In response to some of the topics raised at the meeting, HDB Marine would like to add to the conversation. We have looked at other storage areas as mentioned. Unfortunately Aberdeen Bay has a possible 15 mile fetch to it from north winds that makes it unusable. The slew is too shallow, and Loffs Bay to get the water depth needed we would have to be out by the camp. Loffs Bay was the best alternative location out of the options we explored, however since storage was already established in Powderhorn Bay we felt that it was more appropriate to stay in this area. As for the Gentleman who purchased the property behind the storage area, I am sure he was well aware that there was a well-established dock storage area in the bay in front of his property before purchasing that property. Powderhorn Bay is one of the few really protected deep water bays on Lake Coeur D’Alene. Many other areas of the lake deal with large sheets of Ice that can shift and take out anything in their path. We understand that the amount of docks has increased over the years, but we believe we are trending in the other direction. This should reduce the impact on powderhorn bay. As I stated earlier I think we will always have a need for storage due to ice and the winters we get here in North Idaho. However we also believe over time we can reduce this to an acceptable size for everyone. Last but not least to answer where the junk or broken docks come from that end up in powderhorn. Sometimes at the end of the year when we go store docks we find a dock has been damaged or destroyed. We have to take it back to powderhorn with the raft as we are actively doing dock storage. Then we try to leave them at storage while we deliver the docks in spring as they can’t or shouldn’t be returned in that condition. Last year due to the Labor Day storm, which anyone that was around knows the damage it caused, and how many additional docks were wiped out. With it being so close to storage time many of these docks ended up getting rafted into the storage without knowing the condition prior. This is the reason for the amount of docks you saw there this year. This was not a normal occurrence by any means, and with any luck we won’t see another storm like that for another 50 years. Also some of the docks and debris just appear there, and we have no idea where they come from. Some could be from home owners cleaning up there beach, or other contractors. Any logs or dead heads that are floating in the lake that get tied up there by other boaters is a great thing in my opinion. We are happy to help clean up the lake, but there also needs to be an understanding that it may take a bit to get out there and clean them up from time to time. In addition we actively clean debris on the lake to our best capability. Attached is a news article on the Labor Day storm, just so anyone who is not familiar with it can
understand why we had more damage this year. Also this why we need dock storage in certain areas as well. I wish I still had some video of this storm as it was a site to see.