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Subject: Winter Aeration Indian Lake

To Whom It May Concern,

Dane County Parks began aeration of Indian Lake in Indian Lake County Park on November 26th, 2025. Dane County Land and Water Resources Department and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources continue to work on a cooperative water quality improvement project to restore the fishery and improve water clarity.

The aeration system is designed to create upwelling of water which allows for a portion of the lake to remain ice free. Oxygen diffusion from the atmosphere will help fish survive through the winter months and prevent a winterkill situation.

Indian Lake County Park is one of Dane County's most popular destinations and offers users a multitude of recreational opportunities. While no ice is ever considered safe, all patrons should avoid the area of the lake kept ice free by the aeration system. Appropriate signage has been posted at all lake access points.

For questions, please contact:

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