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Jane Malischke

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
810 W Maple Street
Spooner, Wisconsin 54801

Dear Ms. Malischke,

The Town of Barnes Clean Boats-Clean Waters program for 2008 has now been successfully completed. Enclosed with this letter you will find the following items:

1. Grant payment request
2. Project summary hours including volunteers' value and town expenses
3. All financial records

The Town began the 2008 program year with a training session for volunteers and staff. A light luncheon was provided by an anonymous donor for this session. It was very well attended and all totaled we had 63 volunteers registered in our program this year.

The paid staff consisted of three landing monitors and one project coordinator. The three landing monitors were assigned to the busiest landings which were the Upper, Middle and Lower Eau Claire Lake landings. Their work year began on the fishing opener weekend of May 4th. They continued to work all weekends, Holidays, and the full week of July 4th up through Labor Day weekend. A number of their hours were filled in by the volunteers on weekends and during the week of July 4th. The volunteers were also assigned to a number of the smaller land-locked lakes on the busiest of weekends.

Project Coordinator, Jack Conklin, determined the weekly schedule for the staff and volunteers. He also monitored their performance, collected their daily records, maintained their supplies, provided training when needed and sometimes monitored a landing when necessary. He also regularly visited the boat ramps which gives access to 25 lakes as described, in this project area of Bayfield and Douglas Counties. Jack did a variety of other administrative work. He and the Town Clerk-Treasurer, Elaine Brustad, managed all payroll records and the payment of bills.

The Town's Eurasian Water Milfoil Committee met the third Monday of each month. The Project Coordinator gave his up-to-date report at these meetings. The Committee and Project Coordinator always supported each other as needed. One member of the Eurasian Water Milfoil Committee, Gerald Gustafson, continues to work very closely with the Project Coordinator and the State DNR to make sure all records are recorded accurately.

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The success of this project can be summarized with a few statistics, they are: 3,377 boats and trailers were inspected, 7729 persons were contacted, and 496 volunteer hours were provided. Our final project for the CBCW program year was to provide landing monitors at the Eau Claire Lakes during the recent Muskie Tournament. This feat was accomplished totally with volunteers.

The Town's EWM Committee has also been involved with a second very important project this year. This is the EWM Research Project on Tomahawk and Sand Bar Lakes. This project is a serious scientific effort which we believe will have a positive impact on the future success of managing the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil. This is a cooperative venture which includes leadership from the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Town of Barnes.

The EWM Committee has been very involved in this project. Our efforts have included:

- Communication with the lake property owners to make them aware of the date for treatment in their lake
- Taking necessary water chemistry samples for the Corps after the treatment process
- Installing a temporary fence on the sand bar separately the two lakes
- Posting signs which encouraged slow-no-wake behavior on Tomahawk Lake
- Placing two buoys on Tomahawk Lake reminding boaters that a research project is occurring on the lake
- Assisting the DNR staff person with collecting well water samples from eight property owners on both lakes
- Organizing the necessary arrangement for the Corps and DNR to use a private boat landing on Sand Bar Lake
- Sending out additional written communication about the progress of the research project to the property owners
- Posting information about the research project on the Town of Barnes Web site

If I can be of any further assistance in summarizing this program, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Ingemar Ekstrom

Eurasian Water Milfoil Committee Chairperson
Town of Barnes