

May 11, 2004

Dear City of Lino Lakes,

Due to the impact of human caused disturbances, the Twin Cities Metropolitan area now has less than a dozen blue heron nesting sites - with most of those remaining being on islands. In that a substantial blue heron rookery has existed for many years on the Peltier lake island, we are in favor of protecting and preserving the northern portion of Peltier Lake with minimal disturbances from motorized traffic. In that great egrets, bald eagles, black crowned night herons, and other birds and wildlife would benefit from a no-wake zone, the northern portion of the lake extending from the southern portion of the island should be preserved. Low impact canoeing, fishing, and slow motorized traffic may still be allowed in the northern portion of the lake. Any high speed boating or water ski courses that are allowed on Peltier Lake should and must be at such a distance from the island so as to not push wildlife off the island. High speed boating rips up the shallow aquatic plants on the north end of the lake, releasing phosphorous, and degrading water quality. Since Peltier Lake is the headwaters of the Rice Creek chain of lakes, and eventually flows into the Mississippi River it's water quality has far reaching impacts. Consequently, the Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America board of directors in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, strongly supports for a no-wake zone on the Northern portion of Peltier Lake, including all waters near the Peltier lake island.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Rust". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John Rust

President - Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League