Hook, Line & Sinker Recycling Program

THE FACTS:

- *Monofilament Fishing Line can take up to 500 years to decompose in the environment, posing a hazard to boaters and wildlife.*
- *Lead sinkers are toxic or fatal when ingested by waterfowl.*
- *Discarded fishhooks can cause injury to humans and animals.*

Partners:

- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Chisago County Environmental Services/Zoning
- Berkley Pure Fishing America

Collector Locations:

- Chisago Lake
- Green Lake
- Household Hazardous Waste Facility, North Branch
- Kroon Lake
- Little Green Lake
- Little Lake
- North Center Lake
- South Center Lake
- Spider Lake

- Collection stations are located at all Chisago Lakes public accesses and are emptied weekly when lake levels are recorded.
- Fishing line is recycled free of charge at Berkley's Spirit Lake, Iowa Facility. It is made into fish habitat structures, tackle boxes, spools for fishing line, and toys.
- Lead sinkers are recycled with other lead waste received at the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, and old fish hooks are recycled as scrap metal.

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2014 Summary for the Hook, Line & Sinker Recycling Program

The goals of the Hook, Line & Sinker recycling program in 2014 included:

- Routinely empty the collectors of discarded hooks, fishing line, lead sinkers, and various other items
- Continue to provide public education and awareness of the impacts of monofilament line to boats and wildlife
- Renew the DNR Special Use Permit to maintain PVC collection stations (collectors) at public boat accesses within the Lake Improvement District
- Continue promotion of the recycling program to area residents through various publications and signage at collector sites

PVC collectors were first installed at the public boat accesses within the LID in 2012. Decals identifying the program and sponsors are attached to the front of the collectors, and metal signs on fence posts are installed in close proximity to each collector identifying the program sponsors.

Collectors are located at the following public boat accesses and county building:

1. Little Lake
2. South Lindstrom/Chisago Lake
3. Little Green Lake
4. Green Lake
5. Kroon Lake
6. Spider Lake
7. North Center Lake
8. South Center Lake
9. Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, North Branch

The Collectors were emptied weekly from May through early November when lake level readings were taken, and bi-monthly upon ice-up of the lakes.

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Items collected in 2014 include: 17 fish hooks, 4 lures, 38 lead sinkers, 3 bobbers, various other fishing tackle, and a large pile of fishing line.