

From the Plymouth Service Center
The Woodchucks



To
Sheboygan County Conservation Association
January 18, 2012

From the Front Line: Cheryl

If you're interested in the most often asked questions of DNR Customer Service for the week, please visit: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/news/FAQ/>

Customer and Employee Services

Customer Service

Effective: **January 3, 2012**. Full Service Center: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rhinelanders

Satellite Centers: Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Antigo

Plymouth

Black River Falls

Superior

Cumberland

Wausau

La Crosse Ladysmith

Wisconsin Rapids

Madison – DNR information center

Woodruff

Park Falls

Peshtigo

Also note that effective January 3, 2012 the Wautoma and Poynette Service Centers will be officially closed for counter services.

Effective: **February 6, 2012**, the following centers will be ready to implement their new hours.

Full Service Center: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Eau Claire

Milwaukee

Green Bay

Spoooner

Fitchburg

Satellite Centers: Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ashland

Baldwin

Dodgeville

Hayward

Janesville

Oshkosh

Sturgeon Bay

Sturtevant

Waukesha



From Fish Management: Travis

Healthy Dishes with Wisconsin Fishes

Do you have a great recipe for a healthy fish meal or appetizer using Wisconsin fish? Share your unique recipe and it just might be included in an online DNR cookbook or featured in the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine!

Fish Recipe Rules and Instructions
One entry allowed per household

The recipe:

- must be your own (i.e. not a recipe copyrighted or published by someone else)
- must use a Wisconsin fish species
- must be a cooked dish (not smoked, pickled, etc)

Recipes will be selected by a panel of Wisconsin DNR staff based on:

- Species diversity (the goal is to get recipes for a variety of fish species.)
- Creativity and originality
- Healthiness
- Ease of preparation
- Recipe inspiration
- Completeness of submittal

Submit your Dish!

Please type your recipe in the provided form at <http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/consumption/healthydishes.html> , save it on your computer, attach it along with two photos of your prepared dish, and e-mail to dnrfishrecipes@wisconsin.gov

- **Deadline for submission is April 1, 2012**
- Photos should be **high resolution (at least 4 megapixel camera on the high resolution setting)**
- In the subject line of your e-mail please type in the name of your recipe

Visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/> for the Top 10 Fisheries Related stories from 2011 and other hot topics

From LE: Joe, Mark, and Mike

- ***Ice travel on the navigable waters of Wisconsin has always been at your own risk.*** Test the ice as you go. Carry some “picks”, in the event you end up going through the ice. You’ll have precious few moments to get out before waterlogged clothes & hypothermia drag you down. There have been reports of ice fatalities from around the state, over the past few weeks. Resource users estimate 0-5” of ice on our local waterways. There is open water in the Gerber Lake channel. Big Elkhart Lake & Crystal Lake finally froze over last week. Within the County people have been traveling on the local ice bound waters by foot. ATV use has been very limited.
- **Season Closings.** Be sure to review the regulation pamphlets before heading out to the creeks, lakes, & fields. It’s that time of year when the game/trapping seasons are winding down & starting to close.

From Wildlife: Dale, Missy, Dan, Ed, Kelly, and Dustin

- Plymouth Wildlife Management staff participated in the annual nation-wide **mid-winter waterfowl survey** during the first week of January. Most inland waters were frozen, and Lake Michigan was open, so fewer ducks were counted locally (when Lake Michigan is open, the ducks wintering there have the whole lake to use). Numbers of geese were up from previous years due to lack of snow and good access to waste grains in ag fields. A snowy owl was seen on the Sheboygan harbor break-wall, and evidence of duck predation was found there, as well. Here were the numbers of waterfowl seen:

481 – Mallard
128 – Goldeneye
50 – Scaup
25 – Bufflehead
51 – Common Merganser
15 – Red-breasted Merganser
4396 – Canada Goose

Below is information re: a Beaver study:

From: Naas, Todd A - DNR
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2011 03:00 PM
To: DNR DL WM ALL
Subject: Beaver Management Survey

Hi all,

Now that everyone's all relaxed and recharged for another exciting year of wildlife management, I just wanted to remind you there is another species out there that is as near and dear to our public as the Green Bay Packers. Yes, I'm talking about beaver. Actually, my purpose is to let you know that the Beaver Management Survey that is being used to gather public opinion for the revision of the State's Beaver Management Plan is still open to the public through the end of January. If you have not completed it, I encourage you to do so. Also, if you have been in contact in the past with individuals, groups, government entities, etc., who have an interest in beaver, please let them know about this survey and encourage them to complete it.

The various public listening sessions and webinar held to discuss the Beaver Plan were rather poorly attended. The LaCrosse, Oshkosh, Rhinelander and Hayward meetings only attracted 7, 13, 18 and 24 folks respectively. Only 161 people have submitted a survey to date. I know there 's more interested people out there than that, and we can use their opinions. I suspect, despite widely distributed news releases and an available on-line survey, many are just not aware that the plan is being revised. I know I just had trouble finding the on-line survey, because it's under a UWEX site rather than the DNR website. I just didn't have a need to check this earlier. Anyway, please help us distribute information about this survey while it is still open to the public. Here's the site:

<http://www.uwex.edu/erc/survey/>