Trap Net. Mesh bags of cracked corn bait were placed in center for one week. Carp were devouring about 50 lbs per night. Traps are triggered with ropes from shore before dawn. When triggered, the sides of the net are raised, trapping carp inside the pen-like enclosure.
PVC pipes run under the net to push all fish to one end. Like squeezing a toothpaste tube from one end.
Carp Solutions, Inc staff explain carp management strategizing to agency staff and interested residents.
Captured carp are offloaded into tubs containing clove oil to euthanize them.
Euthanized carp are counted and measured.
Heads of 120 carp are kept so those fish can be later aged. They are aged by examining the growth rings (like a tree) on their otoliths (inner balance organ in the head). The age structure of the population will help us know how often carp successfully reproduce, which has implications for the management strategy.
Carp are taken in plastic totes to the Wildlife Science Center, about 4 miles from the lake, where they will be fed to wolves, bears, raptors and other animals.