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Greetings MFA members:

We just learned **big news** the other day that you will all find quite interesting.

This year's "Wisconsin Governor's Fishing Opener" will be held on the Minong Flowage!

Details are still sketchy, but we can offer some preliminary insights:

- This year's fishing opener is Saturday, May 7th, so the activities surrounding this event will run through the weekend of May 6 – 8th, 2016.
- This annual event is primarily a "Wisconsin tourism promotional event", so a lot of the ancillary events will likely follow tourism themes.
- The actual "fishing activity" will certainly occur on our lake, but much of the "banquets, family events and speaker-stuff" will be held at Heartwood Resort.
- At this point, the only roll we have been asked to fulfill is to manage a team of volunteer pontoon escorts to shuttle dignitaries and media folks around the lake. The number of pontoons needed will likely range from 6 to 12 and be highly dependent on a broad range of factors. Not the least of which will be the weather on May 7th... Anyone wishing to volunteer their services should offer their name, pontoon condition, pontoon capacity and contact information on our email site: MinongFlowage@Gmail.com
- Since it is a "media-based" event, rather than a "general public event", publicity will be sparse. The likely sites to monitor are:
 - www.Facebook.com/wiFishingOpener
 - www.WisconsinIndianHead.org They manage this event each year.
 - www.WashburnCounty.org They are the local tourism folks working on the event.
 - www.HeartwoodConferenceCenter.com They are the event headquarters.
 - Here is a link to information about last years event in Hayward, that offers insights to the nature of such an event: http://www.apg-wi.com/sawyer_county_record/news/local/hayward-lakes-hosts-th-governor-s-fishing-opener/article_799d1026-edf7-11e4-a07a-27faca832bfe.html

It will be... interesting!

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