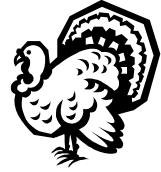


**From: Plymouth DNR Service Center  
"The Woodchucks"**



**To: Sheboygan County Conservation Association  
June 16, 2010**

**From the Front Line: Cheryl**

- **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).

➤ Some ATVs will be expiring June 30, 2010. Renewals are in the mail and customers will be receiving them this week. ATVs can be renewed at any DNR Service Center, mailed, or done online at [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov).

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**From Fisheries Management: Sue**

Fisheries staff will be doing a mussel survey on a portion of the Onion River on June 21 as part of our permitting process for trout habitat improvement work.

**From Law Enforcement: Joe, Mark, & Mike**

Recruit Warden Matt Groppi has been assigned to the Port Washington station in Ozaukee County. He is a welcome addition to the Sheboygan Ozaukee Washington County warden team! Matt is originally from Milwaukee and will be starting in his new station on the first of July.

***NEW! Anonymously Text a TIP to  
the Wisconsin DNR Violation Hotline***

**Here's how you do it:**

- 1) Start a text message on your phone. On the first line of the message type in TIPWDNR. Then add a space and type in the tip information. *Here's an example: TIPWDNR illegal fish snagger on 4th st @ main in Madison right now.*
- 2) Then, from the phone's menu, select SEND TO: and type in 847411, and press send.

**It's just that EASY!**

***For emergencies or between the hours of 10pm-7am call 800-847-9367 before sending a text for the quickest response!***

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

- Black bear sightings are up in the southern part of the state this spring. Within the past month there have been increasing reports of bears as they move down from northern to southern Wisconsin. Most of these bears are approximately 2-year-old dispersing males that are coming from occupied territories in the north. Unfortunately, as they move farther and farther south, there is less suitable habitat for them and more obstacles for them to overcome (i.e., more roads, more houses, more people, more bird-feeders, etc.). In the long-run, some of these bears may find suitable areas to exist in southern Wisconsin. However, many will wander around until they can find their way north again or end up road-killed, euthanized, or trans-located. As bear populations fluctuate up or down in the north throughout the years, we're sure to see more or less bear in southern Wisconsin.
- The bear that was darted and removed from within Port Washington on June 5<sup>th</sup> appears to be the same bear that was sighted near Omro, Navarino, Lamartine, and Brownsville just before Memorial Day weekend. Then it moved to the Kewaskum and Random Lake areas during that weekend. After that, it moved on to Cedar Grove, Sheboygan Falls, and South Sheboygan during the week; and eventually south along the Lake Michigan shoreline to Port Washington. That bear was treed in a residential neighborhood near an on-going city festival and City Police asked the DNR for assistance in removing it. With help from Port Washington Police and Fire Fighters, the bear was darted and removed by DNR staff (Wildlife Biologists Dale Katsma and Tom Isaac, and Conservation Wardens Joe Jerich, Mike Clutter, and Bob Lee). The bear was transported to Oconto County by USDA Wildlife Services Brian Maedke.
- Wildlife staff from Plymouth and Hartford are gearing up to band Canada geese in Sheboygan, Washington, and Ozaukee Counties next week (6/22 & 6/23). Anyone interested in helping can (still) contact Dan Weidert at 920-892-8756 Ext. 3040.

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