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Improving water quality 25% by 2025

by: MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

How's the water?
Generally, water that flows out of Minnesota has a very unusual geographic position. We sit atop a triple, continental-scale water divide. Almost all of our water arrives as rain or snow. We have some very high quality waters, but Minnesota also faces some serious challenges.

Nitrate in groundwater is a growing concern
Three out of four Minnesotans get their drinking water from groundwater sources, but groundwater is threatened by overuse and contamination in some places. Nitrate is one of the most common water pollutants in Minnesota groundwater, affecting a large number of private wells and public water supplies. Elevated nitrate in drinking water can be harmful to human health, specifically to the health of infants. Septic systems, fertilizers, and manure are major sources of nitrate pollution in Minnesota.

40% of lakes and streams are not good enough for swimming and fishing
Statewide, 40% of the lakes and streams in Minnesota are not meeting standards set for safe swimming, fishing, or drinking. In the northeastern part of the state, a higher percentage of lakes and streams meet water quality standards, compared to central or southern regions.

Water quality in a body of water depends a lot on the land around it. In watersheds dominated by agricultural and urban land, half or fewer of the lakes fully support the water quality standards for swimming due to contaminants from runoff and drainage.

Runoff in urban areas and drainage from agriculture fields move water into streams and rivers quickly, increasing the speed and volume of water in streams and rivers. Sometimes these flows bring pollution that might otherwise be removed by wetlands or other landscape features.

Our water infrastructure is aging
Our infrastructure is badly in need of attention. Water systems are aging. Many equipment and pipes are at the end of or past their expected life span. Over the next 20 years, Minnesota will have some big bills to pay to upgrade wastewater and drinking water infrastructure. We will need to decide how to equitably pay for these costs.

What do you hope the water is like in 2025?
At the current level of effort, there will be only a 7% improvement in water quality statewide by 2025, and without further action, water quality will get worse. That's why Governor Mark Dayton is calling on Minnesotans to learn about these issues and share their ideas with him for "25 by '25" Water Quality Goals, which would spur collaboration and action to improve Minnesota's water quality 25 percent by 2025.

Water issues vary by region and how to get involved go to the below web address for links to more information.
https://www.pca.state.mn.us/featured/improving-water-quality-25-2025?ic=135&fs=1

We are at a crucial moment – we can continue to let water quality become worse or we can work together to reverse the damage that has been done and prevent future water degradation.
-Governor Mark Dayton, June 2017

Club Calendar

October 24th.....NUASF Club Meeting
November 7th.....NUASF Social Night at Club House
November 21st **(Note Holiday Date Change)** ..NUASF Club Meeting
November 28th Happy Thanks Giving!!
December 5th .....NUASF Social Night at Club House
December 19th **(Note Holiday Date Change)** ..NUASF Club Meeting
December 24th Christmas Eve!!

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From the President.....

By Jason Kuester

Todd and Karen from the Dixon Lake Resort are very excited to have our club back at their resort this year. They have also donated a four person fishing trip as one of our prizes for the fishing contest we will have in February. **The date for the trip is February 13th-16th**. I need to have conformation and your $50.00 down payment to them after the December's meeting. If you are interested in going along on this trip please contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtel.net. The total for the trip is $140.00 per person for three nights, or $200.00 per person food included. Todd and Karen also said there would be no charge for the angling and spearing houses this year. They have room for 24 people in their angling houses and about 25 spearing houses available. This is first come first serve, so if you need an ice house let me know. *If you are unable to attend the meeting and need to pay your $50.00 down payment send it to Jason Kuester 18951 Riverbluff Drive New Ulm, Mn 56073.*

It is time to start thinking of the Ice Fishing Contest. The date for the contest is going to be February 9th 2020. We are asking that each member please try to sell at least one book of tickets. You will find one book of tickets in next month's newsletter. If you are unable to sell your tickets please send them back, bring them to a meeting, or drop them off at the Ice Fishing Contest. This event is our largest fund raiser for the club.
Additional tickets are always available at each meeting or by contacting Ross Nelson at 507-766-7076, Mike Studtmann 507-995-3074 or myself at 507-381-2041.

I would like to Thank Ron Ludewig, and John Heuchert for servicing pump on the aerator, and making sure everything is ready for this season. Thank you!!

Fall is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

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NUASF Monthly Meeting September 26, 2019
Meeting Start Time – 7:50 PM
Members Present: 21

I. Secretary Report - Approved as read.
II. Treasury Report - Approved as read.
III. Old Business
- **A. Membership: John H. : 149 Members, 32 Due, 2 new for total of 7.**
- **B. Area Lakes and Rivers Report:**
  - July 3-7 Jerry's son, Son-in-Law and himself went to Eric Olson's, Walleye bite was good.
- **C. Club House & Grounds News:**
  - Tony continues to mow.
- **D. Other Old Business:**
  - Question about ravine project. Jeff N mentioned that the project above is 95% done, needing seeding. Upper work is done above but watching the lower part here

IV. New Business
- **A. Peterman's Fishing contest –** Canceled due to high water.
- **B. By-Laws (Ross N)** – Still need to be looked into.
- **C. Club Ice Fishing Contest**
  - Posters/ Tickets will be available at November Meeting
  - Ice House Tickets are available tonight. Tickets have been left in New Ulm with John Hunstad and Ken Sutherland.
- **D. Winter fishing trip**
  - February 13th-16th
  - $140 for the cabin, $200 total with food, $50 Deposit to Jason
  - First come, first serve on the cabins.
- **E. Other New Business**
  - Suggestion to get the newsletter mailed out earlier.
  - Suggested that the email list be updated.
  - Apple extended the deadline through September for donation, another donation from Cory for kids fishing and for scholarship.
  - Studtmann Pond – 10/26 is the date of the restoration (keeping an eye on the high river level).

V. Food for next meeting - Pot Luck
VI. Meeting Adjourn @ 8:27 PM

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