

Urgent Message

Greeting Shishebogama and Gunlock Lake Association members and non-members, the opener for the 2026 fishing opener has come and gone, albeit not without some questions.

The Association has received numerous calls and emails this weekend regarding the four new buoys located in Rockwood Bay. In the February SGLA newsletter we explained our mitigation plan to remove and contain the Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLPW) in Lake Shish. Rockwood Bay has the majority of CLPW, and the largest bed is 3 acres. In the newsletter we also explained that buoys would be placed this spring to identify the large area of infestation.

These buoys have been permitted by the DNR and the Town of Minocqua; in fact all buoys placed in the lake must be permitted. During the permit process we were told we could not prohibit access to this area, rather we were only allowed to notify people of the area in question in an effort to keep boating traffic to a minimum and to ask boaters to not transport weeds from this area to other areas of the lake. The language on the buoys states “**AIS Area Please Stay Away**”, this was the language approved by the DNR.

We are asking that residents and guests please stay away from this area if possible, and if you do need to travel through the marked area, please clear any weeds when leaving the buoyed area. We know this may be an inconvenience, especially for the homeowners in this area. The good news is CLPW dies out towards the end of July as the water warms up. These buoys are temporary a measure to help stop the spread of an invasive while we try to get a handle on its spread. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Additionally, many lake residents and visitors are not members of the Shishebogama Gunlock Lake Association and therefore are not receiving these messages. We will do our best to notify residents and visitors in the Rockwood Bay area of our efforts. You can help us by reaching out to your neighbors with this message. If your neighbors are not members of the SGLA, please give them my phone number 715-892-3196 and I would be happy to talk to them about membership. You can access the February 2026 SGLA Newsletter from our SGLA website and also view other information about CLPW and our aquatic invasive species prevention efforts on our website here: [Shishebogama Gunlock Lake Association](#) Look in the “About Us” section of the menu for our newsletter and we have a lot of AIS and CLPW info under our “Programs” menu.

We understand the inconvenience of the buoys but in the end it is our hope we have a good outcome and ultimately improve the quality of our lakes. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you!

Rich Carani, SGLA Board Chair

