

Infestation Report by the Invasive Species Program

Division of Ecological Resources
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Waterbody: Swan Lake

DOW number: 31006700

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County: Itasca

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Summary: Juvenile zebra mussels were confirmed on settling samplers in Swan Lake near Pengilly, MN on 24 August 2025.



Photo 1. Zebra mussels found in Swan Lake on 24 August 2025.

On Sunday, August 24, 2025, Minnesota DNR AIS program received a report of juvenile zebra mussels found on three settling samplers in Swan Lake. Itasca County SWCD AIS personnel took possession of the mussels later that day and delivered them to DNR in Grand Rapids.

Swan Lake is subject to regular AIS survey work. Itasca County SWCD AIS program sampled the lake for veliger presence in 2024 and the Swan Lake Association takes an active role in AIS prevention measures. The sampling plates on which the mussels were attached were deployed by the Swan Lake Association as part of their AIS prevention strategy. Seven samplers were placed around the lake on 31 May 2025 and left undisturbed until 24 August 2025 when they were gathered and examined.

Samples were preserved at the DNR office in Grand Rapids.

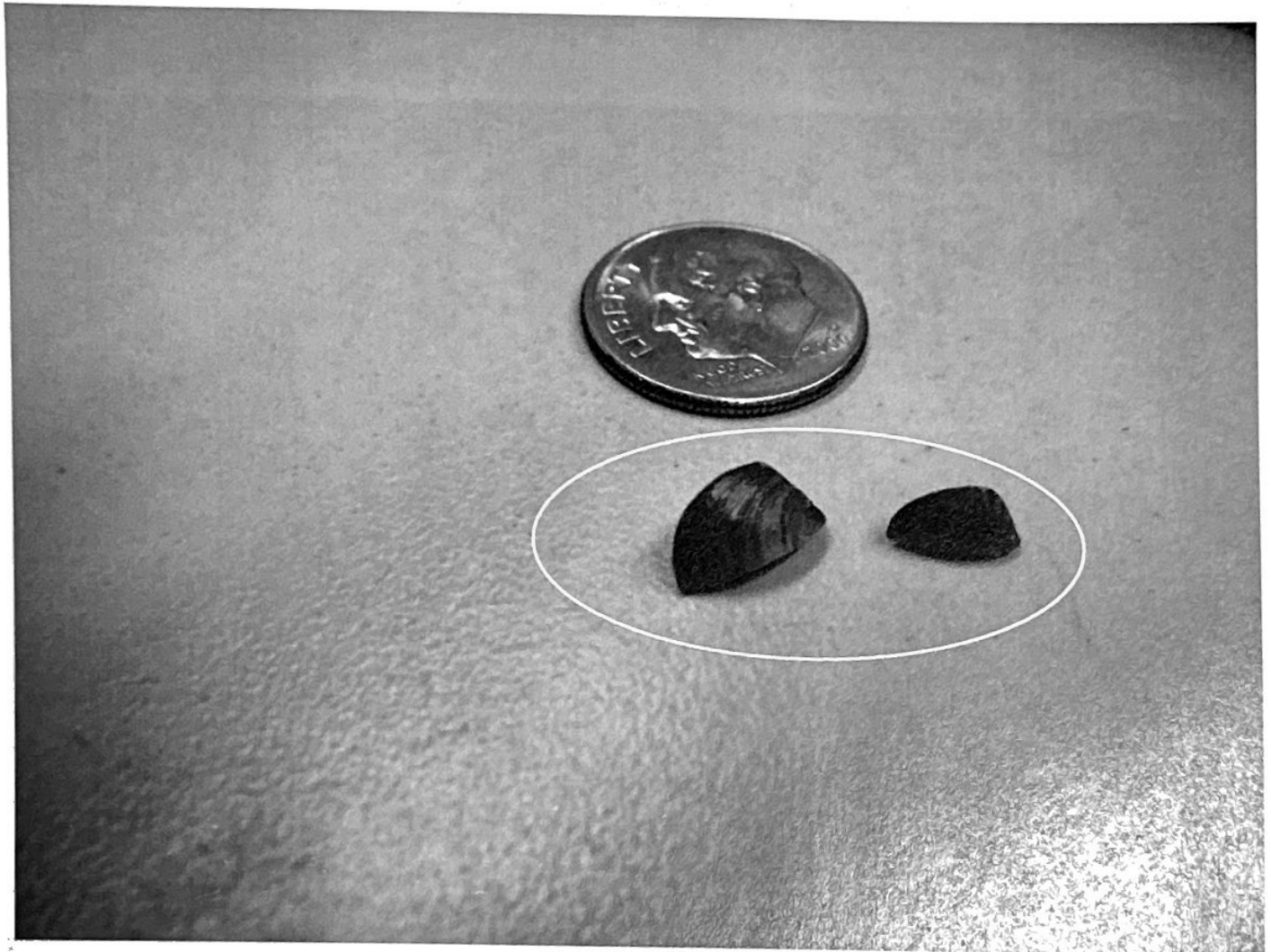
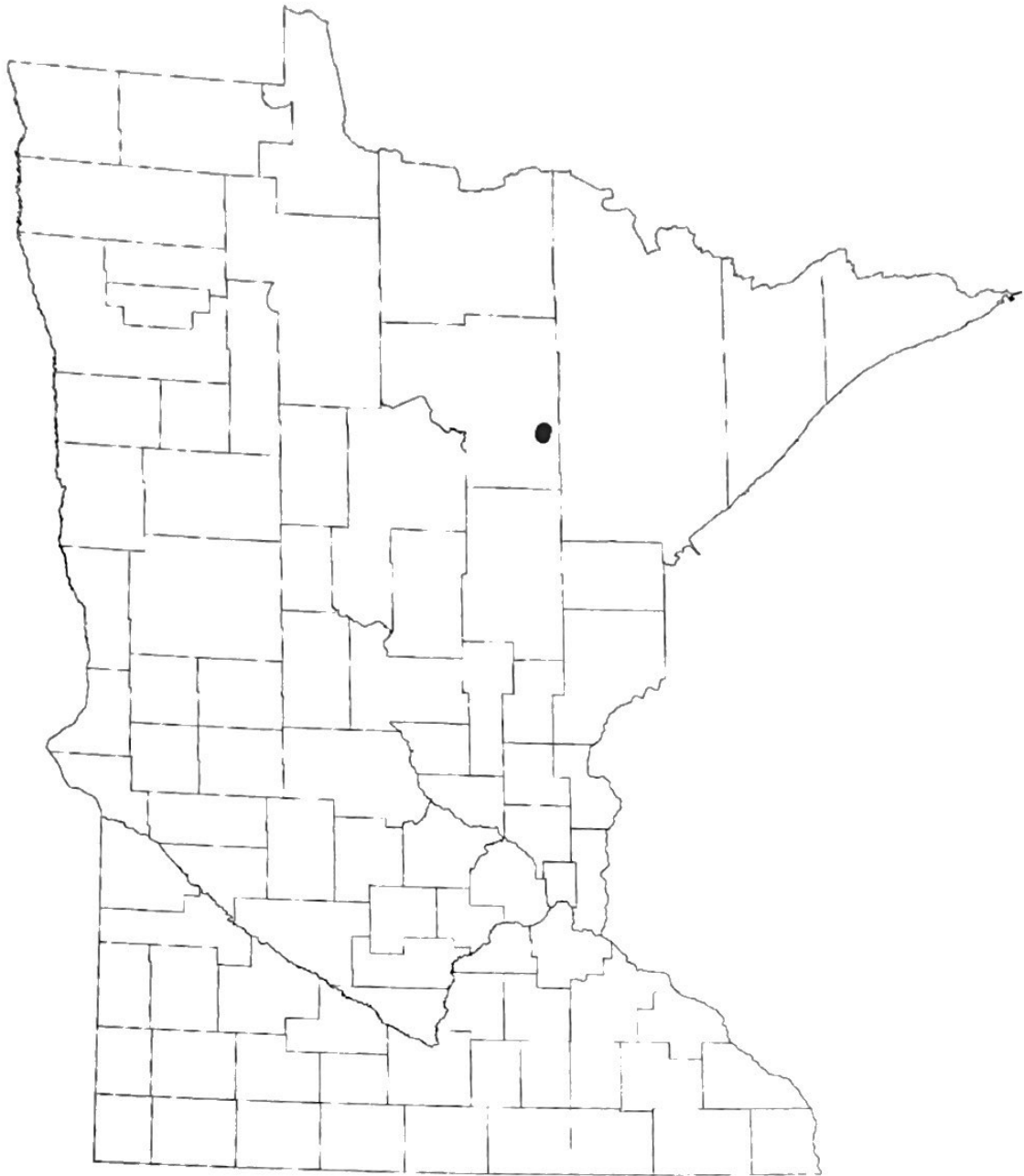


Photo 2. Juvenile zebra mussels found in Swan Lake on 25 August 2025.

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Figure 1. The location of Swan Lake in Itasca County in red.

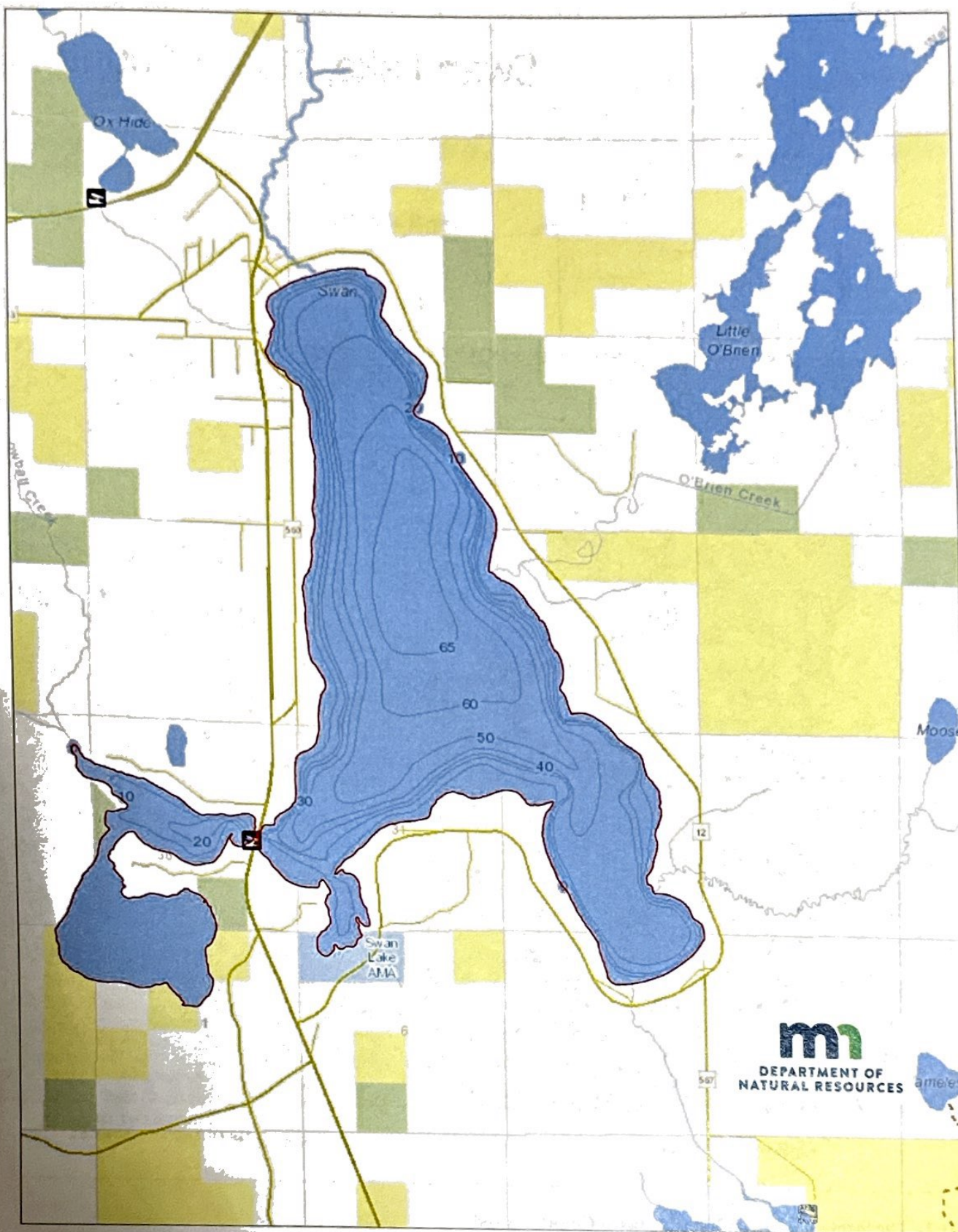


Figure 2. Swan Lake is a large, popular lake near the town of Pengilly in eastern Dasca County.

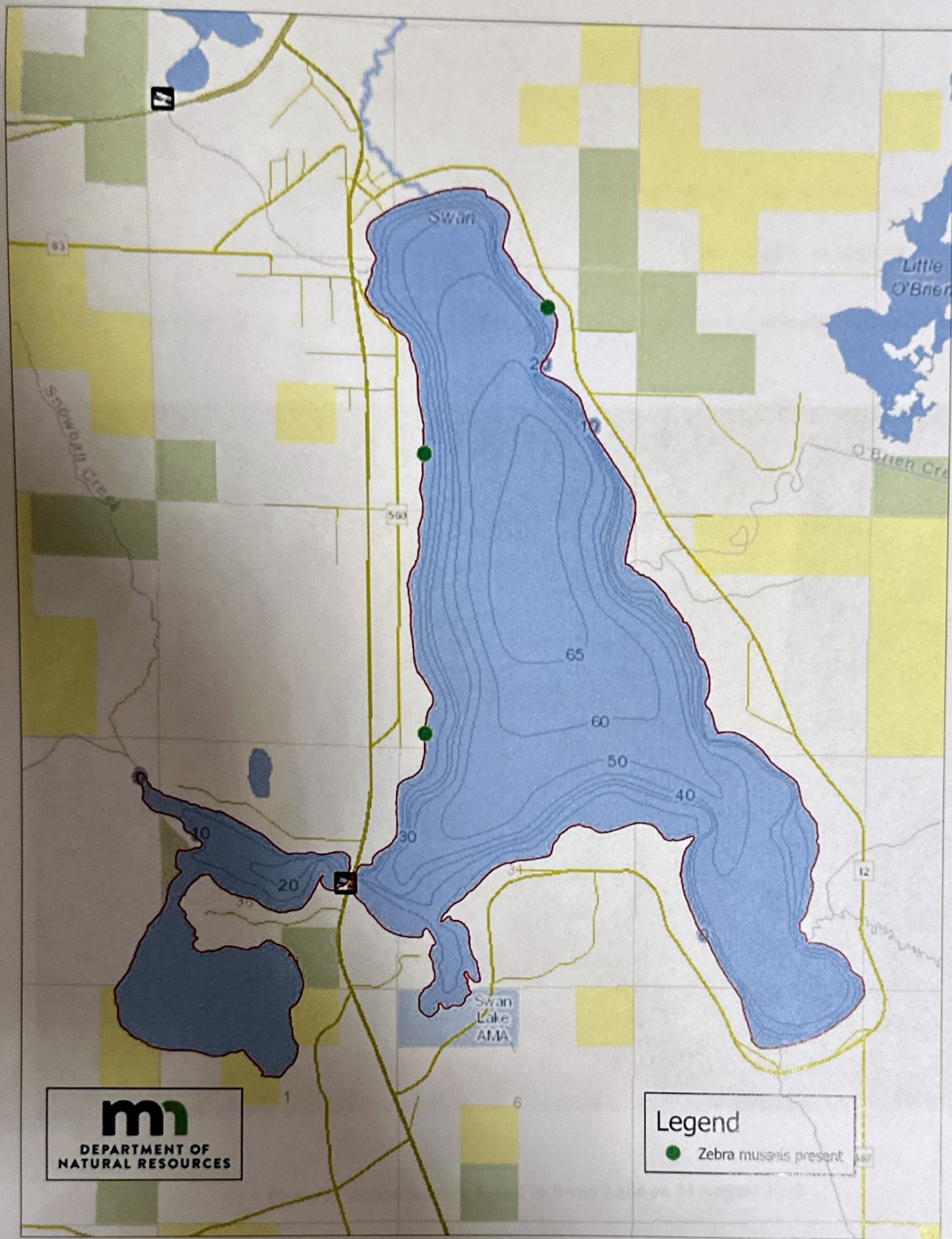


Figure 3. Locations where zebra mussels were found in Swan Lake, Itasca County on 24 August 2025.