Hello Will Labrece/Sawyer County Record Staff Writer:

Thank you for your article about the Round Lake Task Force in the August 1, 2007 edition. Unfortunately I could not attend the July 26, 2007 Task Force Meeting due to work obligations.
There are some clarification that I believe are in order.

Attached is the official (RLPOA) Round Lake Property Owner's Association Round Lake management proposal.

Your article was not an accurate representation of our proposal and also did not state that item #4 (the dredging recommendation) was removed by the County. We believe that removal of the dredging proposal was an ill informed superficial arbitrary decision by the County.

Any new dam built at the Carlson Road area will most likely require downstream dredging. The artificial channel downstream of Carlson Road is now dry and this would be an excellent time to dredge it with virtually no environmental impact. The alleged assertion that dredging would allow boats to navigate to Osprey Lake from Little Round Lake is absurd because how would any good sized boat get thru or over the dam (either present or new dam). Only canoes can now navigate to Osprey Lake from Little Round when there is sufficient water and this would not change with a new dam.

In addition if the present dam is abandoned and if this means removal of the floor and sill of the dam there will be a high probability that scouring will occur; and the foot or so of accumulated sediment in the channel downstream of Carlson Dam will be washed into Osprey Lake anyway. Dredging now would eliminate that possibility.

Another key point that needs to be clarified is what does abandonment of the present dam mean? Who will keep the downstream artificial channel from being obstructed with debris if the dam is abandoned? We believe that legal abandonment probably means removal of the dam sill and floor which will increase the likelihood of scouring downstream and may at some time in the future cause Round/Little Round Lakes to go one to two feet lower then they are now.

I'm sure that this must have been harmless error but for your information the flowage direction of the concerned lakes is as follows from high to low: Tiger Cat Flowage - Placid Diversion Canal - Round Lake - Highway B Bridge - Little Round Lake - Carlson Dam - artificial channel downstream of Carlson Dam-Osprey Lake -

Beaver Dams - NN culverts - Osprey Creek etc. Osprey Lake is downstream from Round/Little Round Lakes not upstream. Only about a dozen people live on Osprey Lake compared to 655+ on Round/Little Round Lakes.

There is an official 1941 PSC Order setting what Round Lake water levels are but there is no official legal level for Osprey Lake. It is believed by many that Osprey Lake has been historically several feet lower then what it is now (for last 20 or 30 years).

Ms. Riedmann's claim about buying easements on Osprey Lake is ridiculous because the flood level that she is talking about is based on flow rates thru Carlson Dam that are about 50% of what is allowed in the 1941 PSC Order which is law now. These deceptive flood levels that they are talking about may assume the continued presence of beaver dams upstream of NN and the Present undersized incorrectly placed NN culverts. Its my opinion that these flood levels and easements that Riedmann and Frank Dallam (DNR) are talking about have been manufactured to support their predilection for a "passive" management system. Its my opinion that this is a pretty substantial misinformation scheme that the County is conducting and the Sawyer County Record is missing this completely or not reporting it.

The SEH engineering work done on Round Lake system is not compatible with current law-1941 PSC Order- it uses flow rates thru Carlson Dam only about 50% of what is allowed by the 1941 PSC Order.

We believe that the most comprehensive and accurate information concerning this whole issue is on our website www.roundthelake.com

Please let me know if you have any questions?

Sincerely,

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