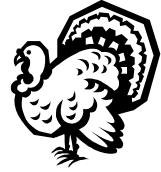


**From: Plymouth DNR Service Center
"The Woodchucks"**



**To: Sheboygan County Conservation Association
August, 2010**

From the Front Line: Cheryl

- **SERVICE CENTER HOURS ARE CHANGED** - The Plymouth Service Center is now open to the public only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00am-12:30pm & 1:30-4:00pm. The DNR customer service telephone line will still be available seven days a week, 7am to 10pm, at 1-888-WDNR INFO (936-7463).
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From Fisheries Management: Travis

New fisheries biologist for Plymouth. Travis Motl is the new fisheries biologist covering Sheboygan, Washington and Ozaukee Counties. He can be reached at the Plymouth Service Center at 920-892-8756 ext. 3049.

From Law Enforcement: Joe, Mark, & Mike

Recruit Warden Matt Groppi has been assigned to the Port Washington station in Ozaukee County. He is a welcome addition to the Sheboygan Ozaukee Washington County warden team! Matt is originally from Milwaukee and will be starting in his new station on the first of July.

- **Illegal Drug Operations on Public Lands.** This is a nation wide problem. There have been several recently published articles reporting on incidents in Wisconsin. Resource users need to be alert, and if they see something that doesn't look right, they should report the find to local law enforcement.
 - ◆ **What to look for** - Include signs of summer habitation such as huts, tents or other makeshift structures; equipment such as rakes and shovels; watering jugs; chemical containers; or signs of disturbed vegetation including abnormal cuttings or clearing of small areas.
 - ◆ **What to do** - Don't put yourself in danger. Don't try to investigate the site yourself. You could inadvertently place yourself in a bad situation & disturb clues. Back out of the site. Note what you've seen (Such as vehicle descriptions, license or registration numbers from vehicles, equipment or other tools). Record GPS coordinates or good directions to the site. Call local law enforcement or the DNR Hotline.
- **2010 Early September Canada Goose Season (Sept 01-15).** Remember to validate the Early Canada Goose Permit, & report each Goose harvested within 48 hours of kill. *Daily bag limit is 5, with a Possession Limit of 10.*

- **2010 Dove hunt (September 01 – November 09).** Daily Bag Limit is 15, with a Possession Limit of 30. Reminder that Mourning Dove hunters are **required** to use nontoxic shot on DNR managed lands, which includes the Sheboygan Marsh Property.
- **Deer & Small Game Pamphlets.** Hunting regulation pamphlets can be reviewed on the DNR website, & the traditional pamphlets are available thru the DNR License Agents.

From Wildlife: Dale, Missy, Dan, Ed, & Steve

- These recent **local purchases by the Wisconsin Stewardship Program** were highlighted in the August issue of the Natural Resources magazine:
 1. Widening and repaving of the Old Plank Road Trail.
 2. An option on 100-acres east of Long Lake that will add wildlife habitat and public recreation to the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit.
 3. A 26-acre addition to the Onion River Stream Bank Protection Area that will provide another access point for fishing and open up an additional 600-feet of frontage on the Onion River for public use.
 4. A 75-acre easement in the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit will help to extend the Ice Age Trail in Washington County.
- **Duck banding** is underway on several DNR sites in the state. Due to abundant rainfall, several of our duck banding sites in southern Wisconsin have been flooded (i.e., Collins Marsh and Waterloo Wildlife Areas). Despite over 17” of rain at Sheboygan Marsh in June and July, our banding site there is dry enough to use. We banded (100) wood ducks and (8) mallards during our first shot of the year last week. Mallard numbers seem to be down this year. Anyone interested in helping band ducks can contact Dan Weidert at (920) 892-8756 Ext. 3040.
- A number of topics were discussed at the latest **Sheboygan Marsh Management Advisory Committee meeting** that was held on August 3rd, including:
 1. The possibility of conducting a marsh drawdown in 2011 (the last one was done in 2002).
 2. Current cattail problems due to heavy rains and potential long-term solutions.
 3. An update on the Marsh Management Agreement between the County and DNR.
 4. Marsh water level control.
 5. The need for an engineering and feasibility study of the marsh, dam, and water-control structure.
- DNR Wildlife Management is currently applying for Federal Farm Bill monies that are to be used by states to make more land available for public hunting and fishing. If Wisconsin receives this grant, it will be used to boost our current **Leased Public Hunting Ground** program, which leases over 16,000-acres, and will add about 50,000-acres more private lands for public hunting and fishing over the next 3-years. Contact Missy Sparrow at (920) 892-8756 Ext. 3041 for more information.