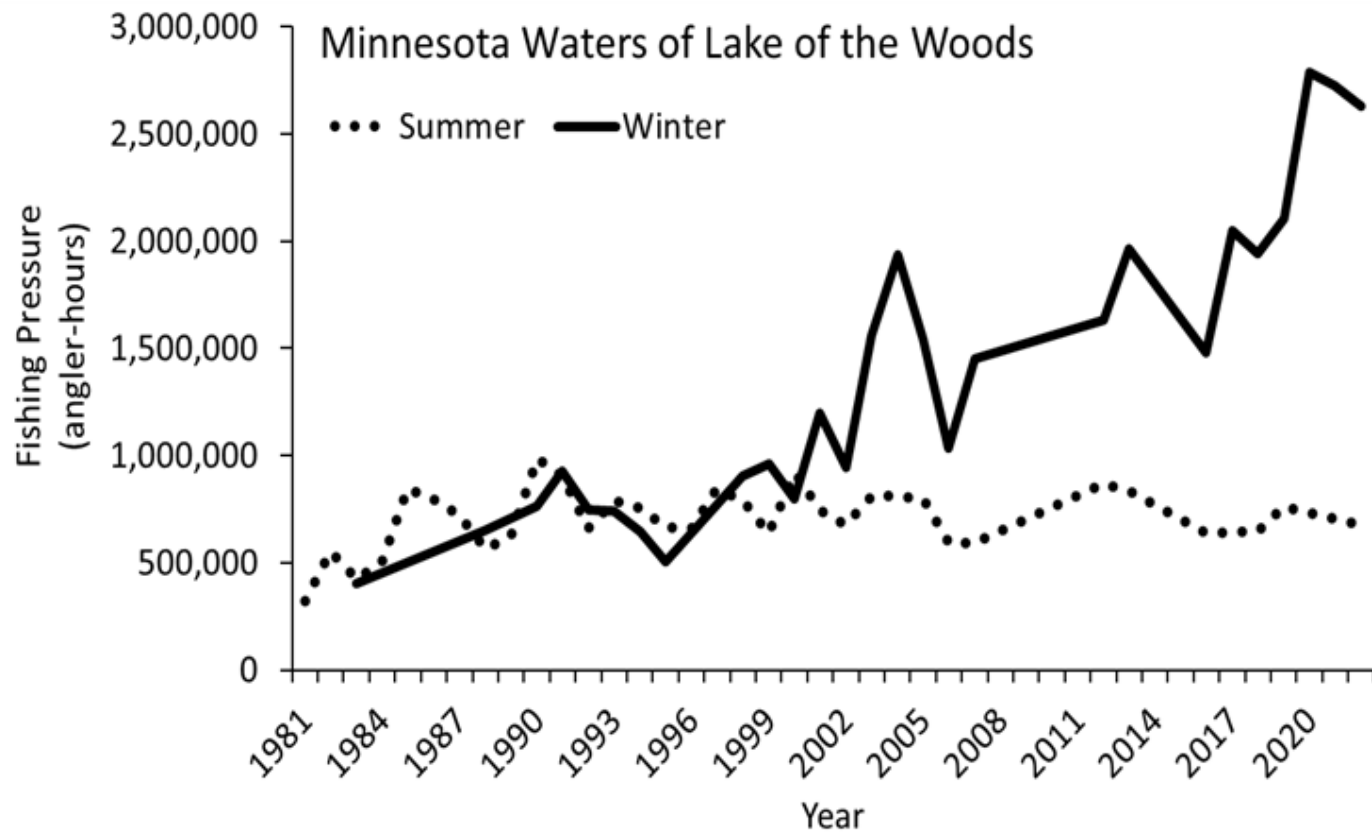




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Winter Ice Fishing Has Changed - Pressure



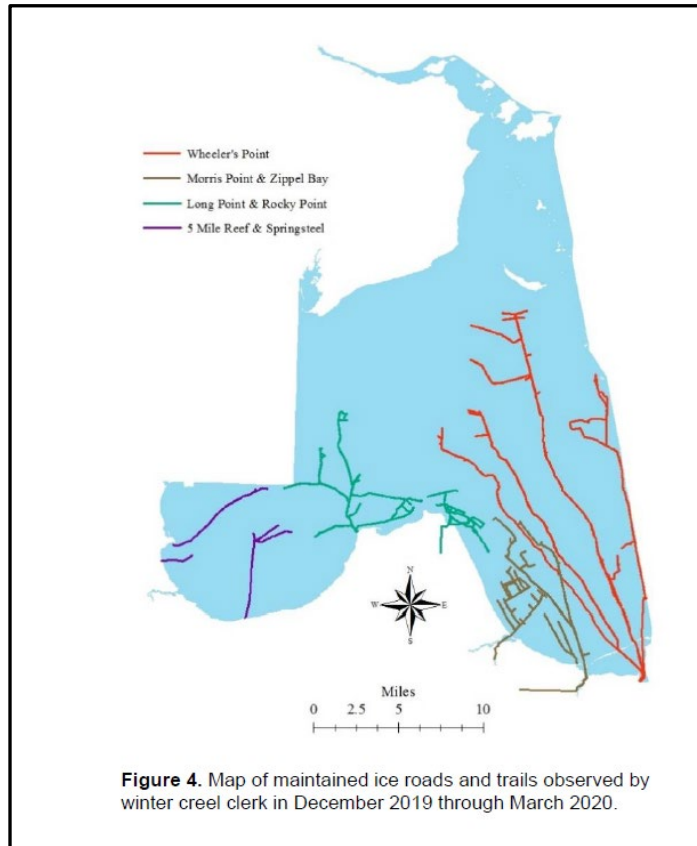


Winter Ice Fishing Has
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Winter Ice Fishing Has Changed – Ice Roads





Unintended Consequences



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Efforts

- Education
- Projects
 - Reports / Studies
 - RV Winter Dump Stations
 - Trash and Human waste solutions
 - Shoreline Cleanups
- Regulation & Enforcement



State Agency Partnerships

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Department of Natural Resources

Local Partnerships

Over 1,000 lakes under LGU participation and growing

2023 LEGISLATION

206.10 Sec. 66. [97C.363] STORING GARBAGE AND OTHER WASTE ON ICE.

206.11 Subdivision 1. Prohibition. A person using a shelter, a motor vehicle, or any other
206.12 conveyance on the ice of state waters may not deposit garbage, rubbish, cigarette filters,
206.13 debris from fireworks, offal, the body of a dead animal, litter, sewage, or any other waste
206.14 outside the shelter, motor vehicle, or conveyance unless the material is:

206.15 (1) placed in a container that is secured to the shelter, motor vehicle, or conveyance;
206.16 and

206.17 (2) not placed directly on the ice or in state waters.

206.18 Subd. 2. Definition. For purposes of this section, "sewage" means excrementitious or
206.19 other discharge from the bodies of human beings or animals, together with such other water
206.20 as may be present.

206.21 Subd. 3. Penalty. A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor, and a person who
206.22 violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of \$100 for each violation.

2024 Legislative Needs:

State Agency Partnership

Just like the Aquatic Invasive Species Program: State Agencies provide leadership and guidance help to coordinate a statewide effort by assisting the local efforts.



Next Steps

2024 Legislative Needs:

General Fund Allocation is proposed to set a minimum amount for participating counties to operate the program while a portion of the funds will be set aside for competitive grant funding.

Next Steps



2024 Legislative Needs:

General Fund appropriation of \$8 million for an annual allocation to go to local governments for the implementation of Keep It Clean programs for:

- a. Education
- b. Infrastructure
- c. Enforcement



Next Steps

KEEP IT CLEAN - ICE OF STATE WATERS

Lead State Agency

Subdivision 1. ***Keep it Clean - Ice of State Waters (KIC ICE) program:*** The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) will develop and administer a State-wide Keep it Clean Program for the prevention of water pollution due to garbage and human waste on ice of state waters from winter use activities. The lead agency () will coordinate efforts for the administration of the program. The lead agency/grantor agency will also develop a grant program, allocating funds for Local Governmental Units (LGUs) to implement local programs for education and awareness, resources and infrastructure, and regulation and enforcement.

KEEP IT CLEAN - ICE OF STATE WATERS

Grant Program

Subdivision 2. **The *Keep it Clean* grant program.** Funding would be available to local governmental units (LGUs) to provide education and awareness, resources and infrastructure and regulation and enforcement. The formula for base allocation would be on a minimum set amount per county, and a portion of the funds would be set aside to be available for competitive grant funding. (This approach will make local efforts more cohesive statewide and sustainable from a government perspective).

KEEP IT CLEAN - ICE OF STATE WATERS

Allocation Funding Formula Base Funding

Subdivision 3. **Allocation funding.**

(a) A formula for allocation of base funding will be on a minimum set amount per county on the basis of the following criteria:

- (1) The amount of water acreage wholly or partially within the county
- (2) Number of visitors/angling hours per county
- (3) Numbers of public and private commercial ice accesses
- (4) Any other factors as determined by the lead agency
- (5) The lead agency may require reports from counties/LGUs, make appropriate surveys or studies, or utilize local surveys or studies to determine the criteria required in allocation funds

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Allocation Funding Formula Competitive

Subdivision 3. Allocation funding.

(b) Competitive grant application based on proof of level of need above and beyond base grant:

- (1) Number of public water acres (lakes and rivers) per county
- (2) Number of winter visitor/angling hours per county
- (3) Tax base (the smaller the tax base, the greater the need)
- (4) Number of private and public winter commercial accesses
- (5) The overall performance of the county in the area of *Keep it Clean*
- (6) Any other factors as determined by the lead agency
- (7) The lead agency may require reports from counties/LGUs, make appropriate surveys or studies, or utilize local surveys or studies to determine the criteria required in allocation funds

PLACEHOLDER: *challenge grant application and review process*

KEEP IT CLEAN - ICE OF STATE WATERS

Appropriation

Subdivision 4. **Appropriation.** \$8,000,000.00 is appropriated from the general fund to the LEAD AGENCY to administer the program and to provide LGUs grants for the prevention of water pollution due to garbage and human waste on ice of state waters from winter use activities.

History: Sec.65. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97C.355, is amended by adding a subd. 9., Sec.66 (97C.363) STORING GARBAGE AND OTHER WASTE ON ICE



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