

DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS

1ST QUARTER 2011

ISSUED APRIL 2011

ISSUES OF INTEREST

Board Activities: The board had meetings last quarter on January 10, February 9, March 3 and March 22. The Board also met with UPPCO on February 11.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at the Westwood High School Auditorium in West Ishpeming with the doors being open at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting starting at 9:00 a.m.

There are two positions open on the Board of Directors this year. Shareholders interested may submit a nomination for another shareholder or themselves, 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 May 9, 2011.

Resolutions – Any DRCI shareholder wishing to submit a resolution must also do so in writing by May 9, 2011. Please send written 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

Northern
Pike

42 Inches

24lb-14oz

22 in girth

Caught on
the Basin
this winter.



Fireworks: The board is making arrangements with one of our shareholders, who is licensed to do fire-

works shows, to do a show on the Basin on Saturday July 2nd. Our back up date if we have inclement weather on Saturday is Sunday July 3rd. The fireworks will be set off from the North shore of the Basin across from the "fingers" on DRCI property.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

No April Fooling: It was 2 above on our deck on March the 27th. Spring has definitely not “Sprung”. But the skies are Blue and the Lake is frozen to the point that snowmobiling and four wheeling are pretty amazing. I am not a betting person but from what I am hearing there is at least two feet of solid ice out there. Two weeks ago in the narrows there was a full size four wheel drive pickup out there driving around on the ice. That person is a bold person no matter how thick the ice is.

We have been in contact with UPPCO and continued our quarterly conversations about our interactions. The Board was updated on Silver Lake, (which is not making any move in water elevation change yet) and McClure (which is fully returned to generating capacity). For those that are watching, the refill plan for Silver Lake includes a 7 foot rise to 1476 and then a 30 day hold. That holding period will allow the Dam to be monitored and then the refilling process will continue with whatever water continues to be available. The Hoist elevation is at 1336.6 at the moment and generation is taking place at 103 cfs which matches the generation at McClure. Our next quarterly noon meeting is scheduled for May the 13th. (Friday the 13th)

Our winter so far was once again a lower than normal snowfall year, and in the same breath there is still, as of a map redrawing on 3/28, between 12 to 14 inches of snow water equivalent moisture to the north and west of the Silver Lake and Hoist Basin in the water shed. That kind of snow water equivalent has the potential to create a Basin elevation change of up to 9 feet. We all know that would be dramatic. In that extreme situation 1336 could become 1345. We all know that low water elevations and also high water elevations are neither a good thing. As recently as today (3/30/2011) we wrote UPPCO and asked for an update to the thinking and plans they have for the Hoist 1341 elevation bench mark.

Our mutual 397 member goal is to enjoy 1341 water elevation from June to Labor Day. We will continue the conversations at every opportunity that becomes available or needs to be created so the message is not forgotten with all the stakeholder Agencies.

Spring is around the corner, please keep the faith. It will arrive. — Jim

Wireless Internet Update: Iron Bay.Net has the set of maps that they need to begin the design process for a possible system for the Hoist Basin Reservoir. It certainly sounds promising after talking with them and seeing their excitement. Dave Savolainen Sr. will be coming home in April and as we originally talked was planning on attending a Board Meeting towards the end of the month to talk with

the Board about plans and possible concerns.



There is certainly building interest, and as we pass through the community many more Basin Residents have also expressed interest in the possible system. It goes something like this, “I forgot to tell you that we were interested in the wireless system, can I still tell you”? You bet! The more the merrier when it comes

to possible customers for the system builder.

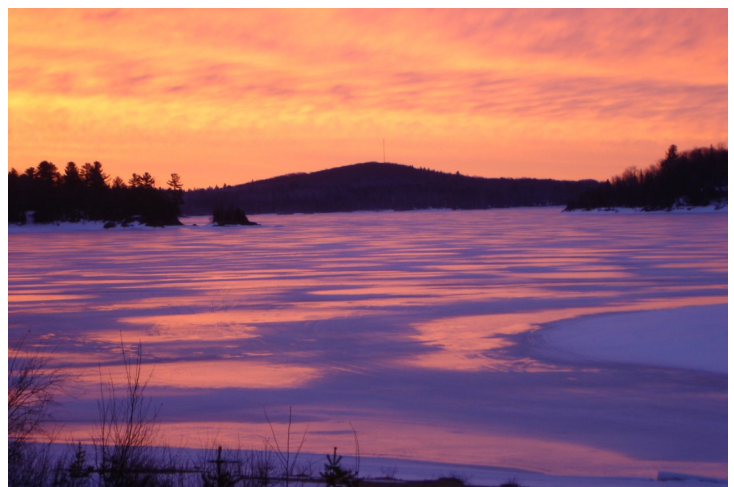
Thanks for your interest and your patience.— Jim

Our Eagle population concerns: It has come to the attention of many around the Basin that individuals are encroaching on our treasured Eagles. Literally, “Why in the heavens name would anyone want to do that”? One of the charms of the Basin is the picturesque beauty of the place and the birds and animals that come with it. Very politely, please consider a distance from the shore with your boat. Please no hiking at or near the Eagle Tree. And certainly please no logging or shoreline wood cutting of any kind.

There are people unfortunately doing all of the above. I can only hope that they are visitors that do not know any better. Please be polite when encountering individuals that are in the Eagles Space, and ask them to stop what they are doing, leave the area, and treasure the Eagles like we all do.

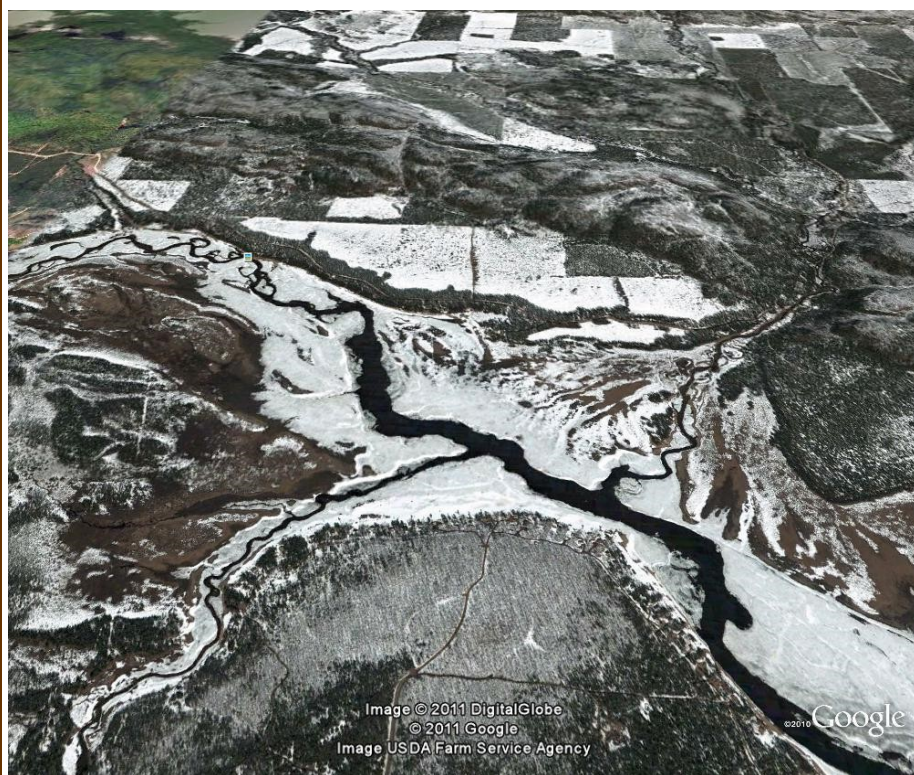
Thanks very much for your attention and concern,

The Board of Directors



April 3rd — Sunrise on the Basin—Turtle Island in left center.

Camp Cooking Basin Style:
Cookbooks which are comprised of recipes submitted by our neighbors around the Dead River are available by contacting Debbie Bussone at debbiebussone@yahoo.com or mail check to 397 South Camp Rd. The cost of each book is \$6.00 plus mailing.



April 2005—Spring Break Up on the Hoist Basin. The Barnhardt is on the South and the Clark (a.k.a. Boise) is to the North.

50 Years ago ... or so:

1952

Long Reports Hoist Basin Fishing Data

ISHPEMING, April 18 — Fishermen in the Hoist Basin last year caught an average of two and one-half fish an hour, members of the Dead River Sports and Camping association learned at their meeting this week.

Reporting on the creel "census" conducted in that area last year by the conservation department and the DRSCA was Clifford Long, Escanaba, district fisheries supervisor.

Long said that since the creel "census" was the first taken on the basin, its results must be bolstered by future census undertakings.

The census did reveal, he said, that fishermen spent about 2,230 hours angling in the basin waters and landed approximately 6,329 fish.

The total catch, however, includes suckers and bullheads, which numbered about 4,100. He said the success ratio of game species of fish (this includes rainbows, browns, brooks, bass, sunfish, bluegills and perch), was one and one-third an hour.

It was pointed out that most of the perch were stunted and undesirable as pan fish.

Long also said someone will be employed 40 hours a week this year to help with the census.

DRSCA President Robert Markert said details of the association's 1952 fishing contest will be made known before the opening of the regular trout season.

The meeting was closed with the serving of lunch after committee chairmen had given their reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISH COMMITTEE

Greetings to all from your fish and wildlife committee. After another long winter, it's great to see spring coming, the wildlife returning, green grass showing up and to many of us the start of another fishing adventure on the basin. We are so very fortunate to have such a great body of water to enjoy. The D.N.R., your committee and board of directors continue to take every opportunity we can to improve the fishery. Sometimes it's not an easy task. As you know, walleye have been hard to get since the V.H.S. virus issue. This has been solved and the D.N.R. is now rearing walleye again. It's unlikely we'll get any this year, but next year we're anticipating a walleye plant. That doesn't mean there is no walleye out there, our natural reproduction in the basin seems to be good so the walleye fisherman shouldn't be discouraged. We did receive a brook trout plant of 14,000 in Oct. which was good news. We may see more trout this yr? We are looking forward to meeting with the D.N.R. in May at one of their workshop meetings and we'll update everyone at the annual meeting and the next newsletter. We hope to bring you some good news.

We would like to thank everyone for the great response to our survey. We had nearly one hundred responses to evaluate. If you see Tom polkinghorne and Earl Hawn, a big thanks is in order for reviewing and organizing the

results so we can get the details to you in report form by the annual meeting in July. Thanks to Darryll Sundberg for collecting all the forms and getting them to Earl and Tom. The responses certainly help us make some decisions and which way to proceed -- Thanks again.

As of now, there will be no minnow plant this year. We anticipate a netting by the D.N.R. early in 2012 to determine what small fish population exists since the flood. This should tell us if our past minnow plants have resulted in good reproduction.

We are still working on a " Kids Day" fishing event. This is something we really want to get started and we just need to work out a few more details to make it a really fun event -- more to come.

As usual, thanks for your continued support. Without it, we wouldn't be able to do much more than just exist. Let's all keep trying to make the basin as enjoyable as possible -- including fishing.

Committee members: Gordy Chinn, Brendan Biolo, Earl Hawn, Buffy Ervin, Tom Polkinghorne, Dave Laitinen.
Board Liaison: Bruce Turino

COMMON LANDS COMMITTEE

The Lake Superior Tree Farm will be planting red pine on our recent cuttings by the "totem pole" and replanting the area north of the Red Road. The Red Road area will be replanted because weather conditions did not facilitate proper generation of the seedlings. The fall and winter cutting plan will be a completion of the "finger area" cutting from 2 years ago. A small area was not completed

because of snow conditions. Other areas slated for cutting will be considered by the committee and reported in a later report.

The Common Lands Committee needs your help. If anyone would be interested in being on this committee we have an opening. Please contact the board in writing to be considered.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The DRCI Finance Committee met on January 13th. Our investment advisors from Wells Fargo Private Client Services were present during a portion of the meeting.

The Committee reviewed the DRCI Investment Portfolio investment results focusing on both the last qtr of 2010 as well as the entire year of 2010 investment results. The review included a comparison of our portfolio results against industry recognized benchmark data. A recommendation to include REIT's, Real Estate Investment Trust's, into our overall investment portfolio was approved. The Committee continues to be satisfied with the Wells Fargo advisory services.

The Committee reviewed the DRCI overall financial status including the budget for projected revenues and their

sources and DRCI Corporation expense projections for the upcoming year. There was additional discussion associated with possible Capital Improvement projects for the Basin and their projected financial needs. The Committee concluded the following:

- There are sufficient financial resources to support the ongoing operation of DRCI and to consider some additional Basin Improvement expenditures as determined by the DRCI Board.
- The DRCI Treasurer will reduce the amount of the cash balance held in checking in order to transfer more cash into our investment portfolio and thus increase earning assets.

The DRCI Finance Committee plans to meet again in April 2011.

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 485-5901 or 362-3226. 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 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.

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. Your ballot must be signed by all owners for it to be valid. There is no charge to change the certificate and it can be done easily by sending the certificate to DRCI with supporting documents for the change. Please let new shareholders know that they should submit a copy

of their deed and obtain a stock certificate upon purchase of their camp. Additionally, the corporate bylaws, declarations, 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 structures 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 shareholders beachfronts to do so.

Submerged Hazards. With the water level starting the year off so low take extra caution to avoid submerged hazards while boating this summer. 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: 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.

DRCA: The annual meeting of the Dead River Camper's Association will be on April 16, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church Hall. For further information contact Linda Bode, Treasurer, at grey-wolf@miuplink.com

