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## CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

# We have fish and they are doing great!

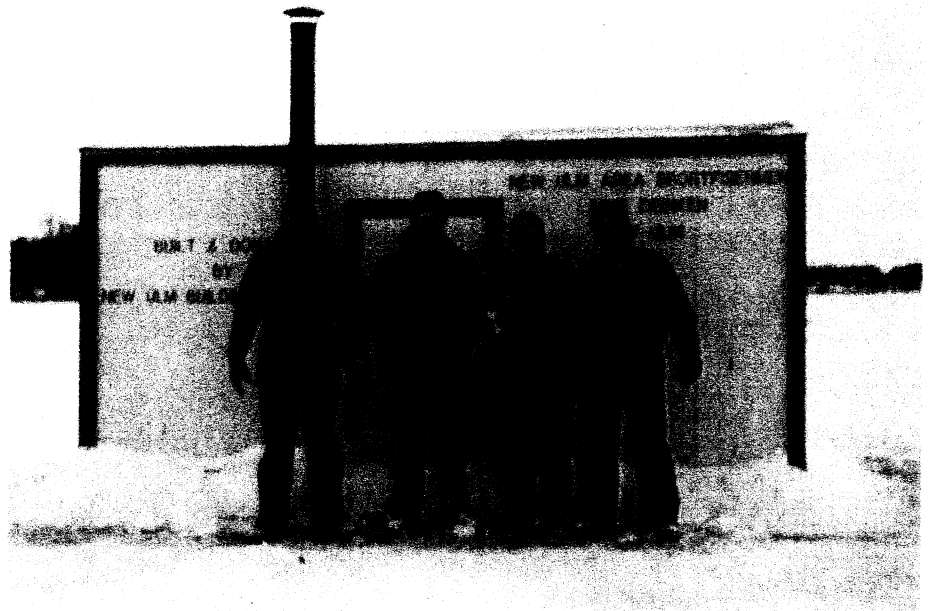
The Lake is off and running. We have fish and they are doing great. Clear Lake will remain closed to fishing until the opener of 2001.

The aeration system has been repaired and tested. We do need to do some thin ice sign repair and painting before ice-over. The Club recently purchased a Dissolved Oxygen Meter to monitor the lake and hopefully react to rapid changes in oxygen levels in the coming winter.

At our last meeting there was quite a bit of discussion on how we could improve the water quality of Clear Lake. Paul Davis, from Soil and Water Conservation, gave us some interesting information on the rock inlets. After much discussion, there was a motion made and seconded, which was approved to subsidize the cost of installing the rock inlets at \$75.00 each. The number of inlets was set at ten per

year. With our help the inlets will cost the farmer nothing to install. There was also some discussion on the fishing pier, or lack of

one. At this time there seems to be no clear plan of action. We will be playing this one by ear.



As you know, we have four fish houses. Three of them will be on the ice this winter. There will be two on Sleepy Eye Lake and one on Clear Lake, Gibbon. Any member may use these houses. All that we ask is that they are kept clean. If you need a key, contact Mike Deinken.

## Club Calendar

Wednesday, November 29 ----- Meeting at Club House 7:30  
December 28 ----- Meeting at Club House 7:30  
January 18-21 ----- Ice Fishing Trip to Dixon Lake Lodge

## NOTICE

Our Club Meeting  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

We are closing in on our yearly membership drive. There is time to overtake the lead and get yourself a new jacket. As of right now, I have the lead. I do not need a new NUSAF jacket, I have one, so beat me, please. I know I say this all the time, but it is so true. The influx of new membership is extremely vital to our future and our organizations over all effectiveness. So bring a friend, outdoor enthusiast, or just concerned person who can bring his or her special talents to our already dynamic membership.

I hope you all consider coming on our yearly Ice Fishing Trip to Lake Winnie (Third River flowage). I can't tell you how good the people at the Dixon Lake resort treat us. And the price, (to quote Rod Gram's Mom) "oofdaa" it's cheap. January 18-21 is a great time in the Northland and fishing is always good, no matter what you're fishin' for.

We have some things to still resolve about our ice fishing contest. We will need you at the next meeting to help sort it out. Prizes are needed as well as coordinators. If you are willing please volunteer.

We will have some water quality discussions as they pertain to the Clear Lake and Minnesota River watersheds. We have passed a motion to help fund rock inlets in the Clear Lake watershed. Offering this added incentive funding will hopefully pave the way for increased participation in rock inlet installation. It is our hope that in the future we can secure funds and willing participants on a broader scale. As your president I will seek out funding sources beyond our conventional operational funds and begin to explore some unique options that we may have in this area. After review and study of the results in several areas of the state and country, it is obvious that these inlets, even in the worst case scenarios, provide a substantial benefit to water quality and even quantity.

Presently, or should I say as usual, the call has come down from some for "more studies" to determined if these should be funded in a grand manner throughout the Minnesota River basin. Calls to substantiate the obvious, are at the core of "government funding" availability from our state elected officials. While many of us realize the plight of obtaining public money by those verifiable, accountable, recognized, ordained, validated, fiscal government agents or units of government, we often overlook the resources' ability to maintain biological integrity. In the mean time we endlessly study and try to prove the resources' worth literally to death.

This is the very reason organizations like ours are needed now more than ever. Sticking your neck out is never easy and no one wants to make a mistake and pour money and time resources down the drain, (no pun intended). But seldom does something like CREP or rock inlets come along.

To do nothing, or to be so cautious that the opportunity withers away from a ripe grape vine is just plain stupid. When the notion of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program was first made public, numerous people, some in high places, both in the public and private sector said it

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## Ice Fishing Trip

On January 18 - 21 we will embark on our annual trek up north. It is ice fishing at it's best. We will be staying at Dixon Lake Lodge and fishing the Third River just before it enters Winnie. This has been an excellent experience for all who have made this trip. The accommodations and service are 1st class and the fishing has been very good. We have room for thirty people, but don't wait too long as we are half way there already. If you would like more information, contact Mike Deinken or come to the next meeting.

## Ice Fishing Contest

On Sunday, February 11, 2001, we will host our 14th annual Ice Fishing Contest. It will again take place on Sleepy Eye Lake. Everything is starting to fall into place. We will have the food stand on the ice that day. Some prizes are starting to come in. The one area we are lacking is a Prize Committee Coordinator. This job is not nearly as hard as the title makes it seem. Most of the hard work is already done. There has already been several members volunteer to help with the prize collection. What we really need is someone to "go where" to "get what". We have kept a list of everyone who gave last year and what they gave, so getting something this year will be easy. If there is anyone out there, or maybe two of you would like to share the job, please contact Mike or come to the next meeting and let us know.

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it was a bad idea or pipe dream that would never fly in a million years. I won't name names because that is counter productive, just suffice it to say that this a prime example of what I am talking about. Even now with the collective recognition that CREP is good for the Minnesota economy, our agricultural producers and the environment, we continue to be over cautious at the state level to the point that we will cut off our nose in spite of our face. All in the name of so called fiscal responsibility. I think it's time to review what fiscal responsibility to the people of the state really is and what it means beyond the endless rhetoric. Right now it looks to me like fiddling while Rome burns. I am proud of NUSAF for recognizing and taking a step towards what we all know is the right direction. See you at the next meeting.

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