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Dear Friends of the Fox Members,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce and welcome our new newsletter editor, Samantha Glander. I have known Sam, since she was a baby. Her mother, Geri Kasper, was a student of mine at Xavier High School and on my track team. We have been friends ever since.

Samantha has a wide range of education: Bachelors degree in Technical Communications, is a Certified Medical Assistant, and obtained a Cosmetology certificate to follow in her mother's footsteps.

She is married to Mark Glander and they have an almost 3 year old son, Dean. With their recent move to New London and their son, Samantha has chosen to stay at home for the time being and use her knowledge of writing and editing.

Between her son, a new house with room to play outside, a puppy, and her husband's schedule; she keeps busy. They enjoy the outdoors; fishing, camping, swimming, and playing sports. In their down time they relax with movies and a lot of laughs entertaining their son.

She is bright, very talented, and a fine young woman. We are proud and pleased to welcome Samantha on board.

Bruni

As your new editor, I want to personally thank all of the Fox Members, especially Bruni, for allowing me the opportunity. I am very excited for the year; to discover the activities available, and learn of all the things we do and can do to make the Fox and the surrounding area a beautiful place today and for the future.

Samantha Glander





2016 VESSEL LOCKAGE PROCEDURE

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USER FEE SCHEDULE

Daily Locks Transit Permit

Non-Motorized—**\$5.00**

Less than 26 ft.—**\$10.00**

26 ft. or greater—**\$15.00**

2-Day Locks Transit Permit

Non-Motorized—\$8.00

Less than 26 ft.—\$15.00

26 ft. or greater—\$25.00

Season Unlimited Recreational Transit Permit

Non-Motorized—\$50.00

Less than 26ft—\$100.00

More than 26ft—\$150.00 (+ \$20.00
2nd Boat)

Multi-Vessel Season Unlimited Transit Permit

Largest Boat Season Fee +\$20.00
2nd Boat

Tour Vessels—\$50.00 Each Lock
(round trip) +\$1.00 *Each Passenger*

Commercial Vessels—\$80.00 Each
Lock (*includes tug and barge*)

Scheduled Paddle Events—\$1.00
each (*minimum 100 participants*)

Special off-hour

- Call-In lockage's available per rate schedule
- 12 Hour Call-In Notice Required

Vessel Lockage Procedure

- 1) To notify Lock Tender approach lock and sound 3 long blasts on horn
- 2) Upon approaching lock at a safe and slow speed, Lock Tender will direct timing and placement of all vessels into and out of the lock chamber. *Generally larger vessels enter and exit first.*
- 3) A bow and stern safety line provided by Lock Tender is required for all vessels. Safety lines must be attended at all times and are never to be tied to any vessel.
- 4) Turn engine off while in lock.
- 5) Operators should have vessel information and fee readily available for the Lock Tender. Seasonal permits must be permanently displayed in a location easily seen by Lock Tender.

- Passengers of recreational vessels must remain in their vessels at all times during the lockage procedure. For safety, pets should be on a leash.
- All operators must be able to control their vessel in a safe and sober manner.
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) are recommended for all passengers. Children 13 years old and younger are required by Federal Law to wear a PFD while aboard recreational vessels underway.
- No smoking or cooking while in lock.

Failure to adhere to the above guidelines may result in a refusal of lockage and/or notification of law enforcement authorities. Lock Tender will complete Incident Report record.

Questions may be directed to Fox River Navigational System Authority office at 920-759-9833; operations manager Scott Vanevenhoven at 920-202-1855; locks manager Jim Van Boxtel at 920-202-1853

2016 CALL-IN PROCEDURE

2016 Call-In Procedure

To schedule Call-In commercial, tour, or recreational lock operations;

call 920-202-1853, 12 hours in advance.

In addition to vessel lockage fee, an hourly fee is due before lockage begins.

Owner is also required to call railroad with 12 hour notice to request Rail Bridge opening.

CALL-IN FEES

Lock Location	Operation Schedule	Hourly Lockage Fee
Menasha Cedars Little Kaukauna De Pere	Monday thru Friday	\$15.00/hour – 2 hour min.
	Saturday and Sunday	\$22.50/hour – 2 hour min.
	Holidays	\$30.00/hour – 2 hour min.
Appleton 1 – 4	Monday thru Friday	\$25.00/hour – 2 hour min.
	Saturday and Sunday	\$37.50/hour – 2 hour min.
	Holidays	\$50.00/hour – 2 hour min.

Fox River Navigation System Authority (FRNSA)

1008 Augustine Street
Kaukauna, WI 54130
(920)759-9833

E-mail : contact@foxlocks.org
www.foxlocks.org

Fox Locks Phone Numbers	
De Pere	(920) 227-7024
Menasha	(920) 202-1857
Little Kaukauna	(920) 227-7043
Appleton #1	(920) 750-3306
Appleton #4	(920) 750-3307
Cedars	(920) 750-3309
Special Lockage 12 Hour Notice call:	(920) 202-1853

**Public Docks are Recreational use Only at Own Risk
Docks located upstream of Menasha Lock, Appleton
Lock #2, Little Chute Guard Lock, and De Pere Lock**

WINNEBAGO WATERWAYS PROJECT

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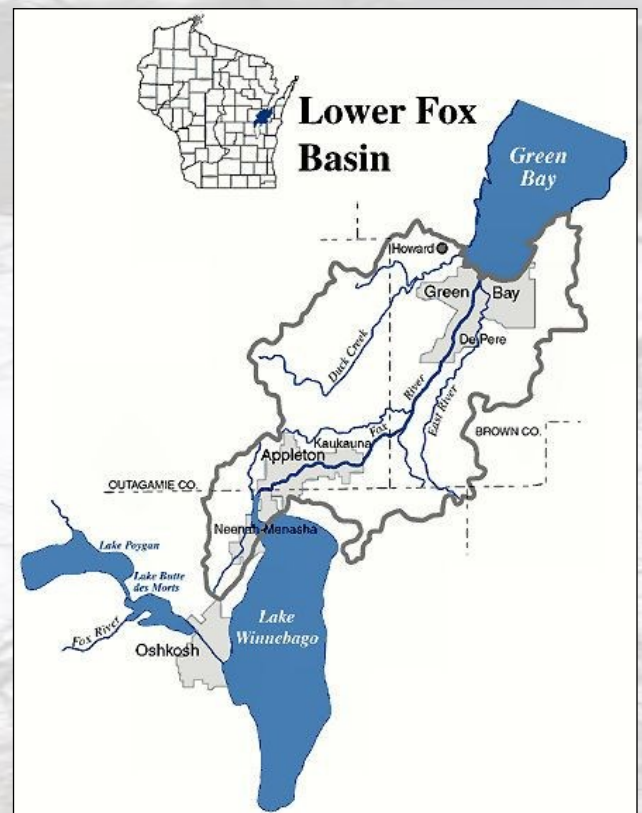
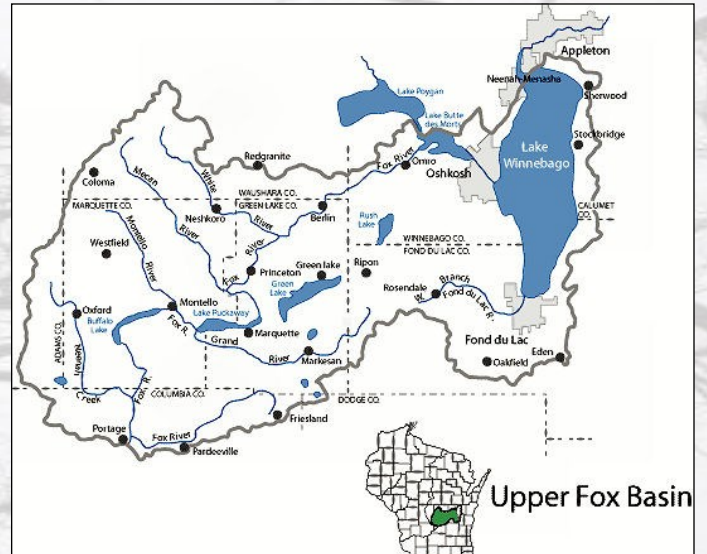
*Danielle Santry, Water Resource Specialist— Calumet County
Land and Water Conservation Department*

The Winnebago Waterways Project, led by the counties surrounding the Winnebago Pool Lakes System, is looking forward to advancing lake planning efforts and outreach with a Winnebago Waterways Coordinator on board. Partnering counties are sharing a budget of \$30,000 to hire a Coordinator contracted through a nonprofit or regional planning group to coordinate efforts as recommended by a consultant. It is anticipated that the Coordinator will be chosen by April 1st.

The Winnebago Waterways Coordinator will be busy advancing lake planning efforts, meeting with local municipalities and stakeholder groups, as well as providing public outreach and grant administration for grants spanning county and municipality lines.

The overall goal for the project is to ensure programs and projects work together to improve water quality, aquatic plant management, and restore habitat. By taking an organized approach, the five-county areas will increase probability of state and federal grant dollars as well as funding from private foundations.

It is important for this project to come underway preserving the entire waterway system as one, paving for new programs and projects to improve quality. What occurs in the Winnebago pool lakes feeds into the Fox River and visa versa. Lets do all we can to plan, organize, and implement this project this year and for more to come.



High Interest Received at January Menasha Lock Site Visioning Workshop!

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Eric W. Fowle, AICP – Executive Director, ECWRPC

places within the

On January 23rd, 2016, a highly successful public visioning workshop was hosted by East Central RPC, the Fox River Navigation System Authority (FRNSA) and the Post-Crescent to examine the potential future use of a 2.4 acre piece of property associated with the Menasha Lock. The Menasha Lock has been operational since the 1850's and provides a key linkage within the system of 17 locks that tamed the rapid elevation change of the Lower Fox River. In 2005, the Friendship Trestle Trail opened, connecting the City of Menasha with the Town of Menasha, and instantly made the lock site an 'anchor' on the eastern shore of Little Lake Buttes des Morts.

The purpose of the public workshop was to examine the current and potential future conditions of the vacant 2.4 acre site within the context of the neighborhood, city, and region. A total of 66 people registered and participated in the Saturday morning event - quite a few more than originally expected! The participants were split into seven smaller groups who spent the next two hours getting oriented to the site and diving into six separate mapping and worksheet-based exercises. Each exercise was designed to get the individual's knowledge of the site, community, and region in order to provide context and grounding for the site itself. Ideas, thoughts, and concerns were generated that explored the concepts of "identity", "connectivity", "assets", "improvements", and "impacts". The generation of "big ideas" was next; the groups being encouraged to list/map out visionary and transformational uses for or near the site that adhered to none of the typical constraints such as property ownership, regulatory or funding restrictions. Lastly, individuals were asked to give their ideas on which

City of Menasha could be considered for improvements related to "place making".

A significant amount of enthusiasm was shown by participants and an equally significant amount of "data" was created as a result. The data is currently being compiled into a written summary report which is expected to be released and shared with the community in March, 2016. This collection of written and mapped feedback will be used 'up-front' by the Fox River Navigation System Authority and the City of Menasha in future planning for this important site's use and function. Check East Central's

(www.ecwrpc.org) or the FRNSA's (www.foxlocks.org) websites in March or April to view/download your copy of the report.



ROUND GOBY UPDATE

As of November 11th, 2015, the DNR had not found additional Round Gobies in the area as they searched. The graphic below shows where the DNR had placed traps in hopes to capture the invasive species.

Please see the following page to help contain and better understand the Round Goby distribution. There are instructions on how to handle the goby if you or other anglers catch one. You can make a difference!



Created by Kaci Bailles, DNR

Provided by Diane Schauer, Invasive Species Coordinator for Calumet County



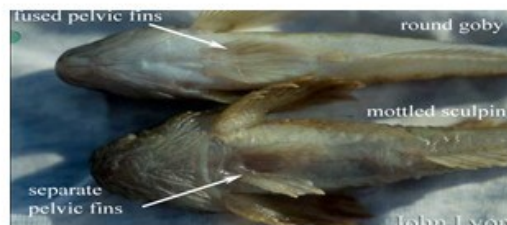
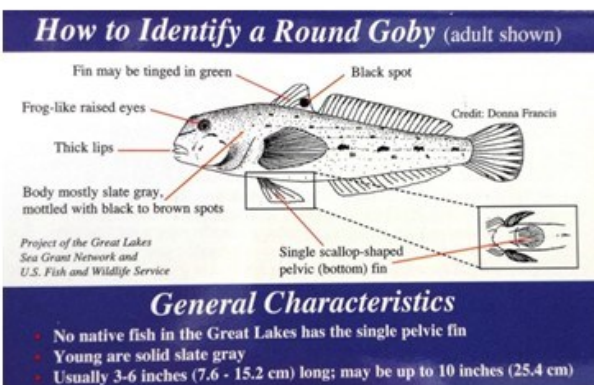
Round Goby Watch

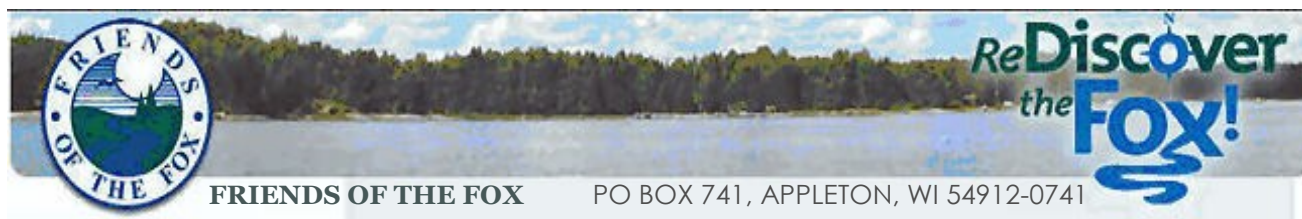


The invasive round goby has been confirmed below the Neenah Dam. DNR would like your help to determine the distribution of the invasive fish in the lower Fox River and **if** it has reached Lake Winnebago. Understanding its current distribution will better guide management decisions.

DNR will be using traditional sampling gear to search for the round goby; however, angling is also very effective at catching round goby given their aggressive nature. **Please note the differences among round goby, mottled sculpin, logperch, and darters.**

Anglers who catch a goby in the Fox River between the Menasha Dam and the Kaukauna lock or in the Winnebago System should: (1) place it in a plastic bag on ice, (2) record specific information about where and when it was caught, (3) bring it to the DNR Oshkosh office, 625 E. County Road Y, Suite 700, Oshkosh, Wis., 54901-9731. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.





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