

**From: Plymouth DNR Service Center
"The Woodchucks"**



**To: Sheboygan County Conservation Association
January 20, 2010**

From the Front Line: Cheryl & Bob

- **SERVICE CENTER HOURS ARE CHANGED** - The Plymouth Service Center is now open to the public only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00am-12:30pm & 1:30-4:00pm. The DNR customer service telephone line will still be available seven days a week, 7am to 10pm, at 1-888-WDNR INFO (936-7463).
- **Leftover Turkey Permits** will be available over the counter at DNR Service Centers, all license vendors, online, and on the toll-free license phone number at 1-877-945-4236. Zone 1 – Available Monday, March 22. Zone 2 – Available Tuesday, March 23. Zone 3 – Available Wednesday, March 24. Zone 4 – Available Thursday, March 25. Zones 5&6 Available Friday, March 26. No extra permits for Zone 7. Saturday, March 27, any leftover permits for all zones will be available. For more information on the number of permits for each time period go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cs/springturkey/>
- **2010 Licenses** will go on sale Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Your 2009 license will expire March 31, 2010.

From Fisheries Management: Sue

- The exams are being graded at this time related to applicants for the Fish Biologist position at Plymouth. We are cautiously optimistic we will be able to fill this position in the near future.

From Law Enforcement: Joe, Mark, & Mike

- **Ice Shanty Removal Deadlines.**
 - ◆ **March 07 – Inland waters south of HWY 64** (*The 1st Sunday following March 01*).
 - ◆ **March 14 – Lake Michigan & inland waters north of HWY 64** (*The 1st Sunday following March 12*).The ice conditions are fairly stable on local lakes, for the time being, & range up to ~17". The recent storm has dumped ~10" of snow on the ice. Vehicle, ATV, & snowmobile traffic on all local lakes. We've reached the "hump" in winter temperatures. Normal daily highs will be above freezing by the end of the month. Ice conditions will start to change. Watch for pockets of slush & thinning ice, especially around those dark colored shanties. Be cautious about waiting until the deadline, to remove your shanty. Stream travel remains hazardous, with open water on most local streams.
- **The "General Inland Waters" fishing season closes March 07.** Anglers are restricted to chasing panfish, except for the waters designated in the "*Special Regulations – Listed by County*" section.
- **Sheboygan Marsh – Hunters CT Right-of-way Boat Storage.** Have been contending with boats & canoes left on the North Ditch bank, year round, for many years. The site was posted during the 2008 Gun Deer season. The site was inspected in early February, & ended up seizing 2 canoes. Everything else had been removed by the January 10th deadline.
- **Sheboygan Marsh – Property inspection & cleanup.** LE & Wildlife MGT have been conducting the annual winter inspection of a portion of the CO property. Doing a bunch of plotting using GPS equipment & computer software. Assisted by the CO Planning Department & Wildlife MGT staff, to verify the location of survey culverts & property boundaries. Dealing with a variety of encroachment issues which includes trail clearing, treestands, & other permanent structures.

- ◆ North Ditch - Several downed trees have been cleared from the channel. 1 abandoned boat has been removed & over a dozen treestands have been seized.
- ◆ Vicks Ditch – Well over a dozen treestands have been located on the CO property. Dealing with an allegation of a survey culvert being moved which impacts a CO Marsh boundary line. Appears will need the CO Highway Department Surveyor to verify the correct location of this survey culvert.

From Wildlife: Dale, Missy, Dan, Ed, & Steve

- The annual **Deer Herd Status Meeting** for our area covering Deer Management Units 68B, 69, 69C, 77C, 77D, 77E, and 77M is scheduled for Monday, March 15th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at the Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center, N2875 Highway 67, Campbellsport (just west of Dundee on State Highway 67). The public will have the opportunity to meet with DNR Wildlife Management staff to discuss the status of local deer populations. DNR Wildlife Biologists will present harvest results from the 2009 deer season, give updates on the current status of the herd, and discuss proposed season recommendations for the 2010 deer seasons for those units. If you cannot attend, or if you have any questions prior to the meeting, you can contact Wildlife Biologists Dale Katsma (920-892-8756 ext. 3013) or Dan Weidert (920-892-8756 ext. 3040) at the Plymouth DNR office or Tom Isaac at the Pike Lake DNR office (262-670-3409).

DNR Monitoring of winter mortality of deer continues statewide this year. Checking the nutritional condition of deer carcasses for residual body fat content is an important tool to use to determine the condition of the deer herd as the stresses of winter continue. If anyone finds recently dead deer carcasses during these late winter months they should contact one of the DNR Wildlife or Law Enforcement staff at the Plymouth DNR office at (920) 892-8756