

# Fall E-communications Update



Pelican Lake, Ottertail Co, MN

<http://pelicanlakemn.org>

Greetings!

**Dave Majkrzak is very active in representing Pelican Lake with various area organizations and here is his update in those areas.**

- OTC COLA remains very active working with OTC commissioners on the best approach to fighting all AIS threats. The county has had an AIS task force for several years which they have funded work and activities to a financial commitment of about \$20,000-50,000 a year. The new state funding has increased that number to \$229,000 in 2014, with an additional \$489,000 in 2015. OTC COLA members are also members of the county AIS task force, and are working to improve the COLA involvement with all lakes in the county, and to wisely and effectively utilize the money.
- Zebra Mussels continue to be found in more Minnesota lakes, and again veligers (microscopic infant zebra mussels) were found in the Red River. The University of Minnesota ZM research team is visiting Pelican Lake and gathering information on our ZM situation. PLPOA property members are active on the OTC COLA and OTC AIS task force.
- Every other year, the DNR stocks walleye fingerling in Pelican Lake. This is the "off" year of the stocking process. The stocking of muskie, and the long term effect on all other fish species is being challenged by the PLPOA. We are asking the MNDNR to show us data that supports their position, especially the new 54 inch Muskie minimum length rule starting in 2015. If you have input and experience, pro or con, please forward comments to [PLPOA](#), [Dave Majkrzak](#), [Fred Manuel](#) or [Tom Sherman](#).
- The Natural Gas project is still expected to be finalizing the numbers this fall/winter, with a sign-up period after that. We are concerned that the bids are coming back higher than anticipated, and continue to look for ways to hold down installation costs. Watch for further updates in upcoming newsletters.

## **Bur Oak Blight Alert**

Some around the lakes have discovered Bur Oak Blight on their oak trees. It visually appears in the latter part of summer and seems to be coming more prevalent around the lake. The visual signs are dying of the leaves in the lower portion of the tree. If you happen to be around the lakes in late fall and into the winter, you'll notice that many of those dead leaves don't fall off the trees. Currently, the only way to reduce the problem is injecting a systemic fungicide into the tree in early June at a cost in the neighborhood of \$400 per tree. Here are a few sites with more information.

[Bur Oak Blight Pest Alert](#)

<https://online.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/buroakworkshop/>

**PLPOA survey update**

Thanks to all the households that have taken the survey. About 1/3 of the households on our email list have taken the survey. If you had intended to take the survey, but it slipped through the cracks, [the link](#) will be open until October 5th. Thanks again to all who have taken the time to fill it out as this helps PLPOA do a better job of representing the property owners of Pelican Group of lakes.

*As always, be respectful of others when out on the water.*

Sincerely,

Jeff Peltier  
PLPOA Communications