

PCOLA Update 10/4/25

Thank you to all who attended the annual meeting on Sept 22nd, below are notes on topics discussed. There will not be a printed newsletter going out this year, this email will substitute for it. Please share with friends or neighbors who do not have email. Please use the signup sheet from last year's newsletter for sending in dues, or the image below.

Thank you,

Blake

Blake Pluemer

Phillips Chain O'Lakes Association

- We are applying for a Surface Water Analysis grant program with the WI DNR focused on gaining a better understanding of the impacts of storm water and spring melt runoff into the Chain. Excessive algae blooms and overall water quality degradation are the driving factors. The preliminary application has been filed and additional detail will be added in preparation for the Nov 15<sup>th</sup> submittal deadline. If approved PCOLA could receive up to \$10,000 in funding and be responsible for up to \$5000 in volunteer labor value or cash expenses based on the 2/3 state match.
- A big THANK YOU goes out to Debbie and Laddy Hlavacek for putting out, pulling in, maintaining, building replacements, and storing the hazard marker buoys.
- A big THANK YOU goes out to Virgil Pufahl for being the only person again this year to volunteer for Clean Boats/ Clean Waters program at the landing. Virgil put in 29 hours at the Elk Lake landing this summer, following 36 hours volunteered in 2024. If we receive the grant award mentioned above, next year's CB/CW hours will have direct \$ value to PCOLA as a part of the association's co-pay portion. This is a program that's quick to learn and allows flexible hours for those who wish to contribute.
- Musser Lake is implementing a winter long drawdown to address EWM growth. The results will be compared to Soo Lake's 2010-11 project and Minong Flowage's 2013-14 and potentially be used as a template for the Phillips

Chain. <https://minongflowage.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/2021-Drawdown/09-04-2021FAQ-Winter-Drawdown.pdf>

- Phillips Chain normal winter 8" drawdown will be earlier this year based on DNR requirement to provide more time for amphibians to properly locate for winter.
- There is some interest in adding deep water habitat structures (fish cribs) in the Chain if the DNR will approve it. If not, we may have people interested in adding shoreline habitat (tree drops/Fish Sticks). Please reply if you're interested in assisting with either project, or want to add shoreline structure on your waterfront.

**Phillips Chain O'Lakes Assoc. Membership**

Membership Type: Family \$25 Business \$50

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