

LAKE FACTS AS OF 03/11/2023 by Mike Backus

ICE-ON

For the 2022-23 season, we had ICE-ON (no open water) on December 19, 2022. The previous year it was 1/3/21. Going back in our records the earliest was 11/26/14 and the latest was 1/19/07. Our records go all the way back to the early 1970's.

Adams Water Resource Specialist

Keifer Sroka has replaced Anna James in the Adams Co Land and Water Dept. He is a Stevens Point grad and has worked in Wisconsin, the West Coast, and in Alaska. I will be showing off our Lake to him as soon as I can get him on the water.

Fishing

So far this season I would consider the ice fishing to be light compared to other years. We received no fish stocking in 2022, but we may be in line for some Walleye stocking in 2023. Walleye stocking quotas were set way back around 2012 and our local fish Biologist has no control over those quotas. In 2024 Jordan is scheduled for a comprehensive fisheries survey in Spring. That survey will entail netting to target Northern Pike and Walleye but will also track Crappie and Yellow Perch. The DNR will also use electrofishing to target Walleye, Bass and Bluegill. All the data they obtain is used by them to set new stocking quotas for the future.

Water Clarity

To date I have not, for obvious reasons, conducted any water clarity or temperature monitoring this year. The average clarity for the 2022 season (DNR uses only July-Aug data) was 13' vs 12' in 2021. The Phosphorus average reading was better than in 2021 but the Chlorophyll level was just a little higher. The lake is showing signs of returning to what it was before the highwater impact.

Did you Know?

There is a Jordan Lake (only 8 acres) in Langlade Co; a Jordans Lake (7 acres) in Waushara Co and a Jordan Pond (84 acres) in Portage Co?

Boat Landing

Background for new District members: The DNR is the official owner of our boat landing and access road. They want no part in maintaining this or any other boat landing and have therefore coordinated with Adams Co for all maintenance of this boat landing. Our Lake District has no role in this other than us owning the large sign at the launch area. The Town of Jackson controls any special lake rules for Jordan since it is in their boundaries. The DNR is responsible for all the other boating and fishing rules.

The maintenance responsibility within Adams Co for the landing rests with the Parks Dept. Doug King, Castle Rock Park Manager, is also responsible for the Jordan Boat Landing. Some years ago, Adams Co initiated a launch fee to help cover some of the maintenance costs.

From time to time our Lake District Management Plan has contained line items regarding the needs our members want to see in the Landing area. In early February, I contacted Doug King about our concerns with the condition of the pier, the pot holes in the parking area and the liability risk of falling dead trees. Doug responded immediately with an update and his plans for work on the landing. They are already working on the pier damage and he will stop to view the dead tree situation. I will continue to communicate with him and watch for progress.

CB/CW Drain Campaign

The goal of the Drain Campaign is to increase public understanding of the draining laws in WI and emphasize the “drain all water” prevention step during watercraft inspections. In 2023 this campaign will be on June 2-4 when anglers will be given a towel by our CB/CW volunteers.