

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION
Inland Fisheries Committee
December 8, 2007

VHS (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia) was the big item on our plate for the month of October. Thanks to George Meyer we have a rule in place that will slow the spread of VHS in Wisconsin waters. From the letters to various editors that I've read it sounds like the only people unhappy are the bait dealers.

Tournament rules are still in limbo. I received an Email from Andy that because the new DNR Secretary's had not had chance to study the rules, it would be January 27-28 before it would be brought to the DNR Board.

On September 22, stocked manure from a livestock operation in Monroe County flowed into Dutch Creek. As the manure followed the creek onto La Crosse County, it killed thousands of trout in this cold water stream. This incident illustrates the crying need for new funds in the state to cost-share nutrient management implementation. A few years ago this happened in Vernon County to Jersey Valley Lake. The lake was drained but the lake bottom is still too toxic to refill.

Greenfield waterfowl hunter shoots alligator near Fillmore. Global warming?

Action needed on dam. Spring of 2005: Property owner constructed a large earthen dam and dug a 12 foot deep, 300 foot long pond on top of a Wisconsin waterway. He was ordered to remove the dam and haul it to an upland site. July 2007: Kenneth Johnson, DNR, stated: "Dam is still on the waterway." DNR case No. 2005-SCEE-023

Thank You,

Bob Miller
Chairperson

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August 2005: (Fond du Lac Reporter) David Carpenter, director of Dodge County Planning / Development, stated: "There was a direct violation of wetland and flood plain ordinance in developing the pond on a navigable body of water without permission from the DNR or Army Corps of Engineers."

To date, neither agency has addressed Carpenter's statement.

State Statute 30.12 states: No person may deposit material or place any structure upon the bed of navigable waterway.

April 2006: Pamela Kober, DNR, stated, "To resolve violation, property owner had to remove dam."

October 2006: Lloyd Eagan, DNR, stated, "Property owner had to remove dam and haul the removed dam to an upland site."

November 2006: Robert Whiting, Corps of Engineers, stated, "Property owner had violated section 301 of Clean Water Act by construction of the dam in the waters of the United States."

December 2006: Whiting stated, "Dam was to be removed by March 2007."

July 2007: Kenneth Johnson, DNR, stated: "The dam is still on the waterway."

The waterway downstream of the dam is being destroyed. Its normal 25-foot width and 18-inch water depth has deteriorated to a 3-foot width and a 2-inch water depth.

Individuals who think this dam should be removed and the waterway saved, please e-mail our Wisconsin senators at russell_feingold@feingold.senate.gov and senator kohl@kohl.senate.gov. Please mention Corps of Engineer case No. 2005-7089-RMC and DNR case No. 2005-SCEE-023.

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