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Hello Garfield Lake Association Members,

Well, with temperatures in the low 20's it looks like we will have an early freeze up this year. It sure feels like winter is coming early but the "wispy clouds" rising above the lake are just beautiful.

Outlined below are the items we discussed at our September 30, 2023, GLA BOD meeting. If you have any questions on any of these items or any other thoughts on how we might keep Garfield Healthy please don't hesitate to call one of those BOD members. Our phone numbers are in the Garfield Lake website: <https://garfieldlakeassociation.com/>

1. The GLA BOD meeting was held Wednesday, September 30, 2023, via ZOOM.
2. We discussed the success of the first GLA Membership Potluck Lunch. Many thanks to the 4 ladies who put this Potluck together. Sara, Jean, Diane, and Lindsay. These ladies have started a GLA Social Committee and will work on events for 2024.
3. Greg reported on the following expenses for the month: HC COLA annual dues, Water Quality Lab Testing, AIS Water Sampling Testing, and Garfield Lake Boat Landing Inspection support.
4. We want to recognize again the wonderful support for AIS Boat Landing support to the City of Laporte, Hart Lake and Lakeport Townships and the Garfield Lake Ice Racers.
5. We believe that some of our members are not getting our email messages and are trying to figure out how to correct that. If we can identify them, we will make it a point to send USPS letters to them. If any of you know of people with that issue, please let us know and we will work with them to correct it.
6. Greg, Charlie and Darryl met with Wade and Caleb from the County and discussed ways to reduce the number of northerns in our lake. They noted we can have as many fishing tournaments as we would like. Someone asked if it was OK to bury the small northerns caught. We will investigate that.
7. Darryll asked about the possibility of reducing the crappie limit from the current limit of 10 to 5. The DNR said they would investigate it and possibly use the trail camera at the landing to help with that decision.
8. Greg asked if the GLA or individuals could release our own "fry's" (young, small fingerlings). The DNR's response was fingerlings were a waste of time as the larger fish eat them quickly. There is also a great deal of Permitting and a significant cost.
9. COLA did a "special AIS study" around the area of Friendly Beach on Garfield. This is located on the north side of the lake. There were 3 people who made 20 rake pulls along the beach and several docks, then going through the pulled material for 2 hours. The results were very favorable as nothing of any significance was found.  
GREAT NEWS AGAIN!!
10. Mike reported that at the last COLA meeting, members reported that there was a decreasing number of members in other Lake Associations. Perhaps that is due to a misconception of what their purpose is. The Garfield Lake Association is only to KEEP GARFIELD HEALTHY with our focus on AIS prevention,
11. Our next GLA BOD meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 central. If you would like to join us in the online ZOOM meeting, please let us know.

Ron Ray

