

April 2015
Update

<http://pelicanlakemn.org>



Pelican Lake, Ottertail Co, MN

Greetings!

Spring is here and things are happening on the lake. Here is the latest.

Fish Lake Dam Update

After many years of communication with the DNR, PGOLID is still unsatisfied with the condition of the Fish Lake Dam, and has begun to look into other options. The most promising new option is to apply for a DNR grant to replace the current Dam with natural rock rapids, like what is at Dunton Locks County Park on Lake Sallie (see photos at <http://pgolid.org/dam>). A dam like this would still hold water levels to their current levels, and would not need future repairs or maintenance. Natural rock rapids also enhances fish and wildlife habitat and fish passage downstream. This project would require a \$28,000 commitment from PGOLID this summer for an engineering study to survey the area and put the plans together for the grant application that is due in the fall. If the grant is successfully funded, this \$28,000 would be reimbursed back to PGOLID and the Dam would be constructed in 2016. To read more about this possible program, please visit: <http://pgolid.org/dam>. PGOLID has not decided yet if it will move ahead with this project or not. If you have any comments for or against this project we would like to hear from you. Please send comments to the PGOLID Water Resource Coordinator, [Moriya Rufer](#).

Curly-leaf Pondweed

The PGOLID Water Resource Coordinator is completing curly-leaf pondweed surveys this week and next. These surveys will determine this year's treatment area. Treatment will likely take place in mid-May, when water temperatures are 55-60 degrees. If you live in an area that has been treated before, you will receive a postcard next week describing our treatment plans. Signatures from affected property owners are no longer required. The lake area in front of your property will automatically be included in the possible treatment area. If you do not want the area in front of your property to be treated, please contact the PGOLID Water Resource Coordinator, [Moriya Rufer](#), to opt out at 218-846-1465 . To read more about PGOLID's Curly-leaf pondweed program, please visit: <http://pgolid.org/programs/ais>.

Road Construction updates affecting Pelican Lake

Construction has begun on Hwy 34 between Barnesville and Dunvilla including changing out culverts and the road will be closed much of the time to all but very local traffic through July. Those traveling to and from Fargo will want to go through Cormorant Village using Co 10 & Co 4, known as the Downer Rd, and those trying to get to Barnesville will want to use Hwy 108 out of Pelican Rapids or the Downer Rd depending on which side of the lake. County 9 project on the west end of Pelican is still planned for this summer but has been moved back again. Here is the latest schedule as of 4/27/15.

- Complete Right of Way Plat - May 2015
- Acquire Right of Way and Construction Easements - May & June 2015

- Complete Detailed Plans - June 2015
- Obtain MN DNR, MN MPCA, USACE and County L&R Permits - July 2015
- Bid Opening - July 2015
- Start Construction - August 2015
- Complete Construction for 2015 - October 2015
- Final Paving - Spring 2016

If you have questions on the project, contact Charles Grotte, Asst. County Engineer 218-998-8475. There is also more information [here](#).

Pelican Lake Ice out was April 12th

Ice went out fairly early this year. It hasn't been this early since 2006. Some people might call that localized global warming! There was a contest to pick the day the ice went off the lake. This year's Ice out winner of a \$20 gift certificate to the Cormorant Pub was Curt Larson.

PLYC is looking for a Head Judge or Judges

If you are interested in spending time out on the water for a few hours on Sundays and would like to be in the middle of the sailboat action, contact [Bob Leonard](#)

Ottertail COLA seminar on Lake/Lakeshore Issues and Plants

On May 23rd, from noon to 4:30pm, there will a seminar on these topics as well as exhibits and a question and answer period featuring Moriya Rufer, along with Gabe Dretsch (SWCD), Craig Johnson (Landscape Architect) and Darby Nelson (guest speaker). For more info, [GO HERE](#).

Sincerely,

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