

Invasive Species Seminars for Brainerd Lakes Professionals

Thursday, April 2 @ 3:00-5:00pm
Tuesday, April 7 @ 6:30-8:30pm

Grace Methodist Church
(south of Pequot Lakes, Hwy.371)

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PLPOA is once again sponsoring invasive species sensitivity seminars for the Brainerd Lakes area lake professionals. Professionals such as dock/lift installers, boat storage and haulers, fishing guides, shoreline landscapers plus others that perform services in our area lakes are important participants in our fight to prevent the spread of non-natives into our lakes.

In 2008, only 25 lake area professionals attended these training seminars! To find out who attended last year, check out our last newsletter or go to our website.

Contact your professional today and ask them to attend this training!

The list of those invited are located on our website. Email your providers name and address to darclyde@tds.net.



Please Help Protect the Pelican Lakes!



Image from natureserve.org 2007

Crow Wing County has more Zebra Mussel infested lakes than any other county in the state of Minnesota. The Zebra Mussel populations in these invested waters have exploded over the past year so that the threat of spreading Zebra Mussels to additional Crow Wing County Lakes is now extremely high.

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[www.pelicanlakes-poa.org](http://www.pelicanlakes-poa.org)

## What else is PLPOA doing to protect our lakes?

In 2008, PLPOA received a DNR grant for watercraft inspections. The DNR worked 523 hours and conducted 795 inspections at 4 of 6 landings. The results below highlight the importance of monitoring boats entering our lakes.

~ 11.4% had attached vegetation

~ 4.7% came directly from a body of water known to be infested with zebra mussels (Ossawinnamakee, Mille Lacs, Mississippi River)

~ Another 3% were considered high risk as they traveled from a different state with lakes with zebra mussels

~ 59 of those questioned never heard of zebra mussels!

***The DNR has just announced that PLPOA has been awarded a new grant providing matching funds to allow us to continue the watercraft inspection program in 2009!***

## PLPOA Annual Meeting

(note date correction)

Saturday, July 18, 2009

10:30am—11:30am

**Elks Camp**

(Located on the east side of Pelican Lake off CSAH 118)