

**NLFCZD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2013**  
**Spokane County Public Works Building 3:00pm-5:15pm**

**Present –**

Board Members (in person):	Kim Jones, Tom Stebbins, Wayne Block
Board Members (by phone):	Laurie Keaton
Alternate Members:	Craig Aldworth
Absent:	Wendy Burley, Ruedi Schuler
Staff:	Jane Clark, Karen Kruger
Other:	Lauretta Block, Lorne Burley, Michael Wilkinson (WDFW)

**Presentation by Michael Wilkinson/WDFW – Aquatic Invasive Species Program**

- Discussed the next threats to Newman Lake - Zebra Mussels and Quagga Mussels. Zebra Mussels have “bissel threads” that they use to attach to surfaces. Makes them unique compared to other mussels.
- Unable to reproduce when water is below 50 degrees.
- Every 21 days they quadruple in size.
- It takes a minimum of five seconds @ 140 degrees to kill them.
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife staff performs at least two samples per year at Newman to check for these mussels.
- If infestation is found in Newman, it will be around the public launch area first.
- Quagga Mussels overtake the Zebra Mussels.
- Boats found with these species will be charged a cleaning fee/a fine, or both. It is illegal to have a boat with these species on it – misdemeanor.
- The Aquatic Invasive Species Program provides signage all around the state.
- Question asked about signage for the McKenzie Conservation Area for milfoil and other invasive species.
- Can’t afford to have WDFW officers at every check-station every weekend.
- One fix would be to have volunteers check every boat and decontaminate those found to contain species. It takes about three hours to train volunteers.

**District News:**

- **Lake Level: As of 4/9/13 the lake** is currently at 2124.73 ft with the gates open 1 foot each. The Thompson Creek gate reading was 5.3 ft. and flowing heavy. The 3<sup>rd</sup> snow course monitoring was completed on March 26<sup>th</sup> with the Quartz Peak Snotel indicating a snow depth of 41” and a Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) of 16”. According to our model, this runoff corresponds to 2 ft of water spread out on the lake surface.
- **Alum and Oxygenation Systems:** The pump was pulled successfully November 1<sup>st</sup> of last year. The cost for the pump maintenance from Spokane Pump was \$10,556.51.
- Eleven deliveries of alum were received in 2012. We have the first alum delivery scheduled for Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and the plan is to start up alum as soon as the pump is in working order.
- **Dike Survey Update** – The surveyors have completed the dike survey. Jane has maps on her desk with elevations, and as soon as she gets a chance to sit down and review the elevations she will have an update at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- **Advisory Board Positions:** There is currently one open position as an alternate. Board of County Commissioners asked that we wait 60 days (until May 26<sup>th</sup>) to see if anyone else applies. There will be two positions open next January. Kim Jones (seasonal) voting position, and Craig Aldworth’s alternate position both set to expire January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.
- **Commissioners Boat Tour:** Inquired with the Clerk of the Board to schedule something for all three Commissioners in August/September for a weekday afternoon, or weekend. The Clerk will discuss with the Commissioners next week to see what will fit into their schedules.

Discussion regarding issuing some type of public notice for open Advisory Board positions.

- Karen indicated there would be info in the Newsletter and on the NLFCZD website.

Discussion and vote regarding whether or not to send donations letter to “under payers” again this year, and then go to the Commissioners to request Spokane County pay the \$8,000.00 again.

- Yes vote passed by three to send donations letter and request the difference of \$8,000 from Commissioners.

**Milfoil Update:** Discussion regarding grant match from DOE being for fiscal years 2014 & 2015. It will likely not be able to be used for treatments in 2013.

- Staff will find out if grant agreement can be to treat in June of this year and invoice in July, if that is acceptable.
- Question if hydroacoustic survey will be completed again in May by WSU staff? Staff will ask Barry.
- Discussion to approach the Commissioners to close the lake for at least 3 days post treatment to ensure effective treatment.
- Discussed options A & B for milfoil treatment this year. Option A is to treat before July 4th with what we have in the budget and that would satisfy grant match. Option B is to treat before kids get out of school and not have match available for this year.

Question asked as to who issues permits for slalom courses?

Question asked as to the date when Tom Wimpy’s contract actually expires this year?

Discussion about where the \$8,000 funds from Spokane County should be spent. Should it go into reserves or go toward milfoil treatment?

- Tom Stebbins made a motion to put the \$8,000 towards milfoil.
- Kim Jones carried the motion.
- Motion passed with four yes votes.

Some members of Advisory Board were concerned about not having enough time to discuss business at our next meeting in May, and asked to cancel the presentation by the Spokane County Noxious Weed Control Board Coordinator, Dave Mundt. Karen said she would cancel the presentation.

Next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.