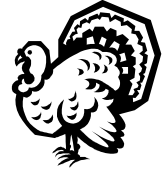


**From: Plymouth DNR Service Center
"The Woodchucks"**



**To: Sheboygan County Conservation Association
March 17, 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 Sales** are in full swing. Bobcat applications have increased to \$6. The extra \$3 is for bobcat research and was included in the budget bill.

From Fisheries Management: Sue

Interviews are being set up 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

- **Boating – Safety equipment.** Remember to check your boats for safety equipment before heading out on the water. You can schedule a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel inspection or perform your own safety check on-line at: <http://www.safetyseal.net/>
- **Boating Regulation Pamphlet 2010.** The pamphlet has been revised, & is ~40 pages. The new format includes a lot of color pictures & diagrams, on every page. Believe you will find this pamphlet a bit more user friendly, & able to reach out to people that more inclined to "visual communicators".
- **New Boating Law:** All boats must be slow no wake within 100 feet of shore. This is in addition to the standard SNW within 100' of a pier, swim raft, or buoyed restricted area law and does not change the SNW within 200' of shore for personal watercraft rule.
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- **Invasive species.** Page 14 of the new "2010 Boating Regulations" pamphlet & Page 16 of the "2010 Fishing Regulations 2010-2011" pamphlet, provides information on preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Take a look at these sections, as there are Law revisions effective this year. **"Help stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!"**

- **Sheboygan Marsh – Property inspection & cleanup.** LE & Wildlife MGT have been conducting the annual winter inspection of a portion of the CO property. CO Highway Department Engineer assisted with verifying correct location of a property boundary. 2010 seizure summary to date:
 - ◆ 2 canoes & 1 boat.
 - ◆ ~25 treestands.
 - ◆ ~10 homemade stands have been dismantled.
 - ◆ 2 Duck blinds scheduled for removal, after ice out.

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 was held on Monday, March 15th at the Ice Age Visitor Center (just west of Dundee). Eighty-three (83) people attended the meeting. Topics covered included: the redesign of the deer registration stub and online survey information (weather conditions, # deer seen per hour, etc.), a summary of the “Investing in Wisconsin’s Whitetails” publication (which outlines ongoing and proposed research on buck mortality, fawn predation, sustainable goals, hunter retention, vehicle collisions, and aerial surveys), proposed deer management goals, summary of statewide harvests from 1960 to present, season structures, recent and 2009 harvest totals, and proposed 2010 season framework. Check out the DNR “[Deer Hunting in Wisconsin](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/deer/)” webpage at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/deer/> for more information.

Here’s one more reminder to report any recently dead deer carcasses during these late winter months for our statewide monitoring efforts of winter deer mortality. 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.