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MORE CROW WING COUNTY LAKES FREE OF ZEBRA MUSSELS

Crow Wing County has released additional test results confirming another seven area lakes remain free from Zebra mussels. Lab analysis revealed that no microscopic zebra mussel offspring, known as ‘veligers,’ were detected in Roosevelt, Serpent, Lougee, Borden, Clark, Little Hubert, and Little Pelican lakes during recent testing. This brings the total number of lakes tested to 37. No veligers were detected in any of the lakes tested.

“Compared to recent infestations in previous years, these results are welcome news,” said Mark Liedl, Land Services Director. “In Crow Wing County, we have a great partnership of boaters, lake service providers, resorts, and homeowners working together to help prevent the spread of invasive species by inspecting and cleaning their watercraft and equipment as well as spreading the message of Aquatic Invasive Species prevention. Everyone doing their part is the only way we can hope to combat this problem.”

As part of this cooperative effort, the Crow Wing County Land Services Department wants to remind homeowners to be on the lookout for zebra mussels as they remove their boats and docks for the season. Hard surfaces are prime candidates for zebra mussels to reside. State law prohibits moving docks, lifts and swimming rafts from one lake to another without 21 days to dry

Boaters from invested waters also are encouraged to utilize the County’s Decontamination Station in Crosslake, which will destroy any live zebra mussels that may be onboard. The decon station, which is located ½ mile south of the dam at the Crosslake Joint Highway Maintenance Facility off of Highway 3, will remain open daily through September 13 and every Friday through Sunday after that.

Information about county AIS prevention efforts, including a complete list of lakes tested, interactive maps to search for the status of area lakes, and a map showing the location of the County’s AIS decontamination station in Crosslake can be found on the web by visiting www.crowwing.us, and searching for “AIS.”

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County’s extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services Office at (218) 824-1125 or environmental.services@crowwing.us to discuss AIS or other land use related activities.

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