



Namakagon Lake Association

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The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. (NLA) was formed in 1995 for the purpose of preserving and protecting Lake Namakagon and its environs. The NLA is a not-for-profit organization that

relies on the contributions and membership fees of landowners and other concerned citizens for its funding. It is our goal to preserve and protect Lake Namakagon as an environmentally healthy watershed, by sponsoring educational programs, adopting a proactive role in the formulation of water and shore land regulations, and promoting responsible use of this unique and irreplaceable resource for all citizens.

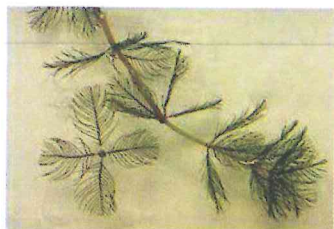
The NLA currently has two major focuses to keep our lake healthy and a recreational resource for all: The Lake Namakagon Walleye Initiative, and the Invasive Species Project.

We are a member-run organization. We meet once a month from March to September (member attendance at our monthly meetings is welcome but not required). Individual memberships are \$20/year, and a Family membership is \$25/year. If you are not already a member, we would like to invite you to join us, meet fellow lake dwellers, and have your voice heard.



Invasive Species

Hybrid Watermilfoil is an invasive seaweed. It was first discovered in Lake Namakagon in 2016. Unchecked, Hybrid Watermilfoil (HWM) growth in lakes can make the lake unusable for recreational water activities, forming dense mats of vegetation that choke out beneficial native water plants, and reduce property values around the lake. The NLA treated approximately 36 acres for HWM in '24 and another 20 in '25



In addition to monitoring and treating, the NLA promotes prevention to keep our waters free from invasive species. **The best way to reduce the spread of HWM and introduction of other invasive species is to clean your and equipment boat before launching.** It is particularly important

to clean live-wells and wake boat bladders since they can be difficult to completely empty and dry. To prevent Spiny Water Fleas, wipe down all ropes, line, and equipment and allow to dry.

We also support the landing inspection program. **We are always looking for landing supervisors. They primarily work on Fridays, Saturdays, and some Sundays, from May to October. We will train you. The pay is \$18 per hour. Scheduling is flexible. If interested, please contact our Town Clerk, Laura Bjork, at 715-794-2651 or namakagon@cheqnet.net.**

Fighting to control Hybrid milfoil and prevent other detrimental invasive species from getting in the lake is an ongoing battle. Please help us by becoming a member of the NLA.

Walleye Initiative



In late 2017 the GLIFWC fishery data showed a significant decline in Namakagon Lake walleye numbers, to 2.3 per acre. The Walleye Initiative was born as a joint venture between the NLA, The DNR, the Red Cliff Tribe, and the Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility (NADF). The Initiative is multi-pronged: to improve the environment in and around the lake for walleye and other fish, and to stock extended-length fish.

With the help of the DNR and Red Cliff Tribe members, the NLA collects walleye eggs and milt from Namakagon walleye to hatch, raise fry to fingerlings and then to extended-length (6-8”) at NADF ponds outside Bayfield.

Since 2018, we have stocked over 40,000 extended length walleye in the lake. Numbers aren’t available at press time, but we also had a bumper crop of hatchlings this spring, hungrily eating all summer, that were stocked in October. If the fish you catch has a clipped dorsal fin, that is one of the walleye we stocked!

The NLA has also been active in installing shoreline structure for fish. Fish sticks and tree drops create great biomass, food for fish, and hiding spots for a variety of fish. Additionally, woody structures retain sight feeders in the shallows, allowing young walleyes time to develop and move to deeper weed lines. Last winter the NLA worked with the DNR on 43 tree drops with more planned.

The adult walleye population in the lake is trending up. **It has increased 87% since 2017** and is now at 4.3 per acre. With your help, we hope to continue the trend! If you haven’t already, please join the NLA today.

Namakagon Lake Association Membership Form

Membership is also available online at: www.namakagonlakeassociation.org

☐ Individual Membership - \$20 \$ _____ Name: _____

☐ Family Membership - \$25 \$ _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Donations

General Fund \$ _____

Walleye and Habitat Fund \$ _____

Invasive Weed Control Fund \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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