



TIMBERLINES

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League
September 2022

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Coming Events

September 2022

- 13 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm
- 27 Social/Educational meeting 7:30 pm
Minnesota Senator John Hoffman

October 2022

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm
- 25 Social/Educational meeting 7:30 pm
Don Arnosti: "Effective Conservation in
Our Era: Democracy Under Siege"

Long Term-Care Policy and the Technology and Reform Policy committees. He lists his concerns as education, health and human services, environment and energy.

If he is re-elected and his party wins the majority, Sen. Hoffman may be in a position to help Minnesotans achieve some important conservation legislative wins next session. The audience should feel free to ask the Senator questions, especially those relating to conservation of our natural resources.

Refreshments after the talk will be provided by Chapter members. Our address is 8816 West River Rd., Brooklyn Park.

Social Educational Meeting:



**Tuesday
September 27,
7:30 p.m.
Sen. John
Hoffman**

Sen. John Hoffman will speak at our monthly Social/Education meeting September 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Breckenridge Chapter House of the Izaak Walton League of America. Sen. Hoffman, from District 36, was chosen for the position of Minority Whip in 2021. He will be running for a Senate seat again this year in a newly redistricted District 34 which includes more of our members living south of the Chapter House.

He was ranking member on the Human Service Reform Finance and Policy Committee this past session. He also had assignments on the Aging and

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights: August 9, 2022

- Social Educational meetings will resume in September and October.
- Speaker suggestions are always welcome. Contact Tim Johnson.
- Pancake breakfast will **not** take place this year.

DNR Rule Changes Petition

The Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League is petitioning the DNR to commence a rule-making process to add one rule and amend two additional rules to conserve Minnesota’s native “rough fish”. These rules are necessary for the state to fulfill its mission, exercise its public trust obligations and support sustainable populations of all native fish.

All of Minnesota’s native fish are critical to sustainable aquatic ecosystems. However, Minnesota does not manage or regulate all native fish equally. Twenty-six native fish species are legally categorized as “rough fish”. The term “rough fish” is a pejorative with no biological meaning or justification. Native so-called “rough fish” are actually ecologically important as forage for iconic species, as hosts for endangered native mussels, as predators on invasive species and provide many other essential ecosystem services. Native “rough fish” are also harvested as food by many Minnesotans. Unfortunately, all Minnesota’s native fish in this “rough fish” category suffer from inadequate legal protection because many have a continuous open season with no possession limits.

Essentially, the petition calls for MDNR to conduct rulemaking to:

1. Amend Minnesota Rules by establishing daily limits, possession limits, closed seasons, gear restrictions, and/or any other methods, which are in aggregate, sufficient to create an ecologically balanced population of native rough fish.
2. Add the following rule: Fishing, by any means, is closed for any native rough fish listed as “endangered”, “threatened”, or “special concern”.
3. Amend Minnesota rules to define “native rough fish” by naming each species using its scientific name



Chief petition author and Breckenridge Chapter member Tyler Winter fishing the Mississippi for rough fish just across from our Chapter House a few weeks ago



Alec Lackmann, with a Shorthead Redhorse he pulled in at the same spot that day. Dr. Lackmann’s research on Bigmouth Buffalo astounded everyone, including Minnesota Fisheries, when he showed they can live for over a century but have been reproducing only sporadically.

When Birds and Humans Collide: Treating Avian Species for Impact Injuries

The Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis will host an interesting Zoom program on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 7:00 PM-8:30 p.m.



While traveling to and from their wintering grounds, migratory birds encounter features of the built environment that put them at risk of injury and death. Bird-window collisions are the 2nd leading mortality risk to migratory birds, killing an estimated 365-988 million birds in the U.S. each year. Join Wildlife Rehabilitation Center's Tami Vogel for a look inside the world's busiest animal hospital as she details WRC's work with injured birds, including from collisions with buildings. Learn how to help injured birds and **prevent injuries by making your own home bird-safe.**

Tami Vogel is the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center's Communications and Development Director. She also oversees the WRC intake operations, and was instrumental in creating and launching programs designed to keep healthy wild babies with their wild families.

Registration in advance is required. Zoom link will be provided at registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/when-birds-and-humans-collide-treating-avian-species-for-impact-injuries-tickets-405484002567>

Grey Hairstreak Butterfly Thanks to Larry Kennebeck

The grey hairstreak butterfly lands with a plan in mind, and later turns around. The image of its tail (as shown first) is intended to scare away any predator. After showing its tail (and presumably scaring away a potential predator) it turns around and feeds in safety. Nature is full of tricks!



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Deadline is the First Day of each month.**

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Bluebird Trail

Three species of Blazingstar (Liatris) grow in the reconstructed prairie in Oxbow Park where our Chapter monitors the twelve nest box bluebird trail. They attract many pollinators including this Tiger Swallowtail butterfly. This year we only had one successful bluebird nest. If someone is interested in taking over the monitoring of this bluebird trail, please let Tim Johnson know.

**We are seeking new Breckenridge
Chapter members
as well as candidates for three open
spots on the Board.
Please let any Board member know if
you are interested in helping us
maintain our legacy of conservation.**

