

# Caribou Lake Property Owners' Association

Newsletter

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A rusty crayfish harvest will be happening on Caribou Lake beginning the first week of June and running a couple of weeks or longer if harvesting levels warrant. We need volunteers from the association to help.

Traps will be provided by the US Forest service and instruction given by the Cook County AIS supervisor. The number of traps set will be determined by the number of volunteers. A volunteer would be responsible for 1 or 2 traps. All the traps will be set in the Bigsby Bay area, in shallow water along the shores.

Traps are to be checked and re-baited every 1 to 2 days. The fish bait, chopped and in freezer bags, is being supplied by the AIS supervisor. The native crayfish are thrown back while the Rusties are collected and disposed of at the gravel pit.

A volunteer kick-off meeting will be held, prior to the harvesting start date, with date and time convenient to the volunteers. You will be shown how to identify the Rusty Crayfish and the simple mechanics of the traps. Specific details of the bait distribution and disposal practice will be given.

Please consider volunteering. E-mail us at [CLPOA.MN@gmail.com](mailto:CLPOA.MN@gmail.com) expressing your interest.

## Rusty Crayfish Harvest

(MN DNR Regulated Invasive Species)



- Rusty crayfish have a light to dark brown body. Rusty, red-colored spots are present on either side of carapace.
- Spot size and darkness is highly variable across individuals.
- Has larger, more robust claws than native crayfish species.
- Claws have dark black bands on the tips.
- When closed, the claws have an oval gap in the middle.

# How to Identify Rusty Crayfish

(source University of Minnesota Extension)

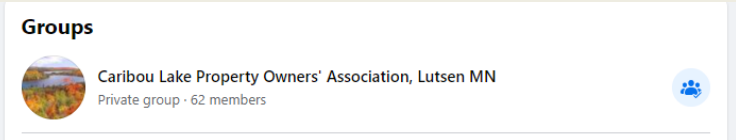


Did you know that we have a Facebook Group? This is a place for members to post pictures, news, events, inquiries, and discussions regarding Caribou Lake. It was created a year ago, as a private group and already we have 62 who have joined. It's easy to join if you have not already done so. From your Facebook account, click on

 **Groups** then in  **Search Groups** type:

***Caribou Lake Property Owners' Association, Lutsen MN***

Click on its listing to join.



# Highway 61 Cleanup reminder



# Association's Facebook Group

We have gathered on the Friday before our annual Labor Day meeting at the Lutsen Town Hall and then paired off to walk along the highway and pick up trash. Afterward, we gather at the Town Hall for grilled burgers, chips, side dishes and socializing. This year we will meet on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 AT 10 AM** at the Lutsen Town Hall. Trash bags, reflective vests, burgers, buns, and beverages will be provided. Please consider coming down and helping out. **Contact Fred Morris at [caribouowl@gmail.com](mailto:caribouowl@gmail.com)** and let him know you'll be coming.

**No Spring Memorial Weekend Meeting due to Covid**

**Highway 61 Cleanup** - September 3 at 10AM – Lutsen Townhall

**Fall membership Meeting** – September 4 at 10AM -Lutsen Townhall

## Upcoming Events

A reminder, the **slash disposal site** at the Caribou gravel pit accepts brush and branches. No construction debris, garbage or appliances etc. are allowed.

## Membership Dues

Because of the inconvenience and interruptions caused by **the** COVID-19 pandemic, payment of membership dues has fallen off considerably, **Please consider sending in a 2020 dues payment if you have not done so already, along with your 2021 dues.** The dues annually are \$30 per property and can be sent to P.O. Box 11, Lutsen, MN 55612. Thank you.