

**IMPORTANT NEWS** from Otter Tail County Coalition of Lake Associations

# E-Newsletter November 2020



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# 10-Year Trend Analysis

Lake / Site	Year	Phosphorus Ave	Chlorophyll a Ave	Secchi Ft	TSI Ave
Big Pine 56-0130-00 207	2011	32.4	17.6	9.3	53.4
	2012	31.6	14.8	7.6	54.0
	2013	35.2	19.2	7.4	55.4
	2014	31.6	19.0	7.4	53.8
	2015	31.6	10.8	7.6	53.8
	2016	50.8	19.6	8.0	59.6
	2017	37.8	24.8	8.1	55.6
	2018	36.2	16.2	7.6	55.0
	2019	39.6	16.5	9.8	57.0
	2020	29.4	12.3	10.1	52.2
Big Pine 56-0130-00 207 Total		35.6	17.1	8.3	55.0
					

## 2020 Water Quality Analysis Reports Now Available

Thanks to Lake Associations of the Otter Tail County Coalition of Lake Associations (OTC COLA) the water quality monitoring program for 2020 has successfully been concluded. Analysis of data collected in 2020 has been finalized and results have been compiled and merged with historical data. Ten-year Trend Analysis Reports for the 64 OTC COLA participating Otter Tail County Lakes have been created and are now available. These reports are in the [OTC COLA LAKES \(2020 SAMPLES\)](#) library

In 2017 and 2018, by special grant from the County, OTC COLA sponsored water testing in an additional 102 OTC non-COLA lakes. These reports are included in the [Non-COLA Lakes \(2019 SAMPLES\)](#) library.

[OTC COLA LAKES \(2020 SAMPLES\)](#)

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[John Kruse, OTC COLA Administrative Assistant](#)

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## High Stakes For ‘State Lakes’

**Biologist pitches dramatic plan to keep designated sites pristine.**

Minnesota has saved its most prized natural landmarks — towering old growth pines, dramatic waterfalls, pockets of native prairie — by protecting them within the state parks system.

Yet the water bodies that define the Land of 10,000 Lakes face the most immediate threats from warmer temperatures and invasive species. Aquatic biologist Peter Sorensen is floating an idea to protect Minnesota’s true gems: the state’s lakes.

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## Otter Tail County Has Two New Commissioners

*Area News | Published on November 11, 2020 at 10:00am CST | Author: Tom Hintgen*

The five-person county board of commissioners will have two new members starting in January 2021. This comes about following the Nov. 3 elections. Both of the new commissioners in Otter Tail County will serve four-year terms.

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## **Lake Association Newsletters**

Lake Associations in Minnesota use a variety of media methods to communicate and engage with lake property owners. These include publishing an E-Newsletter, hosting a website, using social media and conducting Member meetings. Many Lake Associations also may publish annual Lake Property Owner Directories. E-Newsletters (Electronic Newsletters) in the form of emails are one of the most popular methods used by COLAs and Lake Associations. E-Newsletters usually require relatively shorter development time, less technical expertise, lower total cost and are the most universally accepted electronic media form. They are flexibly adaptable to reproduce in multiple formats including emails, pdf files and paper.

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## **DNR Roundtable Will Go Virtual In January**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will host its annual Roundtable event in January using an online format. This COVID-19-related adjustment is intended to protect the health and safety of participants. For the past 30 years, the DNR has invited individuals, organizations, and government representatives interested in fisheries, wildlife, and ecological and water resources to come together and discuss important issues related to those

resources. Recent Roundtables have attracted more than 300 people annually.

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- Zero Waste Gift Wrapping
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GOVERNOR'S FISHING OPENER  
**LUND BOAT RAFFLE**

**\$20**  
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# 2021 MN Governor's Fishing Opener

**73rd annual event to be hosted by Otter Tail County, May 13-15, 2021.**

A virtual organizational meeting of the Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener (GFO) Media Subcommittee was held on November 17, 2020. Erik Osberg, Event Director outlined the preliminary plans and logistics concerned with the event. The 2021 GFO will be tailored to accommodate current public health guidelines and the event will follow social gathering and distancing rules.

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## Riverfront Land Ownership To Be Reviewed As Pelican Dam Project Gears Up

*Local News | Published on October 21, 2020 at 9:22am CDT | Author: Pelican Rapids Press*

With about \$1.8 million in state funds approved, the early stages of the Pelican Rapids city dam project are underway. The dam project will remove much of the existing dam structure and replace it with a natural "rock rapids" installation. City council members and citizens raised a number of concerns. Foremost were concerns that the dam was an integral part of the Pelican city landscape, and its loss would change the character of the community.

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# MPCA Receives Top Award From Performance Excellence Network

If you could give a report card for how an agency runs its business, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) would receive high marks for how it follows one of the country's most respected rubrics. The MPCA received the [Performance Excellence Network \(PEN\)](#) for performance excellence and commitment to continuous improvement.

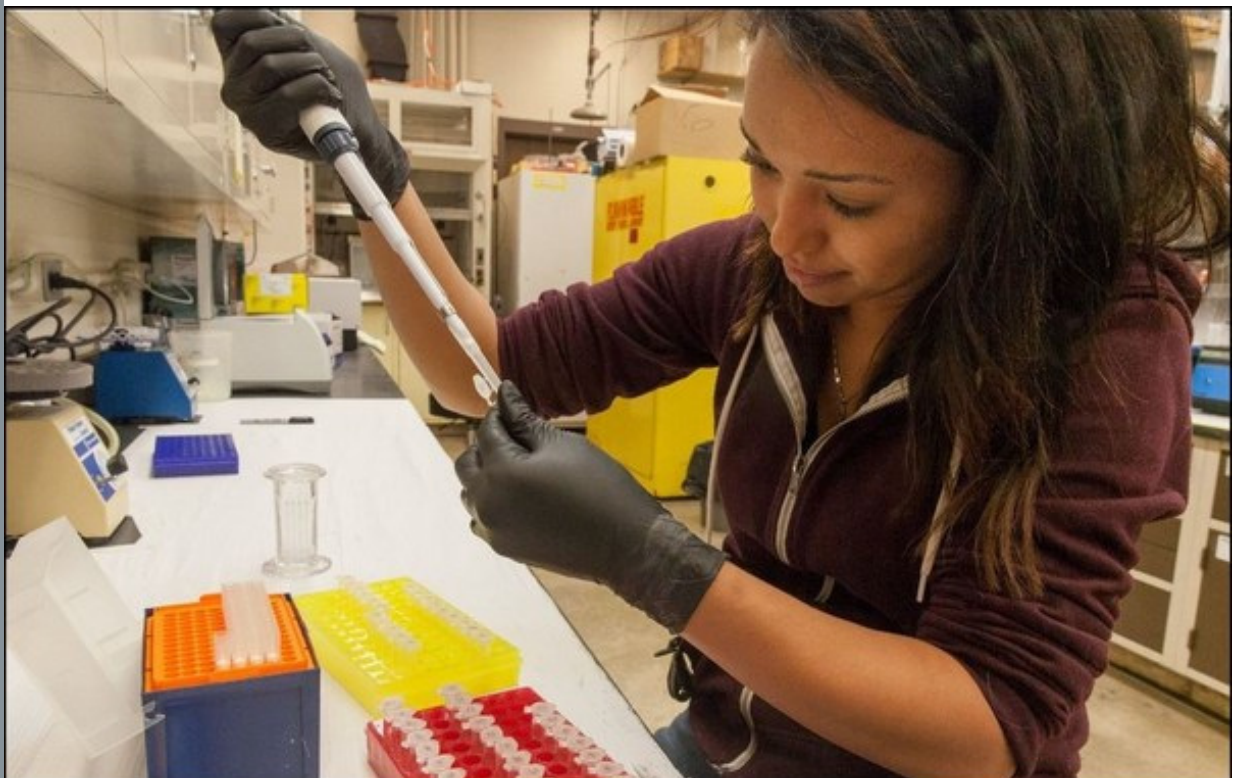
The MPCA received the highest of PEN's four levels of achievement, the Excellence Award, following a rigorous evaluation of its management system, including its leadership, strategic planning, customer-focused processes, system for measuring operational outcomes, and workforce engagement with the agency's mission, vision, and values.

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## Upcoming 2021 MAISRC Research Projects

We are excited to announce new MAISRC research projects that will be starting in 2021! These projects were selected as part of a competitive proposal process

following a comprehensive research needs assessment. The results of these projects will improve our ability to detect, prevent, and manage aquatic invasive species throughout Minnesota. Funding for these projects is provided by the [Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund](#) as recommended by the [Legislative – Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources \(LCCMR\)](#)

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## **Water Connects Us All - 2020 MLR Annual Meeting**

It has been a VERY challenging year, but with your support MLR is strong, and will continue to work to protect our lake and river heritage.

Minnesotans, it seems, rediscovered our lakes during the pandemic. Boat traffic was up an estimated 30 to 40 percent. We have heard that sales of boats and lake homes and cabins were also way up.

MLR works to protect Minnesota's lake and river heritage for current and future generations by forging links among lakes, lake advocates and policy makers.

Put another way, Water Connects Us All

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[Jeff Forester, MLR](#)

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- [Balancing Road Safety With Salt](#)
- [Am I at Risk for Radon Poisoning](#)

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### OTC AIS Task Force Minutes

- [November 16, 2020](#) draft
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### OTC Board Of Commissioner Minutes

- [October 13, 2020](#)
  - [October 27, 2020](#)
  - [November 3, 2020](#)
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- [Newsletter Article Index](#) - Visually scan article titles from all OTC COLA E-Newsletters from 2018.
- [Water Quality Analysis Reports \(2020 samples\)](#) (includes 2020 samples) - Individual reports for 64 OTC COLA Lakes
- [Water Quality Analysis Reports \(2019 samples\)](#) (includes 2019 samples) - Includes available data for 102 OTC non-COLA Lakes
- [Lake Property Owner Directories](#) - Directories by Street and Name for 100 OTC Lakes (2018)
- [Interactive Access to OTC GIS](#) - Find addresses, navigate the OTC County map
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