

**From
Plymouth DNR Service Center
“The Woodchucks”**



**To
Sheboygan County Conservation Association
January 17, 2107**

From Fish Management: Addie, Travis, Tanya

- New Fisheries Biologist Introduction

From Law Enforcement: Juan and Tyler

- We have a lot of good ice right now, even with the recent warm up. Always use caution when driving vehicles on the ice. Several ice fishing violations have been issued this winter.
- LE is currently in the process of hiring 28-40 LTE (part-time) wardens. The hiring process is open through midnight on January 23rd.
- LE has submitted nominees for the SCCA awards banquet. Thank you for the opportunity to recognize our volunteer safety instructors.

From Wildlife Management: Dan, Ed, Andrew

- CWD sampling wrapping up
 - Roughly 100 samples brought in to either the service center or participating taxidermists
 - Will be taking samples again in the 2018 Deer Season
- Some turkeys have been being reported with Avian Pox
 - No public health threat
 - Contact DNR if more are seen or have been found dead
 - More information on Avian Pox can be found on our website
- Planning Sheboygan Marsh Drawdown again this year since it didn't occur in 2017
 - Working with forestry for a potential cattail burn in winter of 2018 to alleviate some of the cattail problems at the dam
- DNR staff ran Mid-Winter waterfowl survey in Jan.

- Most ducks and geese found in open pockets of water near Lake Michigan
- Rx Burns in the Sheboygan Area will be reduced this year due to realignment
 - Minimum of 25 acres
 - Burning now ran by forestry
- Snowmobile activity has increased on Sheboygan Marsh due to new snowfall