



UPPER SOUTH LONG LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Special points of interest:

- Letter from Association President
- LID article
- Spring meeting
- Membership
- Ospreys
- New Laws

“Nothing is more memorable than a smell. One scent can be unexpected, momentary and fleeting, yet conjuring up a childhood summer beside the lake...”

Diane Ackerman,
American Writer

A NOTE FROM THE LAKE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Greetings to the Upper South Long Lake community! The ice is off of the lake, the docks are going in and it looks like another wonderful summer season is just around the corner.

We are excited to be launching our Lake Improvement District (LID) this year and this will be our top priority. The USLL LID will be a separate legal entity that will work closely with the lake association in focusing on water and ecosystem quality programs.

The updated USLL Directory is ready to be distributed. Thanks to Beth Larson and Jack Rolfs for updating the information and redesigning the directory. The cover picture looks terrific. You will also note that there is advertising in the new directory so please patronize our local merchants and USLLIA supporters.

To learn more about the LID, and Water, Land and Recreational committee updates and to socialize with your neighbors, please join us at the Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 28, 10:00 AM at the Green Lantern.

We are always looking for volunteers to serve on our boards and committees so please consider volunteering your talents and energy.

Thanks for your ongoing lake stewardship and support.

Ron Trosvig – USLLIA President

P.S. Some of the recent USLLIA topics of concern were recently in the Star Tribune. They focus on the invasive species. You can read them online:

<http://www.startribune.com/sports/outdoors/blogs/113131829.html?cache=n&ucb=12945>

<http://blogs.twincities.com/outdoors/2011/01/we-hate-them-invasive-species.html>

http://www.startribune.com/opinion/commentary/113411249.html?elr=KArksc8P:Pc:Ug8P:Pc:UiD3aPc:_Yyc:aULPQL7PQLanchO7DiUr

Upper South Long Lake Lake Improvement District (LID) Update

By Bruce Dybvig, Vice President



Zebra Mussels

MEMBERSHIP!!

Membership in the USLLIA Is still important! It can do things that the LID cannot.

Such as:

- Respond to current Issues
- Print a directory
- Contact County Officials
- Maintain website
- Newsletters
- Education
- Relationships with other Gov't entities
- There is strength in Numbers!
- Manage everything that Is not in LID plan

The LID can only perform tasks which were outlined In the original proposal to the county. It cannot get involved in political matters.

Please pay your dues if you haven't already! The cost is only \$25.

Last year the Crow Wing County Commissioners approved the petitioned request for the creation of the Upper South Long Lake LID, and the initial by-laws that now govern this newly created entity. An interim

Board of Directors was appointed and included: Ron Trosvig, Dan Martonik, Mary Reetz, John Pietruszewski, Don Crust, Brad English and Bruce Dybvig. The primary focus of this interim Board is to comply with the governing by-laws of the LID until the first elected Board is established via election by the LID membership this summer.

As the name "Lake Improvement District" implies, the LID will have a primary focus of funding activities that support continuous lake quality improvement. This will include our ongoing 'battle' with aquatic invasive species, shoreline improvement efforts, educational programs etc.

One of the most important immediate duties of this interim Board is to seure nominees for the new Board of Directors which will be elected by our LID membership at it's first Membership Meeting to be held at the Green Lantern on Saturday, July 23, 10:00 –11:30 am central daylight time. If you are interested in being a board member, please contact one of the board members listed above with your interest, or by sending an email to usllial@gmail.com

BIGGER REALLY IS BETTER!!

(When it comes to lakeshore buffers anyhow!)

One of the most important improvements we can make to the lake is to stop the runoff by leaving a buffer zone between the lawn and the lake. The bigger the better!

Upper South Long Lake Improvement Association

Spring Meeting

Green Lantern

10:00 am– 11:30 am

Saturday, May 28,2011

Let's get the whole flock there!!

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)



One of the largest birds of prey in North America, the Osprey eats almost exclusively fish. It is one of the most widespread birds in the world, found on all continents except

While there is much variation, the female tends to have a streakier breast than the male. The Osprey's talons are uniquely adapted for catching and carrying fish: their surfaces are rough, and their toes can be held with three forward and one back, or with two forward and two back, an arrangement seen in owls but not in other diurnal raptors. The vast majority of the Osprey's diet is fish, typically 5-16 inches in size. Only occasionally, when fish aren't available, will the Osprey eat small mammals, birds, or reptiles. However, the Osprey is highly specialized for eating fish and does not stray from this diet unless necessary. When it catches a fish, the Osprey usually

Nesting

. Nests may be more than seven feet across and over five feet deep as they reuse and add sticks every year.. The female typically lays 3 eggs, although clutch sizes between 2 and 4 eggs are normal. Both members of the pair incubate the eggs for 38-43 days. After the young hatch, the female stays with them, and the male brings food. Once the young can be left alone, both parents provide food. The young do not fledge until they are 44-59 days old.

Name Derivation:

The scientific name comes from the mythical king of Athens, *Pandion*, whose daughters were turned into birds, and the Greek words *halos*, which refers to the sea, and *aetos*, meaning an eagle. The common name is from the Latin word *ossifragus*, meaning "a bone breaker." Ospreys have also been called Sea Hawks and Fish Hawks.

The DNR, non game dept, has been watching the osprey nests on the highlines. They are working with the power Company to maintain and hopefully add more nest sites.

FACT:

Unlike Bald Eagles, an Osprey can become completely submerged during its dive into the water and still be able to fly away with its prey. Bald Eagles are usually limited to plucking fish

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FACT:

1. A biologist who studies fish is called an ichthyologist.
2. The most poisonous fish in the world is the Stone fish.

NEW LAWS THAT WILL AFFECT YOU!!

As of July 1, 2010, the following regulations, apply to the transportation of water by boaters from all waters in the state (violations are misdemeanors):

- a person leaving waters of the state must drain boating-related equipment holding water and live wells and bilges by removing the drain plug before transporting the watercraft and associated equipment on public roads; and
- drain plugs, bailers, valves, or other devices used to control the draining of water from ballast tanks, bilges, and live wells must be removed or opened while transporting watercraft on a public



Crow Wing County Lakes and Rivers Alliance

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