



# EARLY SUMMER 2015 NEWSLETTER

**Identify** the factors that may be causing the degradation of our lakes

**Protect** the lakes from the detrimental effects of human activities and certain natural processes

**Improve** water clarity to enhance the use and enjoyment of the lakes

**Preserve** the natural characteristics of the lakes and their shore-land environment where feasible and practical.

**To all property owners on Mink Somers,**

The Summer season has begun!

Time to get out the fishing tackle and get the boat ready. We hope to have great angling again this year! Also start thinking about how you plan to decorate your boat for the **Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade and Picnic sponsored by TAMS, The Association of Mink and Somers**, our volunteer social organization on the lakes.

The MSLID, Mink Somers Lake Improvement District is working this year on our core mission “improve the water quality to enhance the use and enjoyment of the lakes.” We have completed spraying our traditional boating channels for curly leaf pondweed and we have an ongoing assessment and plan for managing Eurasian Milfoil. Also we have a number of Board members monitoring for zebra mussels; as of now this aquatic invasive species (AIS) has not been found on our lake.

One of the major project we will be studying is the phosphorous that contributes to the algae growth particularly in the late summer. Although there is a lot of phosphorous already in the lake, sediment run off from our properties and the inlet on Mink Lake are contributing to lower water clarity. RMB Environmental Laboratories measures our water samples and a major trend report is due out this month. Buffer strips and retention and filtration systems have been shown to reduce phosphorous by over 50%; that contribute substantially to our water clarity. We are studying these options and will report back to our property owners with the how we might move forward in our mission to “protect the lakes”. My thanks to all our Board Members!

Tim

## Mink Somers Lake Improvement District

**Chair:** Tim Crimmins  
**Secretary:** Kay Hickey  
**Treasurer:** Guy Vance  
**Board Member:** Kathleen Poate

**Board Member:** Russ Orson  
**Board Member:** Bill Wetzel  
**TAMS President:** Dan Hinrichs  
**Environmental Liaison:** Jennifer Poate



**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**  
**BOAT PARADE** **TAMS**  
**VAN'S ISLAND 1:00 PM**



Decorate your boat, and join us at Van's Island at 1:00 PM for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade! TAMS Picnic on Somers Lake (6744 75<sup>th</sup> St. NW) after the Boat Parade. All Mink Somers property owners and their friends are welcome!

**MSLTD ANNUAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 1**  
**9:00 AM**

**CORINNA TOWNSHIP HALL**  
**9801 IRELAND AVE. NW**



Stan Tekiela will be the featured speaker at our Annual Meeting. Stan is a naturalist and author of nature guides for all states in the US. You may have seen his syndicated column in over 20 newspapers including *The Drummer* and *Outdoor News*. Bring your books for autographs or purchase them at the meeting. Learn more at [www.NatureSmart.com](http://www.NatureSmart.com)