



Namakagon Lake Association

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Dear Neighbor,

We would like to invite you to become a member of the Namakagon Lake Association

The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. (NLA) was formed in 1995 for the purpose of preserving and protecting Lake Namakagon and its environs. The NLA is a not-for-profit organization that relies on the contributions and membership fees of landowners and other concerned citizens for its funding. It is our goal to preserve and protect Lake Namakagon as an environmentally healthy watershed, by sponsoring educational programs, adopting a proactive role in the formulation of water and shore land regulations, and responsible use of this unique and irreplaceable resource for all citizens.

The NLA currently has two major focuses to keep our lake healthy and a recreational resource for all: The Lake Namakagon Walleye Initiative, and the Invasive Species Project. We are a member-run organization. We meet once a month from March to September (member attendance at our monthly meetings is welcome but not required). Individual memberships are \$20/year, and a Family membership is \$25/year. We would like to invite you to join us, meet fellow lake dwellers, and have your voice heard.

Walleye Initiative

In late 2017 the GLIFWC Fishery data showed a significant decline in Namakagon Lake Walleye numbers, to 2.3 per acre. The Walleye Initiative was born as a joint venture between the NLA, The DNR, the Red Cliff Tribe, and the Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility (NADF). The Initiative was multi-pronged: to improve the environment in and around the lake for walleye, and to stock extended length (6"-8") fish.

With the help of the DNR and Red Cliff Tribe members, the NLA has collected walleye eggs and milt from Namakagon walleye to hatch, raise fry to fingerlings and then to extended length (6-8") at NADF ponds outside Bayfield. Since 2018, 34,000 walleye have been stocked in the lake. Two liters of walleye eggs were collected this spring to be raised and released.

The NLA has also been active in installing Fish Sticks. They create great biomass, food for fish, and hiding spots for a variety of fish. Additionally, woody structures retain sight feeders in the shallows, allowing young walleyes time to develop and move to deeper weed lines.

The adult walleye population in the lake is trending up and has increased 87% since 2017, and are now at 4.3 per acre. With your help, we hope to continue the trend! Please Join the NLA today.



Invasive Species

Hybrid Watermilfoil is an invasive seaweed. It was first discovered in Lake Namakagon in 2016. Left unchecked, extensive milfoil growth on lakes can quickly make the lake unusable for recreational water activities, alter aquatic ecosystems, and reduce property values around the lake. In 2022 the NLA funded its largest effort yet to treat and control the invasive Hybrid Watermilfoil. Thirty-one beds in 11 areas of the lake were treated. After testing different DNR approved chemicals in 2021, 2, 4-D and ProcellaCor were used to treat approximately 32 acres of Hybrid Watermilfoil. The cost to treat these areas, including monitoring, testing, permits, and consultants, came to nearly \$100,000. \$75,000 of this was covered by a 3-year State of Wisconsin Surface Water grant. The remainder of the cost was covered by volunteer inspections worth approximately \$8,000 and NLA funds of \$17,000. The report from post treatment monitoring showed a 100% hybrid milfoil elimination in the beds treated! Fighting to control Hybrid milfoil and other detrimental invasive species is an ongoing battle. Please help us by becoming a member of the NLA.



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Namakagon Lake Association Membership Form

Membership is also available online at: www.namakagonlakeassociation.org

Individual Membership - \$20 \$ _____ Name: _____

Family Membership - \$25 \$ _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Donations

General Fund \$ _____

Walleye and Habitat Fund \$ _____

Invasive Weed Control Fund \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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