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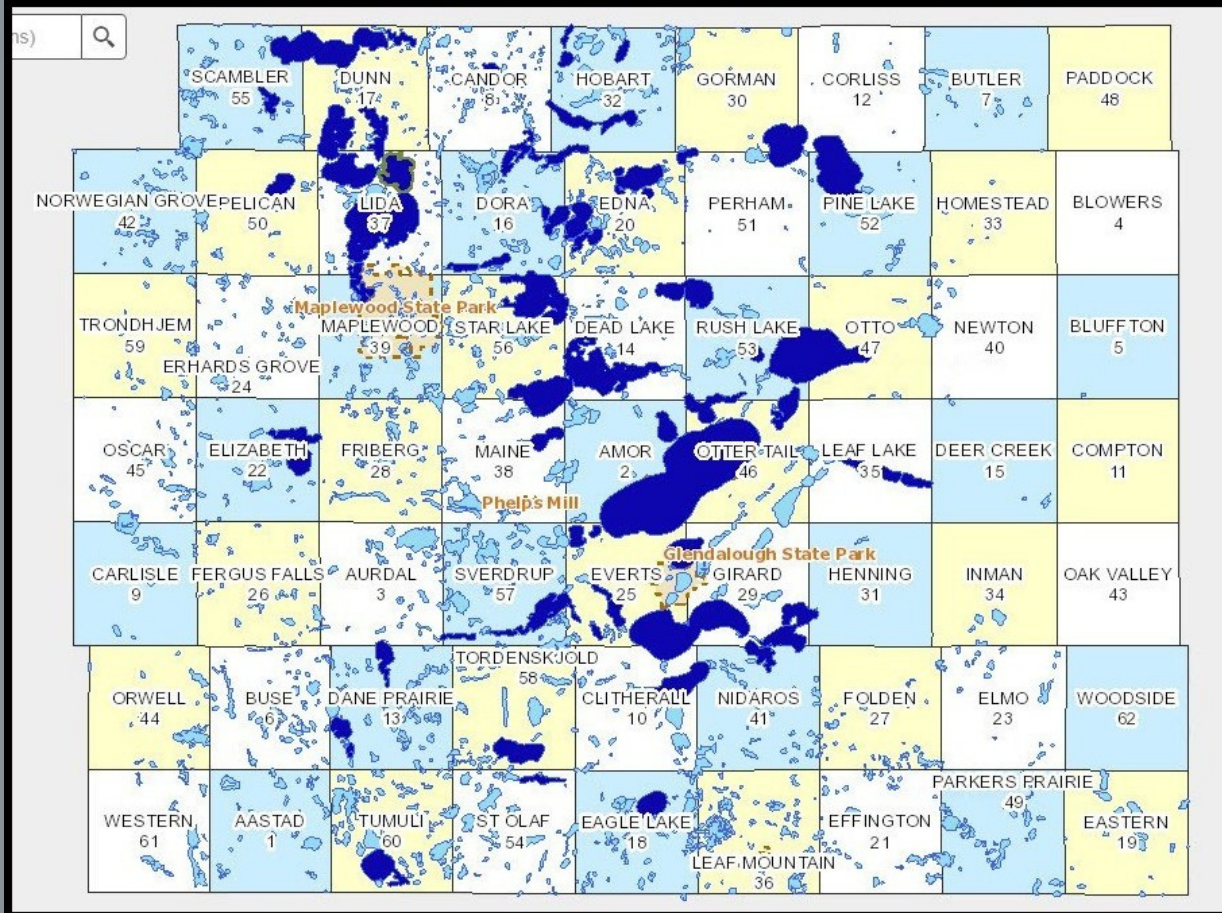
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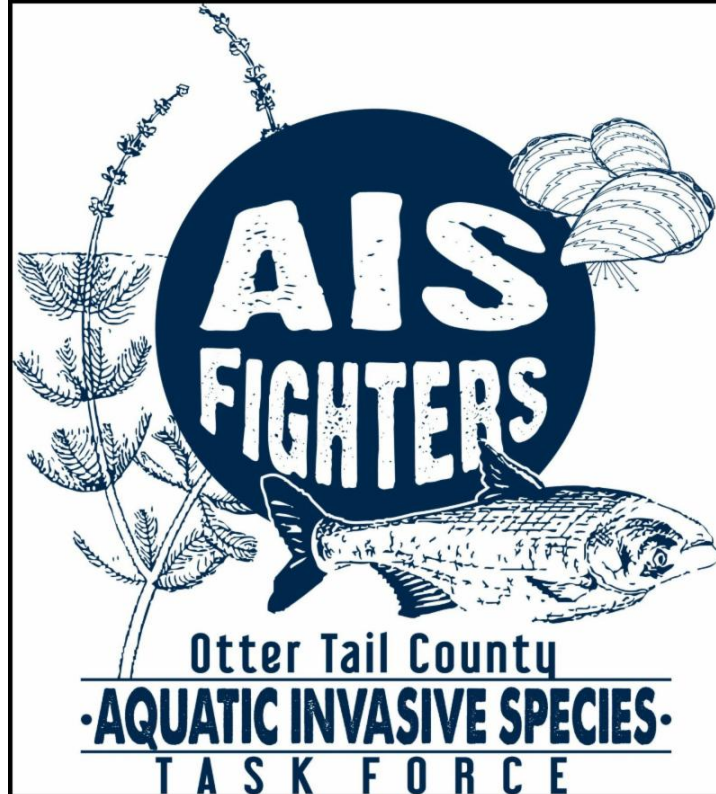


Lakes In The OTC COLA Water Quality Analysis Program

## Unsung Heroes Help Protect Otter Tail County Lake Quality

The unparalleled success of the OTC COLA water quality analysis program owes a debt of gratitude to those who make the effort to collect water samples from OTC lakes. Without volunteer samplers the program would not be able to compile the data and create the OTC COLA Water Quality Analysis Reports. Analysis data assists Lake Associations and County and State Agencies to make decisions and initiate actions promoting good lake stewardship.

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Lake Service Provider Appreciation Event

## AIS Task Force Update- November 2021

- Lake Service Provider Appreciation Event October 27
- Rinse station pilot installations to be expanded for Pelican and Eagle Lakes in 2022

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## Biofouling Paint Inhibits Spread Of Zebra Mussels

Biofouling is the process of micro and macro organisms attaching to man-made surfaces in the water, microorganisms being things such as zebra mussels and aquatic plants. The purpose of this project is to formulate paint that prevents the attachment of micro and macro organisms to aquatic surfaces. This can do a lot of things such as increase fuel efficiency, decrease drag and prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

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**Otter Tail County Solid Waste Holiday Newsletter**

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## Proposed Pelican Lake Park Home To 21 Species

While the reception has been overwhelmingly favorable there are some concerns. Depending on how it is monitored and managed, there are concerns it could become a “party spot.” Also, it will place some pressure on the Otter Tail County budget because it will require ongoing maintenance and some development costs. It would be only the third Otter Tail County-managed public park, with the highly visible “Phelp’s Mill” park being the most well-known and utilized.

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**DNR Hunting And Fishing Skills Webinars**

Anyone interested in hunting, fishing and the outdoors can learn about activities like ice fishing, darkhouse spearing, winter camping, tying flies for fly fishing, learning to hunt as an adult, and high school clay target shooting by joining webinars hosted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

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## **DNR Seeking Applicants To Serve On Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites Minnesotans interested in serving on the department's Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee to apply by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Aquatic invasive species present one of the state's most pressing natural resource issues. Preventing the spread of zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, invasive carp, starry stonewort and other invasive plants and animals is of critical environmental, recreational and economic importance.

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## **DNR: Caution Vital As Open Water Begins To Freeze**

With a deadly open-water season nearly in the rearview mirror, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds everyone that lakes and ponds throughout the state have started to freeze – and that where ice hasn't formed, the water is dangerously cold. It's up to all people to choose to stay safe around the water or ice, according to the DNR.

Where there is ice, its thickness this time of year is highly variable and subject to the whims of Mother Nature. And where ice hasn't formed – or where it freezes at night and opens during the day – the water temperature is so low that an unexpected fall in can be deadly.

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## **Zebra Mussels Confirmed In Leek Lake And Trowbridge Lake In Otter Tail County**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed the presence of zebra mussels in Leek Lake and Trowbridge Lake in Otter Tail County. Leek and Trowbridge are directly connected lakes.

A lake property owner contacted the DNR after finding two suspected zebra mussels on irrigation equipment being removed for the season. A DNR invasive species specialist found adult zebra mussels attached to equipment in both lakes.

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- [The Case For Water Quality Monitoring](#)
- [Am I At Risk For Radon Poisoning?](#)

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## **OTC AIS Task Force Minutes**

- [November 14, 2021 \(Draft\)](#)

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## **OTC Board Of Commissioner Minutes**

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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 \(2018\)](#) - Directories by Street and Name for 100 OTC Lakes
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