

From
Plymouth DNR Service Center
"The Woodchucks"



To
Sheboygan County Conservation Association
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From Fish Management: Laura & Tanya

- 2023 comprehensive fishery survey lake is Big Cedar Lake in Washington County. Fisheries staff is currently conducting spring fyke netting targeting northern pike and walleye. The hope is to get population estimates for both species.
- Stocking quota requests have been submitted for DNR fish stocking in 2024-2025 for Sheboygan, Washington and Eastern Fond du Lac counties.
- Fisheries staff attended Wisconsin Conservation Congress Open House meetings.

From Law Enforcement: Juan & Team

We're excited to announce the full-time conservation warden hiring process for 2023. The hiring process will look similar to 2022, however a few key items have changed. See below:

- The open application period goes from April 10th to May 4th
- We anticipate hiring ~10 FTE conservation wardens through this year's process (number of hires, depends on vacancies and budget)
- Vacant stations that will be filled with this recruit class will not be known until August/September, but the successful applicants will receive their station assignment at the time of conditional offer
- Candidates will initially be evaluated on their resume and letter of qualifications (also known as a cover letter). We will no longer be asking candidates to respond to short answer questions like we did last year.
- We will run two separate conservation warden hiring processes – a process specifically for Devil's Lake State Park (only candidates who are currently law enforcement officers or who have previously attended an LE academy may apply) and a general conservation warden process (both credentialed and uncredentialed applicants may apply)
- Successful candidates in the hiring process who have not completed a 720 hour academy will begin training with us in January 2024
- Successful candidates in the hiring process with previous law enforcement and who are eligible for the abbreviated academy will begin training with us in April 2024

It is also important to note that prospective applicants must be 21 years of age upon appointment and need to already have *or be willing to earn* 60 college credit within 5 years of being hired.

From Wildlife Management: Tanner

- Sheboygan Marsh dam tube will remain open to drawdown marsh for new dam construction.

- Sheboygan County CDAC meeting is May 2nd, 7pm at Camp Y Koda. Only one CDAC meeting this year.
- The CDAC Public Input period is running from April 8th-April 16th. Go to WIDNR online and type in CDAC. The survey will be at the top of the page, (if the meeting is next week let me know I'll send an email to Josh to distribute that sooner)
 - Rx Burn season is happening April and May. Multiple burns scheduled for DNR properties.
 - Spring survey period is beginning for wildlife staff including pheasant, spring waterfowl and woodcock surveys.