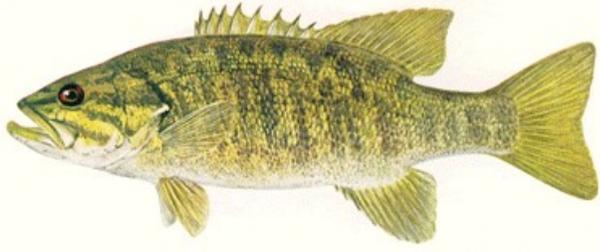
Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*)

Identifying characteristics: Single dorsal fin, light colored spots on darker body, upper half of gill cover and entire cheek has scales.



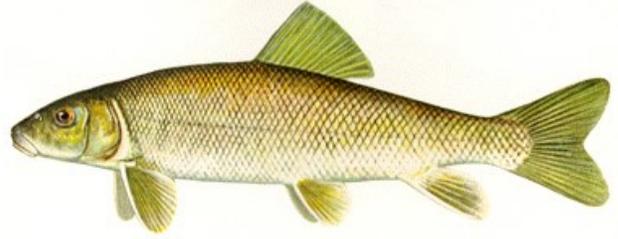
Rock Bass (*Ambloplites rupestris*)

Identifying characteristics: Two dorsal fins with spinous and soft-rayed portions united, large mouth, six anal spines, red eye, rows of dark dots on sides.



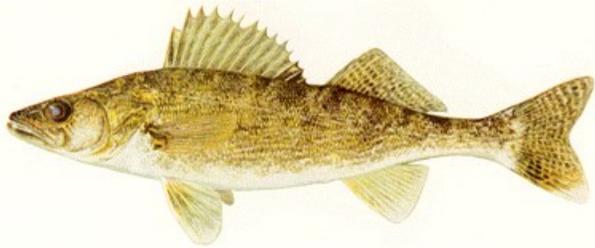
Smallmouth Bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*)

Identifying characteristics: Two dorsal fins with spinous and soft-rayed portions united, body longer than deep, upper jaw doesn't extend past eye, bronze streaks in cheek.



Sucker (*Catostomus catostomus*)

Identifying characteristics: Single dorsal fin, sucking mouth with no barbels, long cylindrical body. The white sucker has coarser scales, the long nose has fine scales, but visually, with only one in hand, they are difficult to distinguish.

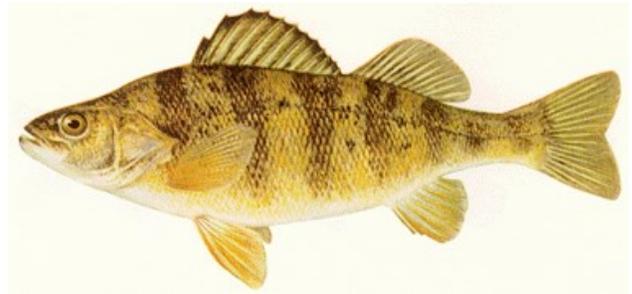


Walleye (*Sander vitreus*)

Identifying characteristics: Two dorsal fins separated into a spiny and a soft-rayed portion, cloudy eye, white tips on anal and lower caudal fins, canine teeth.

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Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*)

Identifying characteristics: Two dorsal fins separated into a spiny and soft-rayed portion, yellow sides, seven blackish bars on the sides, no canine teeth.



Northern Lights Photo by Clayton Johns at 1:00 AM on March 19, 2015

DRCI LOTS FOR SALE

| DRCI Lots For Sale | Location | # of Front Feet /Acre | List Price |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Parcel 1 | Clark Creek Ishpeming Twp | 300 Front Feet / 1.07 Acre | \$89,900 |
| Parcel 2 | Stickney Road Champion Twp | 200 Front Feet /3.18 Acre | \$89,900 |
| Parcel 3 | Barnhardt Drive Ishpeming Twp | 450 Front Feet / 3.6 Acres | \$198,000 |
| Parcel 4 | #9 Road, CR GGG Ishpeming Twp | 905 Front Feet / 12.19 Acres | \$225,000 |
| Parcels 5 & 6 | North Camp Road Ishpeming Twp | 218 Front Feet / 1.9 Acres | \$44,000 |
| Parcel 7 | South Camp Road Ishpeming Twp | 704 Front Feet / 2.8 Acres | \$169,000 |

The lots for sale can be viewed by visiting DRCI's website at www.deadrivercampersinc.com and following the menu to the link to Century 21 Prime Realty or direct to www.century21.com and the office of Century 21 Prime Realty. The list prices are based on current appraisals by Swanson, Mercier and Associates of Marquette, MI.

Late Addition to First Quarter Newsletter

The following email to the various Agencies dealing with the Silver and Hoist Basins and DRCI was received from UPPCO on May 4th outlining their plan to complete the FERC required bank remediation for seepage concerns at the Silver Lake Storage Basin (SLSB).

The DRCI Board did pass a motion in support of UPPCO's plans for the coming Summer season on the Basin. We also suggested that due to the unusual situation with the work at Silver Lake we support the year of 2015 not being included in the 3-year study if that would help get better data overall looking to the future.

From: Jarrod Nelson, Environmental Consultant
Upper Peninsula Power Company

Subject: UPPCO Silver Lake Storage Basin Planned Deviation

On April 15, 2015, UPPCO sent out the attached draft drawdown plan for Silver Lake Storage Basin (SLSB). The drawdown is necessary to complete the FERC-required bank remediation for seepage concerns.

The results of the 2015 Spring runoff period have lead UPPCO to pursue a request for comment on a planned deviation at SLSB and the Dead River Storage Basin (DRSB), in addition to the 2015 drawdown plan. Currently, UPPCO is still trying to determine the latest construction date possible to complete the work within the FERC-required timeline of the 2015 construction season. At this time, it is anticipated that SLSB will need to be lowered to 1476.0 feet no later than July 15th in order to complete the project within the required timeline.

UPPCO is trying to predict the SLSB flow releases required to reach 1476.0 feet for construction activities. During the lowering of the SLSB elevation, UPPCO also wants to maintain the integrity of the downstream ecosystem, and maintain the DRSB Elevation at or near the required targets. To accomplish this, UPPCO utilized the following data for SLSB: Current Basin elevation, area-capacity-curves, average monthly inflows during the construction season (May, June, July), as well as current elevation requirements outlined in the license.

The current data suggests that if monthly inflows for the months of May, June, and July remain at average levels, and if UPPCO continued to strive to meet the start of month target elevations of 1485.2 feet for June and July until the proposed drawdown start date of June 15, 2015, an approximate continuous

release of 140cfs from SLSB would be needed to meet the required construction elevation of 1476.0 feet within the timeline.

To avoid such high releases from Silver Lake during the start of the drawdown, the following is a proposed planned deviation that is necessary to ensure SLSB can be lowered to 1476.0 feet in an environmentally responsible manner.

Here is a complete list of the operation metrics UPPCO is proposing for the proposed planned deviation and the drawdown plan, the parameters of the drawdown plan are marked with an asterisk (*). The original drawdown plan and letter for comment are attached for your reference.

May 15 to June 15:

- Change the SLSB Start of Month Target Elevation for June from 1485.2 to 1479.0
- Change the SLSB Monthly Minimum Elevation for June from 1480.5 to 1479.0
- Keep the DRSB Start of Month Target Elevation for June Elevation at 1342.0

June 15 to July 15:

- Begin Drawing down the SLSB elevation from the level on June 15 to 1476.0 feet*
- Maintain minimum flow releases of 10cfs from SLSB even if the Silver Laker Reservoir Elevation continues to reduce in elevation
- Keep the DRSB Start of Month Target Elevation for July at 1342.0

July 15 to September 30:

- Maintain the SLSB elevation at or less than 1476.0* with the 10cfs minimum flow release.
- Maintain minimum flow releases of 10cfs from SLSB even if the SLSB continues to reduce in elevation
- Keep the DRSB Start of Month Target Elevation for August at 1342.0

September 30 to November 30:

- Maintain the SLSB elevation at or less than 1476.0* with the 10cfs minimum flow release
- Maintain minimum flow releases of 15cfs from SLSB even if the Silver Laker Reservoir Elevation continues to reduce in elevation
- Maintain the DRSB Start of Month Target Elevation for September and November at 1341.0



Spring Breakup — Photo by Jim Grundstrom



Spring is Here— Photo by Bruce Bussone

REMINDERS

Water Surface Elevation. If you are interested in the water surface elevation, log onto <http://www.wisconsinpublicservice.com/news/hydro/hydrodata.asp> or get to this same website via the DRCI website link for current information. We thank UPPCO for making this information available to us.

Tree Removal Issues. If you have trees to remove please fill out a cutting permit and send it in to DRCI or contact Bruce Bussone at 362-2325. In an effort to maintain some control on time limits, the Board has put a limit of 1 year from date of issue for tree cutting permits. Each Shareholder is responsible for any trees cut by contractors you have hired. You are reminded that tree cutting on common /CFR lands is prohibited.

Road Improvements. Shareholders are reminded to get permits from the Board for road improvements. This would include any changes to current roads as well as tree removals to widen access. Each Shareholder is responsible for roadwork done by any contractor you have hired. Be mindful that changes to a road easement, or adding a new road easement within a plat, must be done in compliance with the Michigan Land Division Act provisions for plat changes and DRCI Rules. See the web page for more information. This also applies to utility easements within a plat.

Bridges. DRCI committed to maintain two bridges in our original documents; they are located on North Basin Drive and Three Mile Road. Please report any bridge damage you observe to the Board immediately.

Stock Certificates. You are reminded to update your stock certificate ownership and addresses when something changes that

would change those certificates. This would include a death, divorce, move, etc. There is no charge to change the certificate and it can be done easily by sending the certificate to DRCI with a copy of the Recorded Deed for the change listing all the owners. Please let new camp owners know that they should submit a copy of their recorded deed and obtain a stock certificate upon purchase of their camp. Additionally, the corporate by-laws, Declaration, rules and regulations can be found at our webpage at www.deadrivercampersinc.com

Utility Easements: Please keep all utility easements such as overhead power-line areas clear of boats, trailers and other items so that UPPCO has clear access to the easement areas at all times. This is especially important during the Winter months when they may have to get in an easement area to repair power lines or transformers.

Zoning Violations. Shareholders should report perceived zoning violations to their respective townships. These violations would include multiple camps on single lots and excessive blight or junk. The townships can be contacted at; Ishpeming Township-485-5411, Negaunee Township-475-7869 and Champion Township-339-2920.

Renting of Shareholder Single Family Residences. DRCI Declaration Section 4.1 reads "Lots shall be used solely for the construction of one single-family residence and struc-

tures and outbuildings incidental to the use of it (including, without limitations, barns, stables and garages for private, and not public or commercial, use) and shall be limited in use to single-family residential purposes and incidental uses." This declaration prohibits the rental of any Shareholder single family residences on the Basin.

Use of Shoreline. As most shoreline is privately owned, when someone is in the need of bathroom facilities while out on the water please respect that you may be using one of our Shareholder's beachfronts to do so.

Submerged Hazards. When water levels are low please take extra caution to avoid submerged hazards while boating. We should all try to mark hazards as they are found, but safety is still up to the operator.

Reward The Board continues to offer a \$1,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any illegal activity on camper's property.

Maps: (Updated June, 2012) Maps of the Basin ownership by DRCI and each lot by Shareholder are now available. Each map includes Champion, Ishpeming and Negaunee Townships on a page and an index of Shareholders by plat and lot number or by parcel number for non-platted lots. Maps are 24 x 36 inches printed on quality paper in color. Order forms are available on the DRCI web page under Documents. Cost is \$35.

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