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APPENDIX A

Public Participation Materials



Presentation Outline

- Onterra, LLC
- Why Create a Management Plan?
- Elements of a Lake Management Planning Project
 - Data & Information
 - Planning Process



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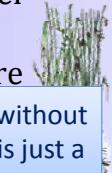
- Founded in 2005
- Staff
 - Four full-time ecologists
 - One part-time ecologist
 - One field technician
 - Four summer interns
- Services
 - Science and planning
- Philosophy
 - Promote realistic planning
 - Assist, not direct



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Why create a lake management plan?

- To create a better understanding of the lake's positive and negative attributes.
- To discover ways to minimize the negative attributes and maximize the positive attributes.
- To foster realistic expectations and dispel myths.
- To create a snapshot of the lake for future reference and planning.



A goal without a plan is just a wish!

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Elements of an Effective Lake Management Planning Project

Data and Information Gathering
Environmental & Sociological
Planning Process
Brings it all together



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Data and information gathering

- Study Components
 - Water Quality Analysis
 - Shoreland Condition Assessment
 - Coarse Woody Habitat Assessment
 - Watershed Review
 - Aquatic Plant Surveys
 - Fisheries Data Integration



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Water Quality Analysis

- General water chemistry (current & historic)
- Citizens Lake Monitoring Network
- Nutrient analysis
 - Lake trophic state (Eutrophication)
- Supporting data for watershed modeling



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Watershed Review

- Completed as a part of 2005 plan
- Modeling – reassess for changes
 - Land cover
 - Phosphorus loading
 - Scenario development



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Aquatic Plant Surveys

- Concerned with both native and non-native plants
- Multiple surveys used in assessment
 - Early-season AIS Survey
 - Point-intercept survey
 - Aquatic plant community mapping
 - Volunteer survey findings

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Non-native Aquatic Plants

Curly-leaf Pondweed



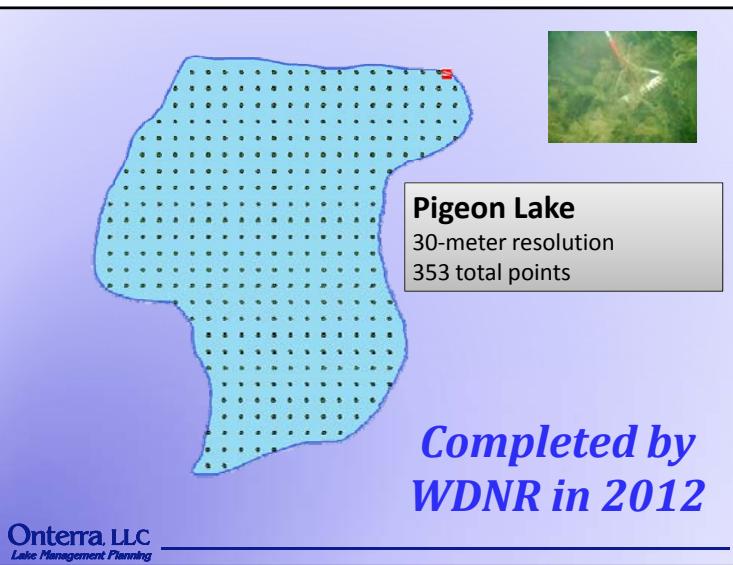
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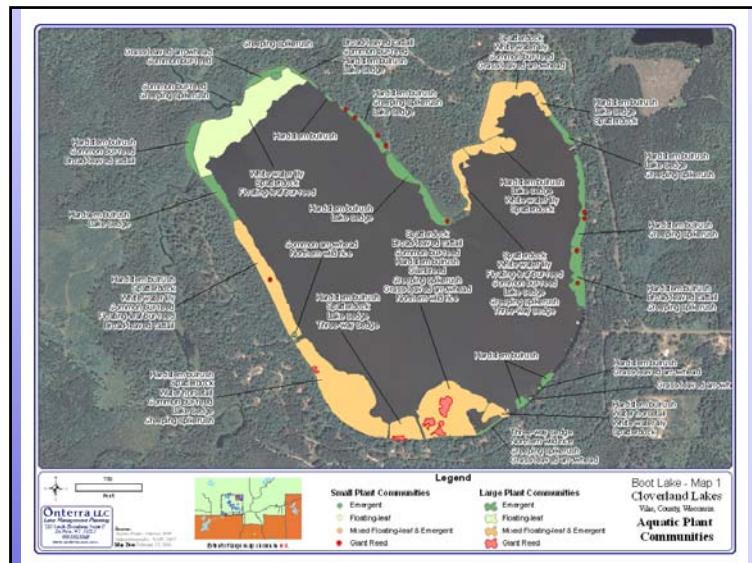
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Eurasian Water Milfoil



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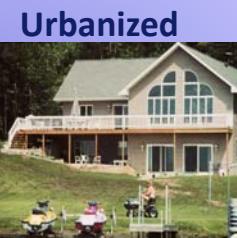
- No fish sampling completed
- Assemble data from WDNR and other agencies
- Fish survey results summaries (if available)
- Use information in planning as applicable



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Shoreland Condition Assessment

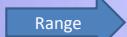
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Urbanized



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Course Woody Habitat Assessment

- Course woody habitat is important for:
 - Shoreland stabilization
 - Insect and amphibian structure
 - Fish refuge and foraging
- Assessment includes all woody structure:
 - Extending 5' into the lake
 - In 1' or more water depth
 - 2" or greater in diameter



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Pigeon Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan Update

November 2013 Update

Submitted by: Brenton Butterfield & Eddie Heath, Onterra, LLC

With the help of an Education, Planning, and Prevention Grant totaling nearly \$10,000 through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), a project is underway to update the Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Pigeon Lake. This updated plan will contain historical and current data from the lake as well as provide guidance for its management by integrating stakeholder perceptions and goals with what is ecologically beneficial for the lake.

As described further below, numerous field studies were carried out on Pigeon Lake in 2013. Because of the wealth of data that was collected just within the past few months, much of the data analysis has yet to be completed. This update intends to bring the Pigeon Lake of Manitowoc County, Inc. (PLMC) up-to-speed on the scientific studies that have occurred, provide some initial observations on the ecology of Pigeon Lake, and provide a rough timeline for the remaining actions that will be taken as a part of this planning project.

On June 13, 2013, Onterra staff had their first visit to Pigeon Lake where they conducted an Early-Season Aquatic Invasive Species (ESAIS) Survey. The meander-based survey's purpose is to locate and map any potential aquatic invasive plant species, with a primary focus on location occurrences of curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) as this is when this plant is at or near its peak growth. This survey is also useful in finding incidences of Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) as it is further along in growth than most native plants in early summer. While not typically done at this time of year, areas of Eurasian water milfoil were mapped in detail to aid in the Eurasian water milfoil Peak-Biomass Survey conducted later in the summer. During the ESAIS Survey, Onterra ecologists were not able to locate any occurrences of CLP. Using a submersible camera, transects were conducted through areas where CLP had been located in a past survey (2005), though none was observed.

Onterra did not conduct a whole-lake point-intercept survey in 2013, as this survey was conducted by the WDNR in 2012. The aquatic plant community mapping survey, where areas of emergent and floating-leaf plant communities are delineated, was completed by Onterra on August 27, 2013. The Eurasian water milfoil peak-biomass survey was also conducted at this time. From this survey, just over 3 acres of colonized Eurasian water milfoil were mapped around the lake (see attached map).

The WDNR point-intercept survey indicates that Pigeon Lake contains 17 native aquatic plant species. Aquatic plants were found growing to a maximum depth of 20 feet, a testament to Pigeon Lake's high water clarity. The average Secchi disk depth for the summer of 2012 was 9.1 feet. Slender naiad, muskgrasses, and Illinois pondweed, all native species, were the most frequently encountered aquatic plants in the WDNR's 2012 survey, while EWM comprised a relative small portion (4%) of the lake's plant community (Figure 1).

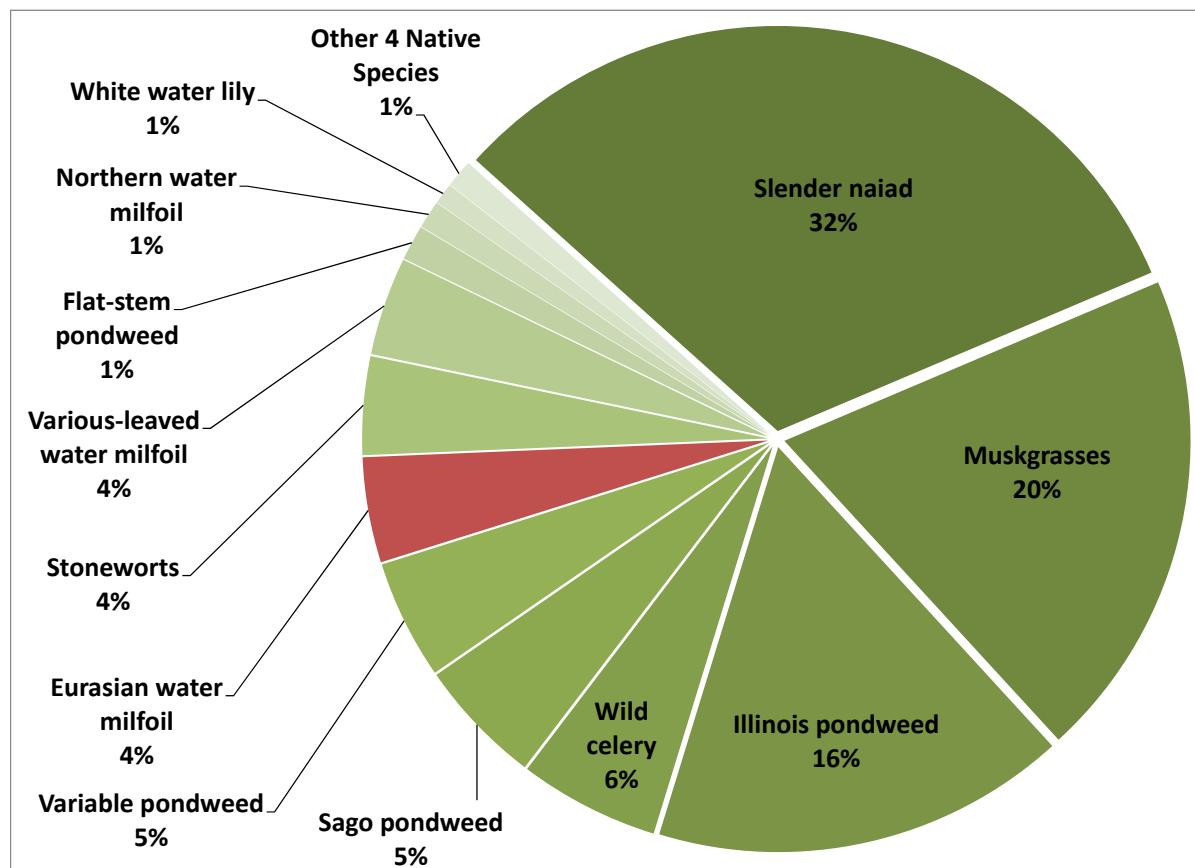


Figure 1. Pigeon Lake 2012 aquatic plant relative frequency of occurrence. Created using data from WDNR 2012 whole-lake point-intercept survey. Non-native species are indicated with red.

In the coming months, Onterra will be sorting through the water quality and aquatic plant data, and in addition, we will be looking at the watershed surrounding the lake and using a modeling program to estimate the amount of nutrients the lake receives on an annual basis.

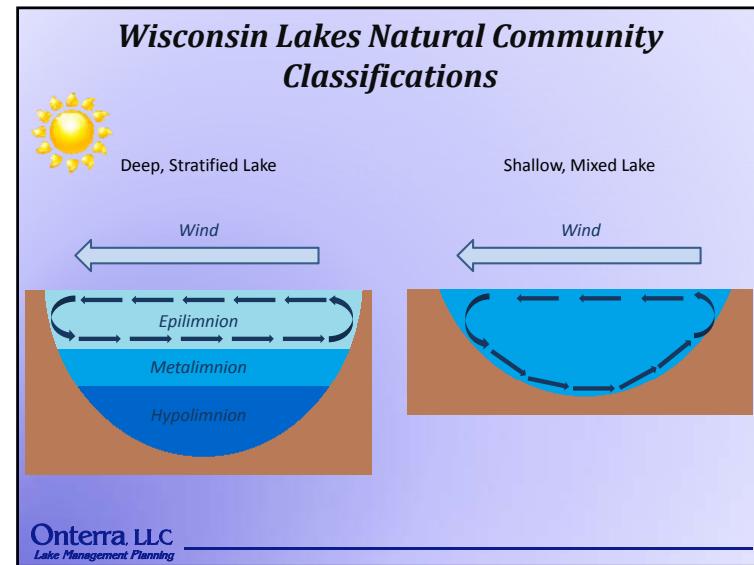
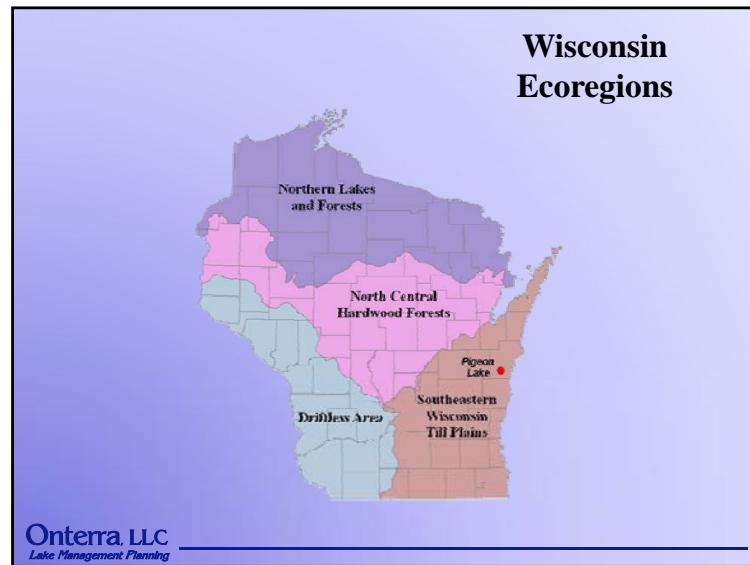
In summary, all project components are on schedule. Following data analysis and report creation, the Pigeon Lake Planning Committee and Onterra staff will meet to discuss the project results and begin creation of management goals and actions the PLMC will pursue to manage their lake in both a recreationally enjoyable and ecologically sound manner. Likely one of the management goals will outline a management strategy for EWM. Onterra is in the process of investigating the applicability of various management strategies on Pigeon Lake, including but not limited to, coordinated hand-removal, herbicide treatments, and no-action but continued monitoring. This alternatives analysis will be presented in detail to the PLMC Planning Committee at the upcoming meetings for further discussion and consideration.

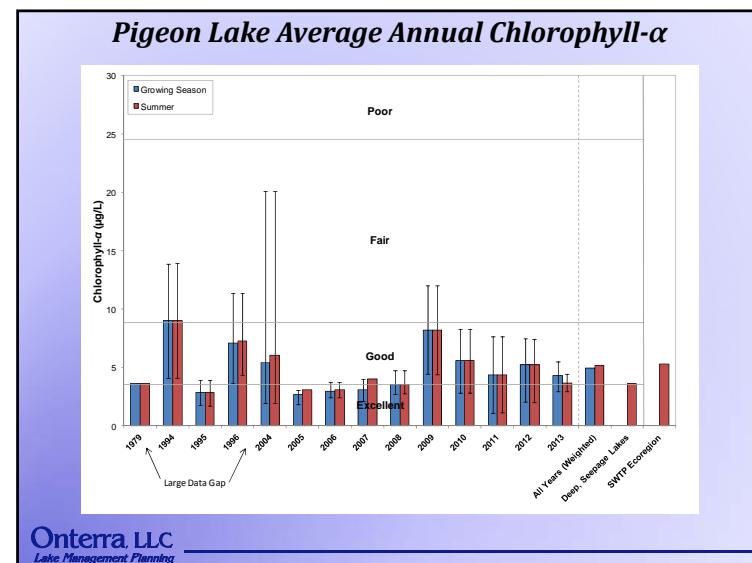
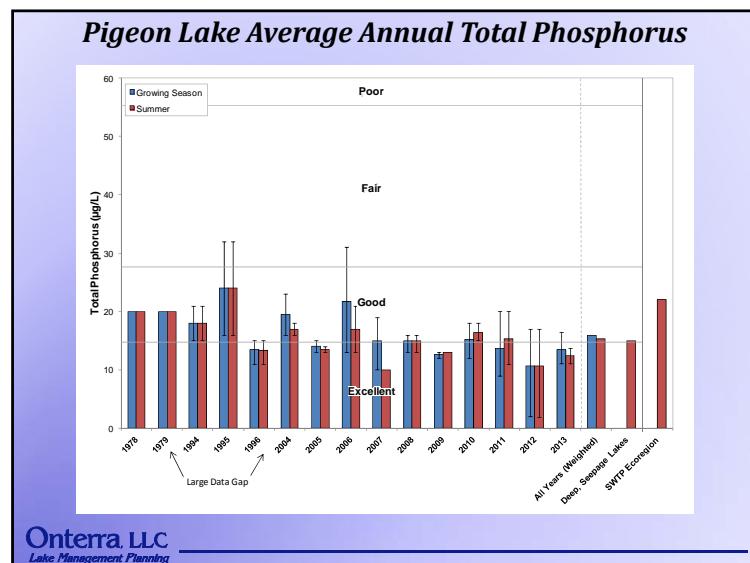
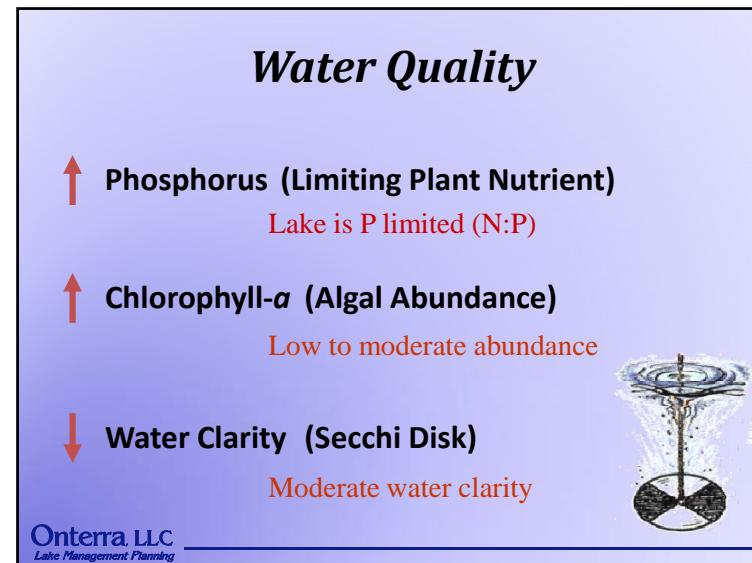
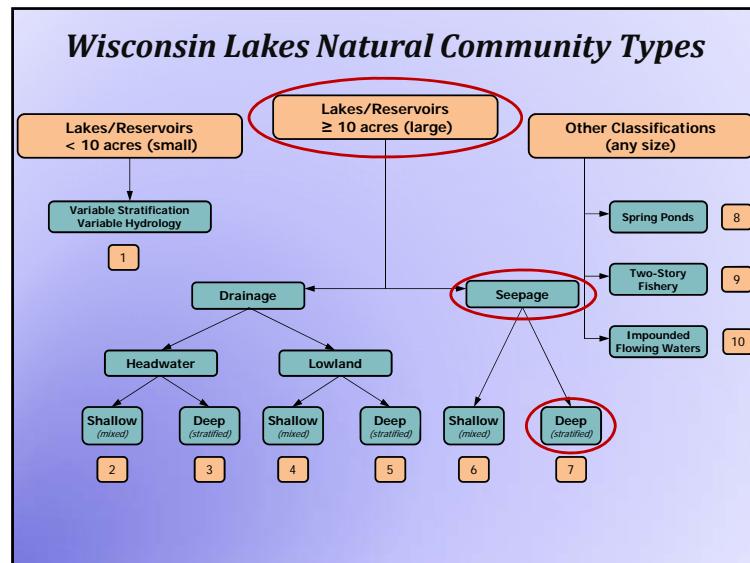


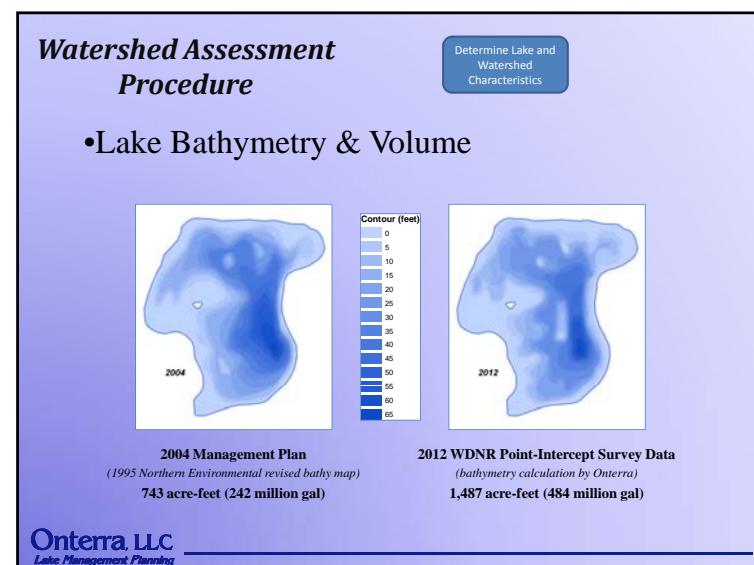
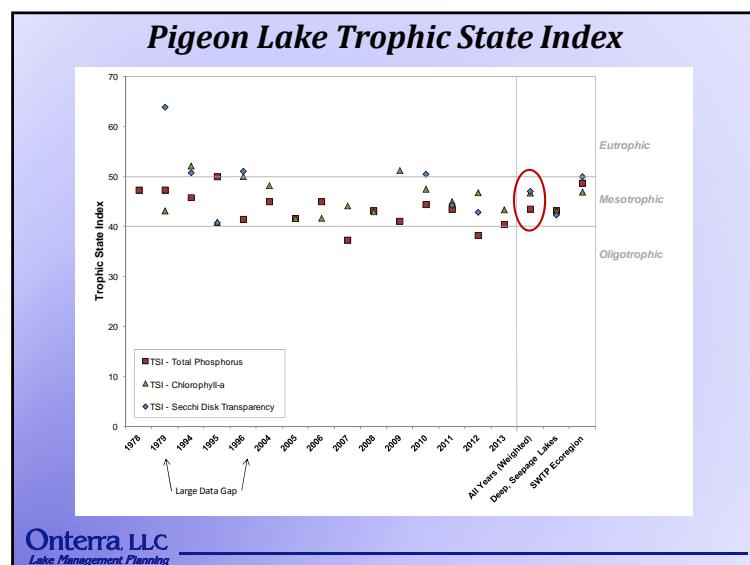
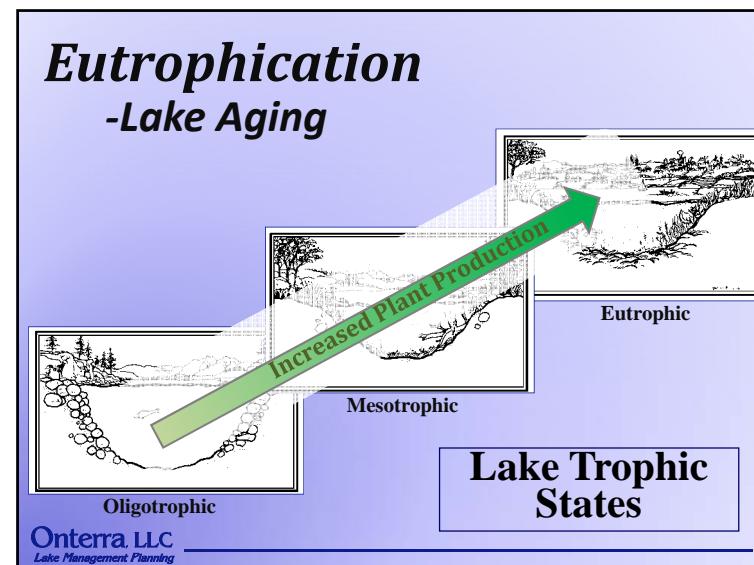
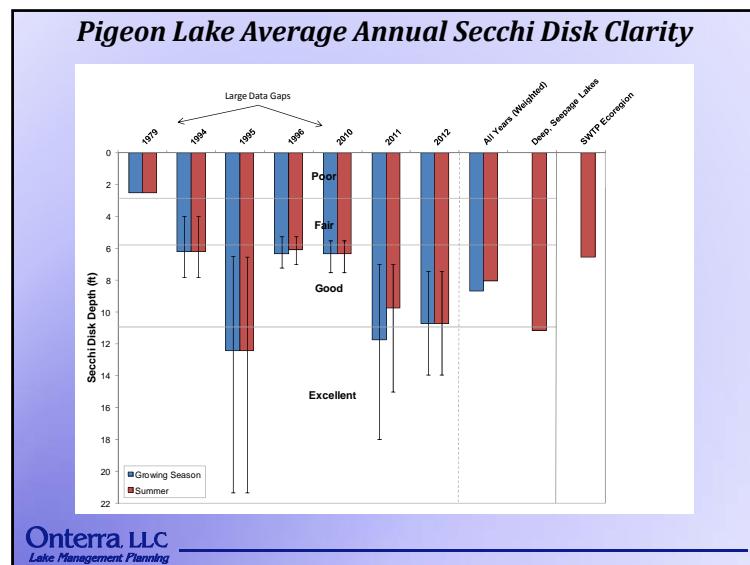
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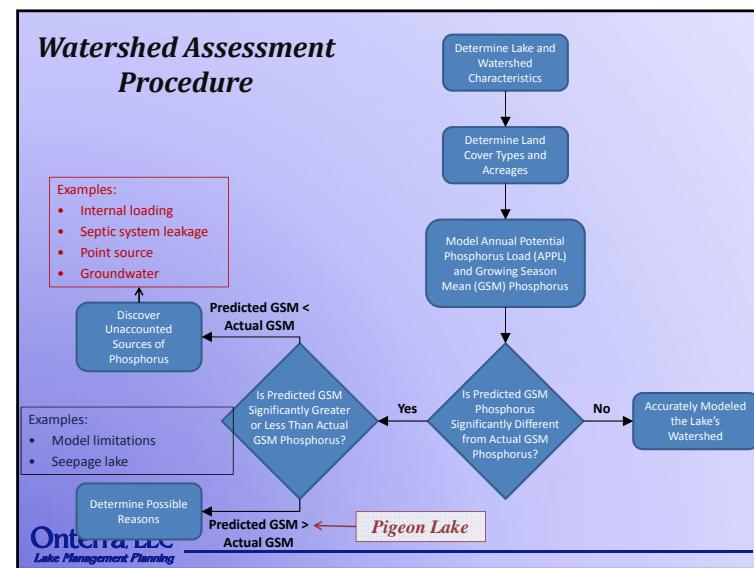
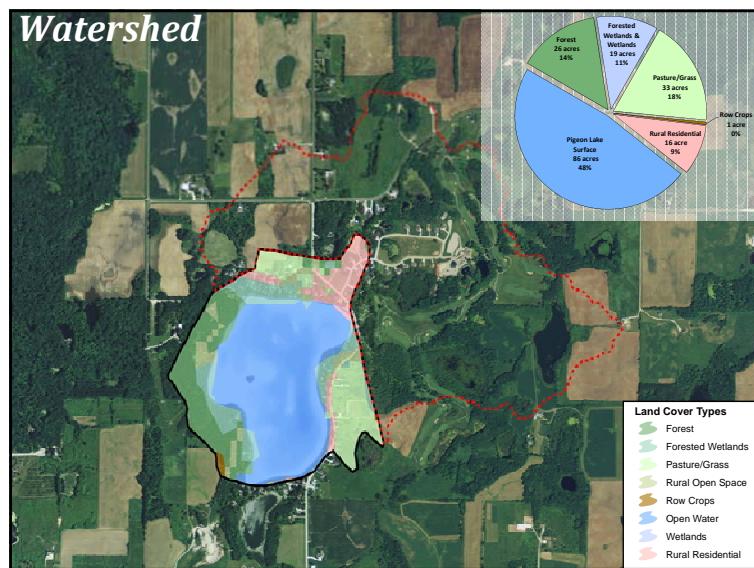
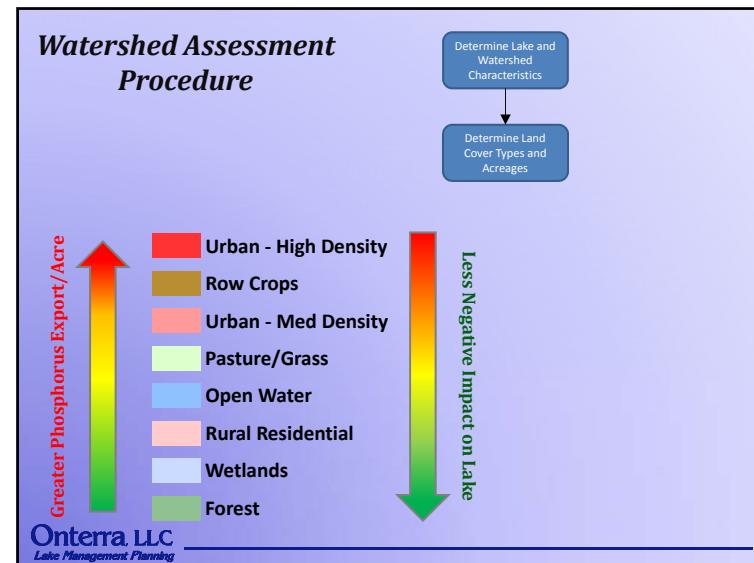
- Lake Management Planning Project Overview
- Study Results
 - Water Quality
 - Watershed
 - Shoreland
 - Aquatic Plants
 - Fishery
 - AIS (Eurasian water milfoil)
- “Big Picture”

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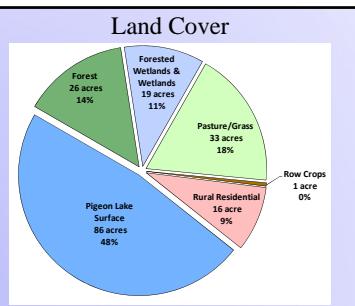
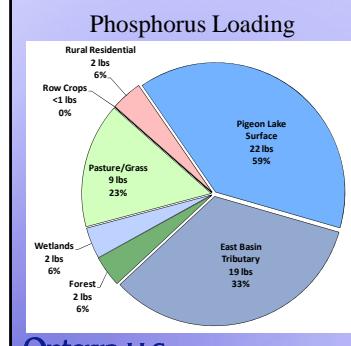








Watershed Modeling: Pigeon Lake



Annual Potential Phosphorus Load:
56 lbs

Predicted Growing Season Mean Phosphorus:
22.0 µg/L

Measured Growing Season Mean Phosphorus:
15.40 µg/L

Modeling Outcome:
In-lake phosphorus concentration is less than predicted

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Shoreline Assessment Category Descriptions

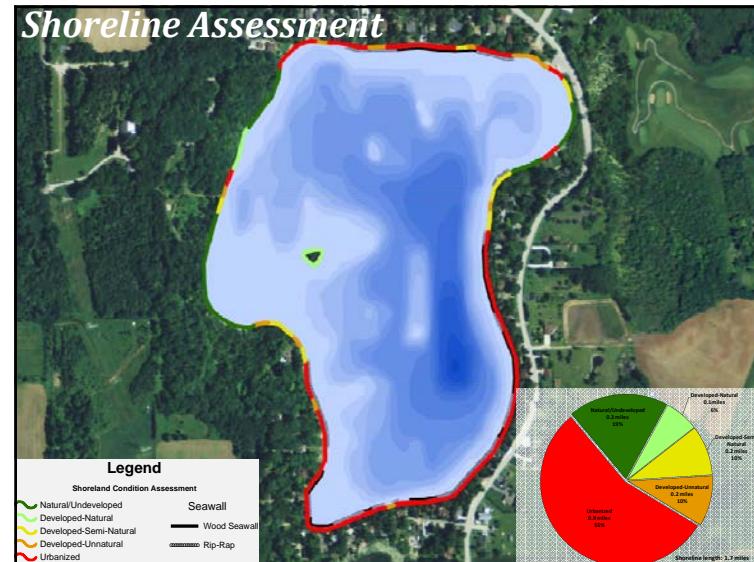
More Natural Habitat →



← Greater Need for Restoration

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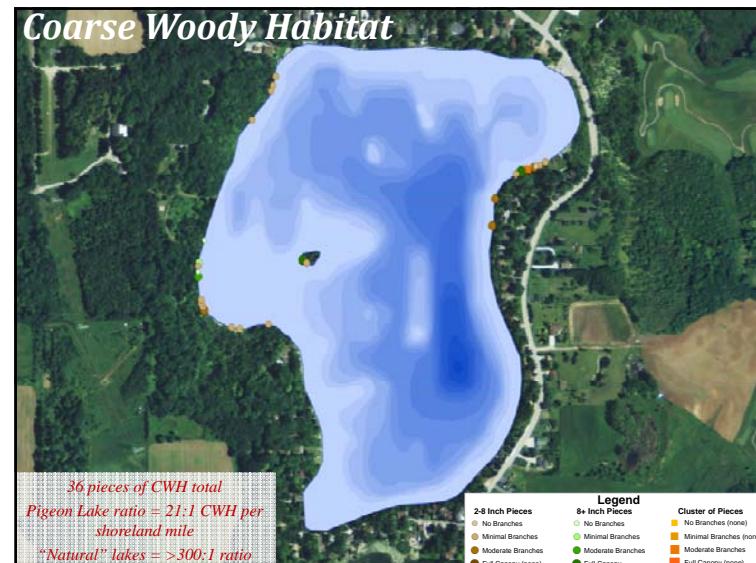


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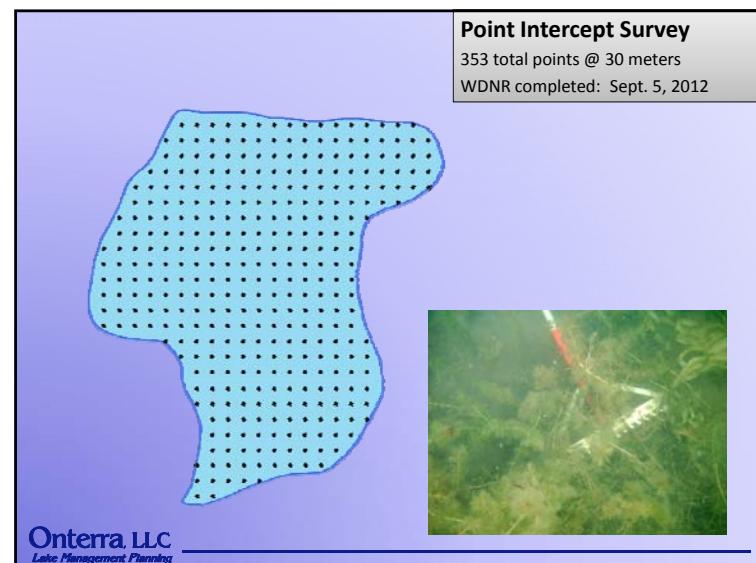


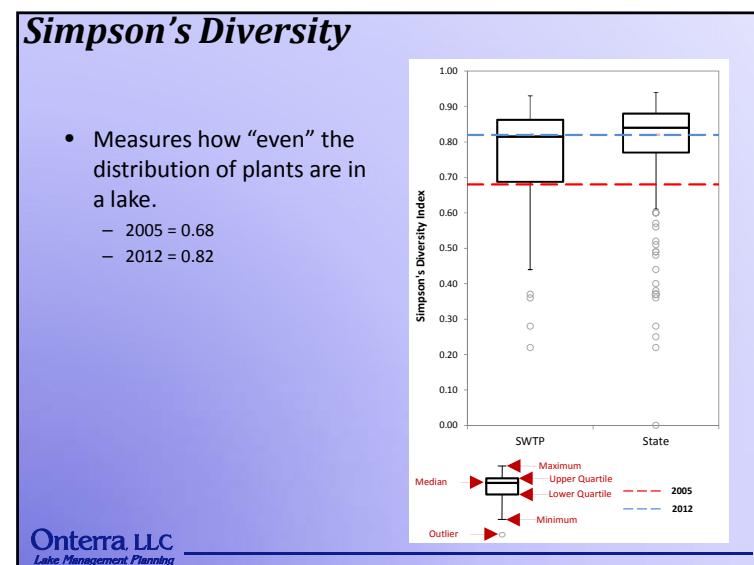
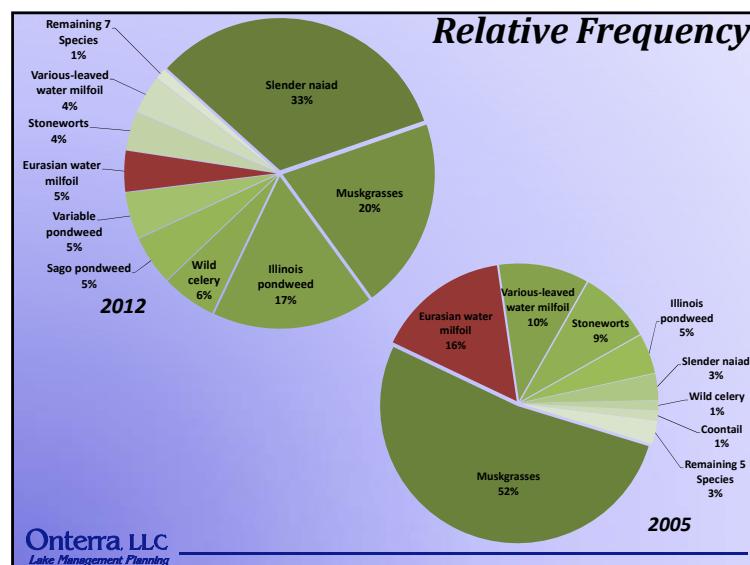
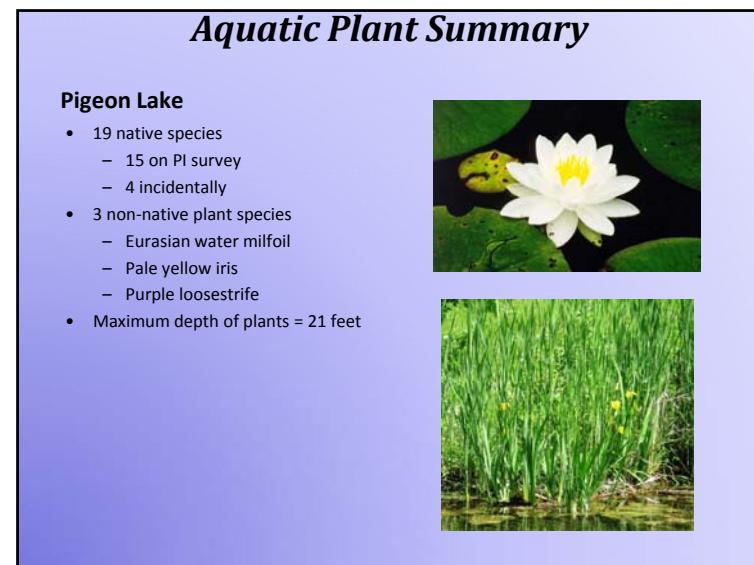
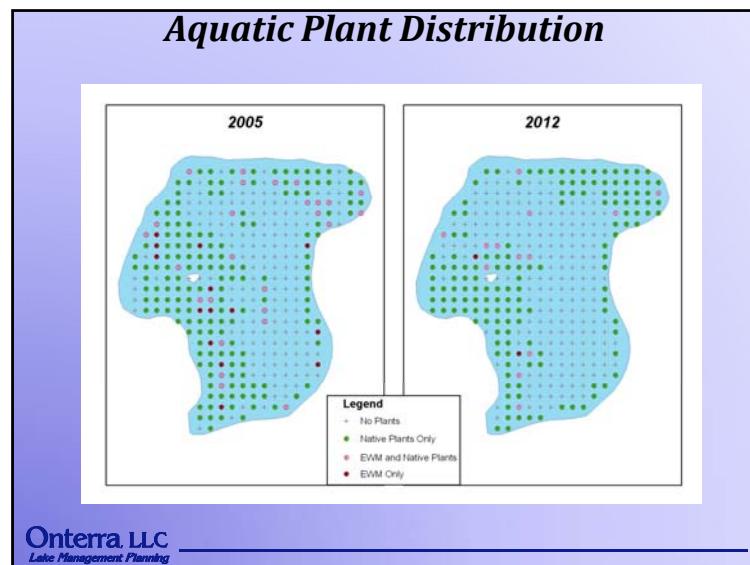
Early Season AIS Survey

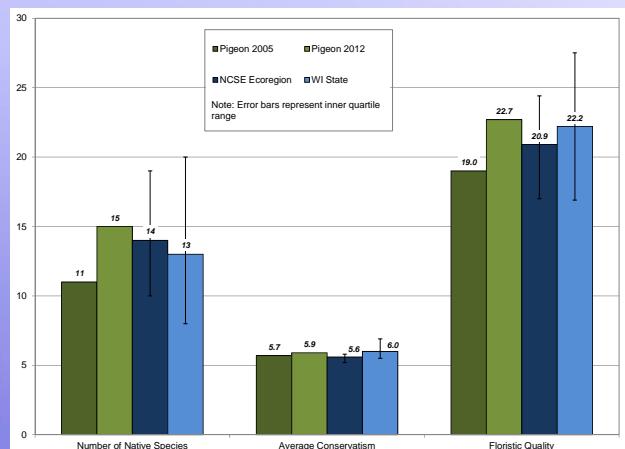
Meander based survey – find AIS if it is present.
Onterra completed: June 13, 2013



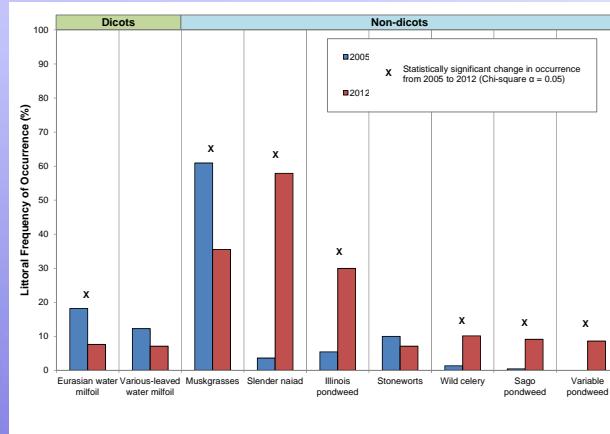
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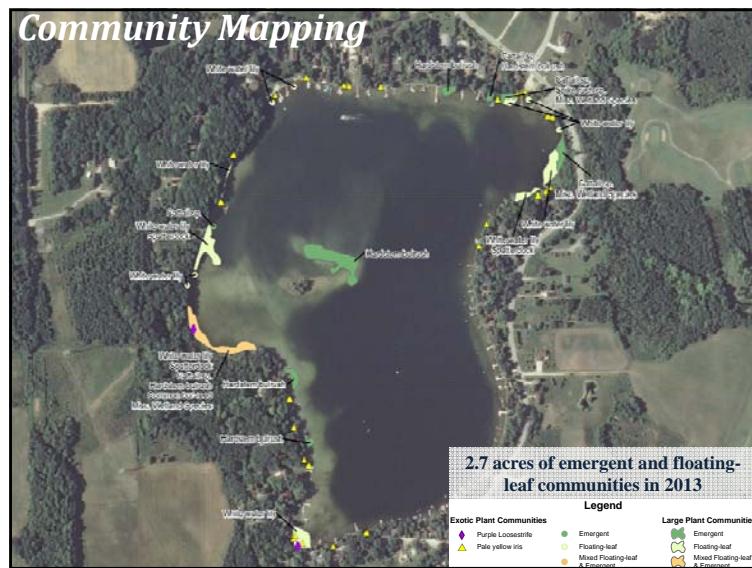
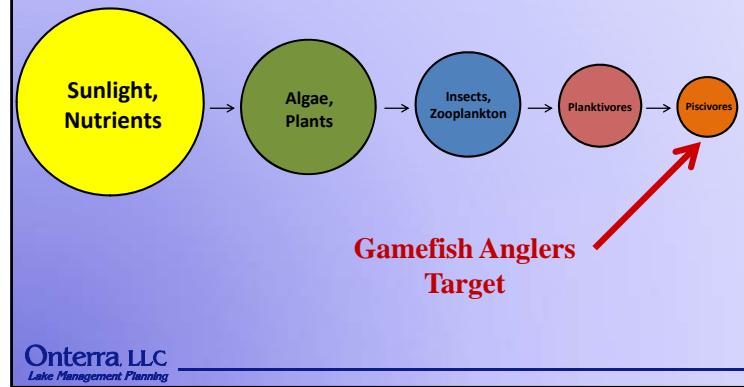


Floristic Quality Analysis

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Community Mapping**Pigeon Lake Fishery**

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Pigeon Lake Fishery

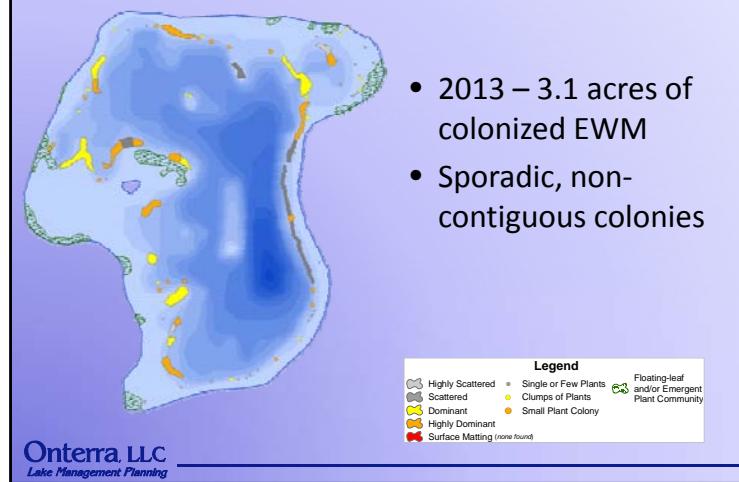
- **Managed for walleye & largemouth bass**
 - Walleye
 - Little natural walleye spawning habitat
 - Stocking program implemented since 1970's
 - Bass
 - Small size compared to state averages
 - Growth rates greater than state averages
 - Substantial harvest may be occurring
 - 2000 fish kill impacts on population?
 - Concerns for fishery
 - Critical habitat loss to shoreland development & fast boating
 - Native submergent vegetation

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Eurasian water milfoil

Pigeon Lake Eurasian Water Milfoil



- 2013 – 3.1 acres of colonized EWM
 - Sporadic, non-contiguous colonies

AIS Control Strategies

- **Do nothing (No AIS Management)**
 - **Drawdown**
 - Can be effective, not feasible
 - **Mechanical Harvesting**
 - Not a long-term solution
 - May spread AIS to other areas of lake
 - Disrupts native vegetation
 - **Manual removal**
 - Effective with small, localized colonies
 - Minimal/moderate cost (volunteers?)
 - **Bio-control**
 - Not a proven technique for control
 - Not applicable for grant funding
 - **Herbicide Treatments**
 - Moderate/high costs
 - Effective when properly planned
 - Spot Treatment vs. Whole Lake Treatment

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Eurasian Water Milfoil Control Strategies: Herbicide Use

Spot Treatment

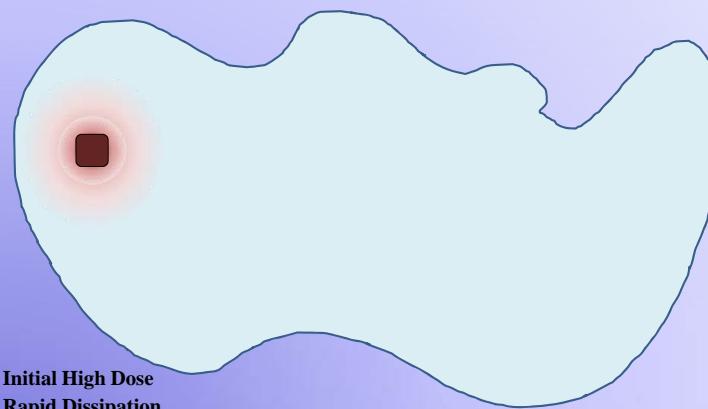
- Herbicide applied to a treatment area, with site-specific considerations.
- Effectiveness hard to reach due to dilution and dissipation.
 - Seasonal vs. long-term effectiveness

Whole Lake Treatment

- Herbicide is applied to treatment areas with whole-lake considerations.
- Dilution and dissipation accounted for in application strategy.

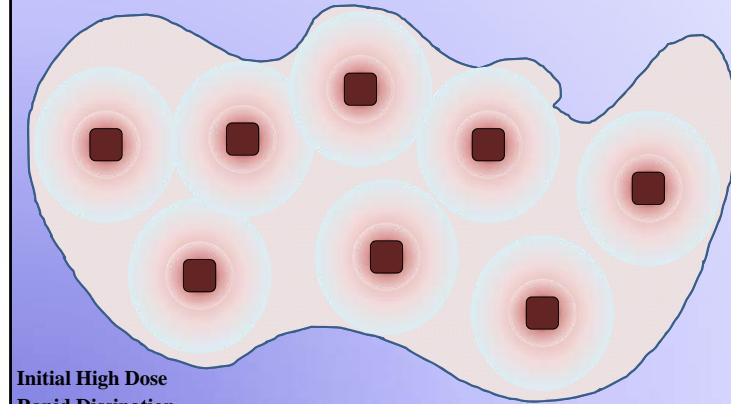
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Spot Treatment Use Pattern



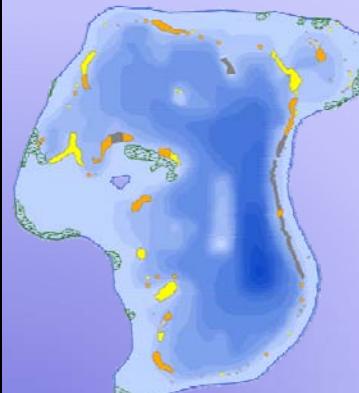
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Whole-lake Use Pattern



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Pigeon Lake Eurasian Water Milfoil



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Whole Lake Potential Treatment

- Application of liquid 2,4-D @ 3.25 ppm a.e.
- Anticipate herbicide mixing within upper 15-18 ft. of water column, lake-wide.
- Whole-lake concentration estimate = 0.35 ppm a.e.
- Application fees and permit = \$10,000



The Big Picture

Conclusions

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 - Moderate historical data – no trends detected
 - WQ may fluctuate from year to year
- Watershed is in good condition.
 - Direct watershed contains much “natural” land cover
 - Role of tributary stream uncertain.
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Conclusions continued

- Aquatic plant community
 - Based upon standard analysis, native plant community is of average quality
 - Moderate diverse
 - Species present are of moderate quality
 - Aquatic plant community has experienced significant changes 2005-2012
 - Aquatic plant community is of higher quality now vs. 2005
 - Concerns over AIS exist
- Fisheries
 - Habitat and human disturbance of concern

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Pigeon Lake of Manitowoc County, Inc.

**Pigeon Lake
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Wrap-Up Meeting
June 18, 2014**

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Study and Plan Goals

- Collect & Analyze Data
- Construct Long-Term & Useable Plan

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Water Quality

↑ Phosphorus (Limiting Plant Nutrient)

Lake is P limited (N:P)

↑ Chlorophyll- α (Algal Abundance)

Low to moderate abundance

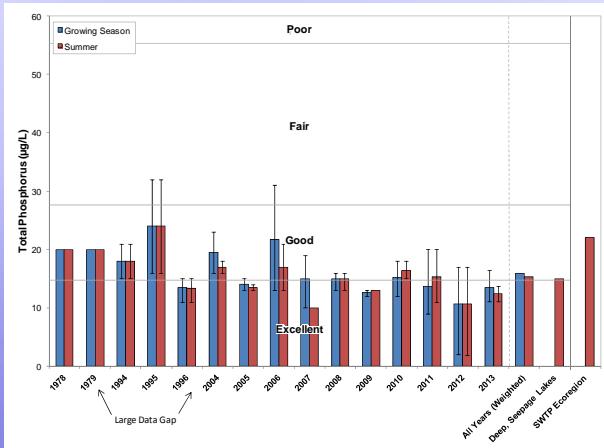
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Good to moderate water clarity



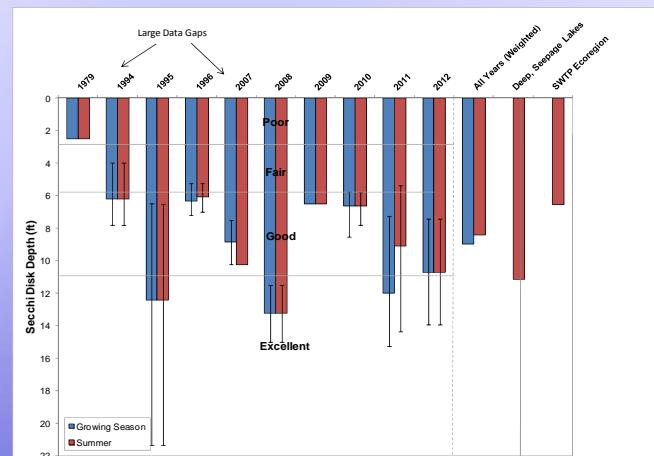
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Pigeon Lake Average Annual Total Phosphorus



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Pigeon Lake Average Annual Secchi Disk Clarity

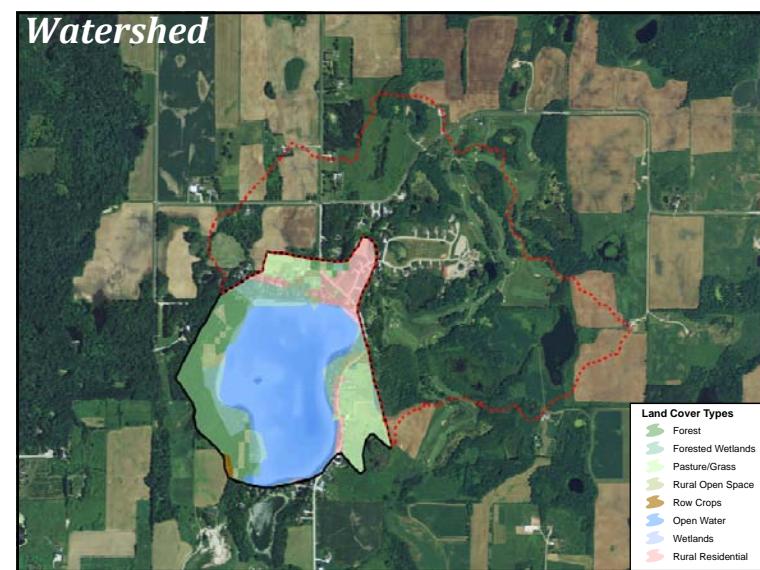
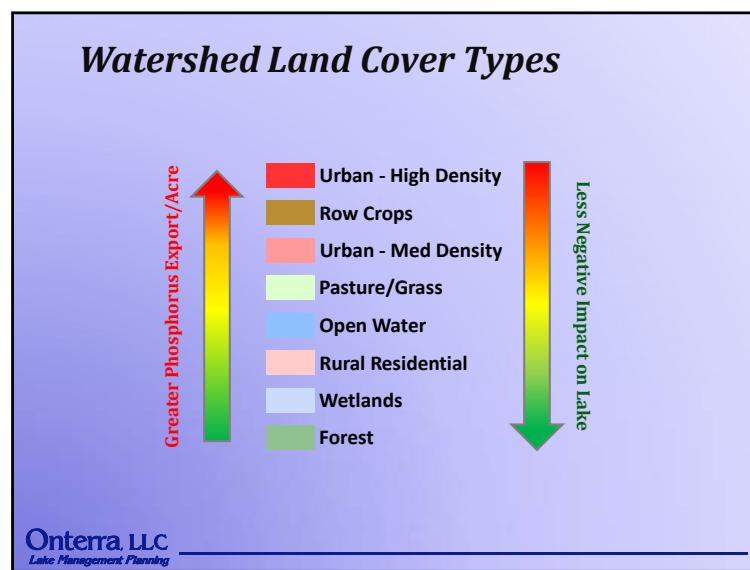


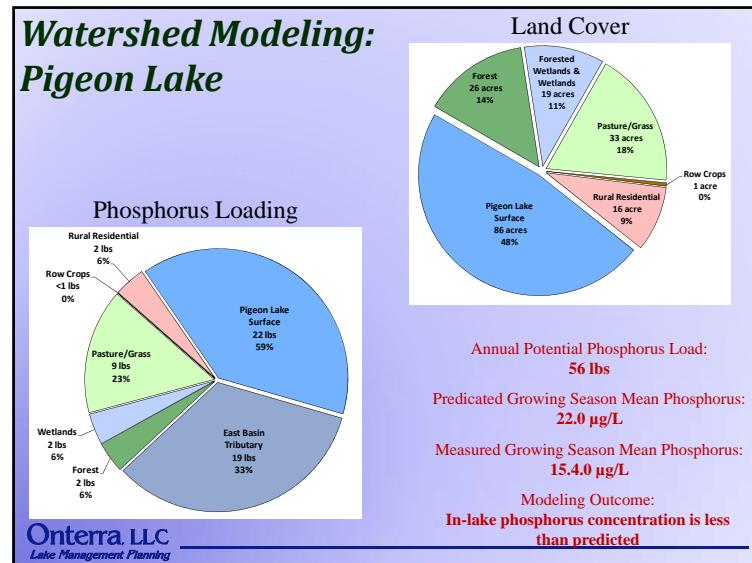
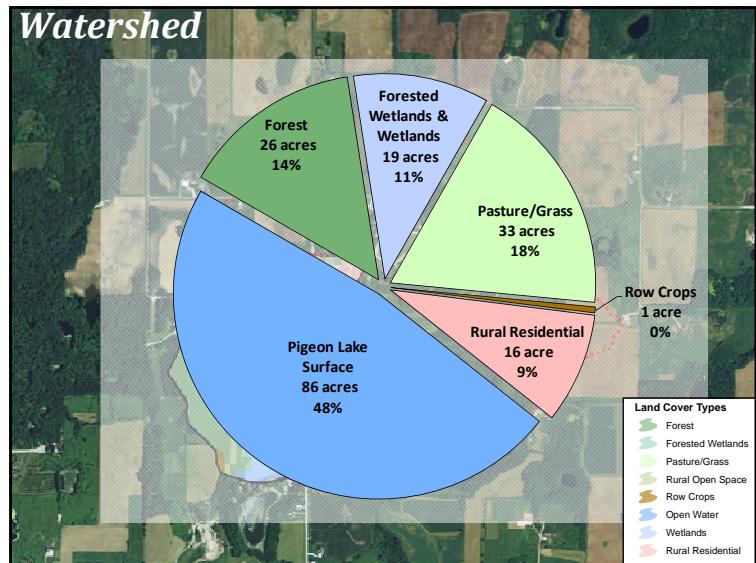
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Management Goal:
Maintain Current Lake Health

Management Actions

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Continuation of current effort
2. Update Management Plan in five years (2019).
Initiate in 2018

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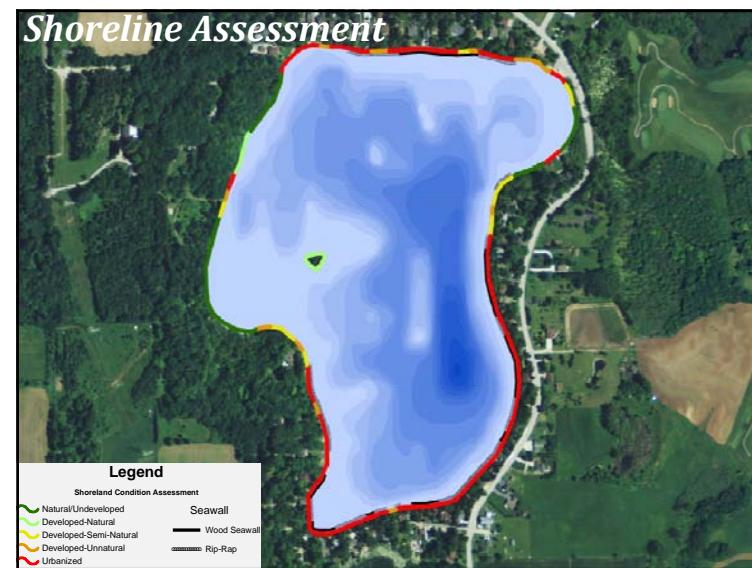
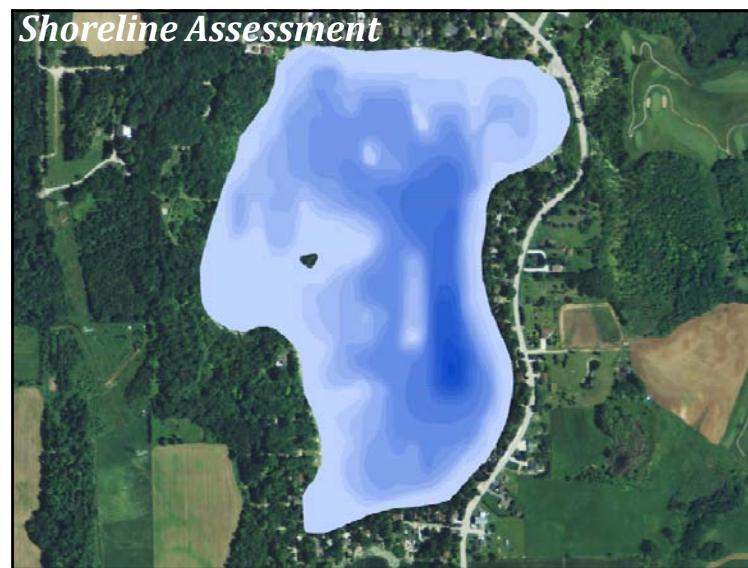
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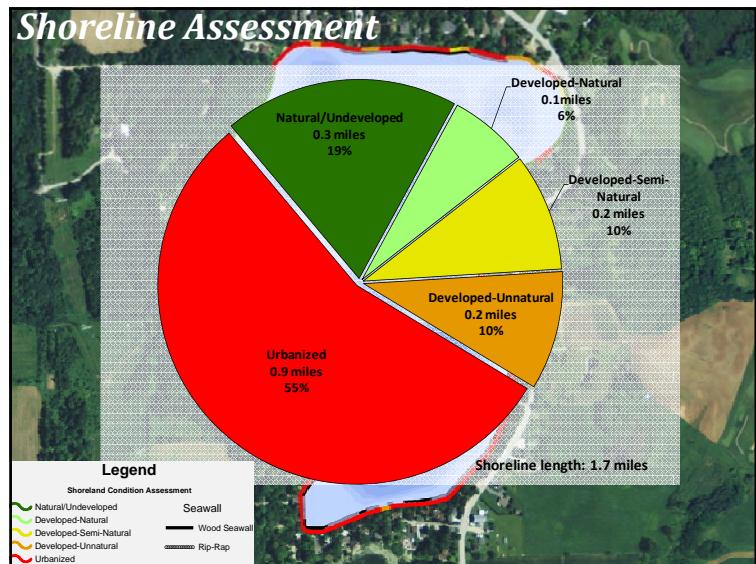
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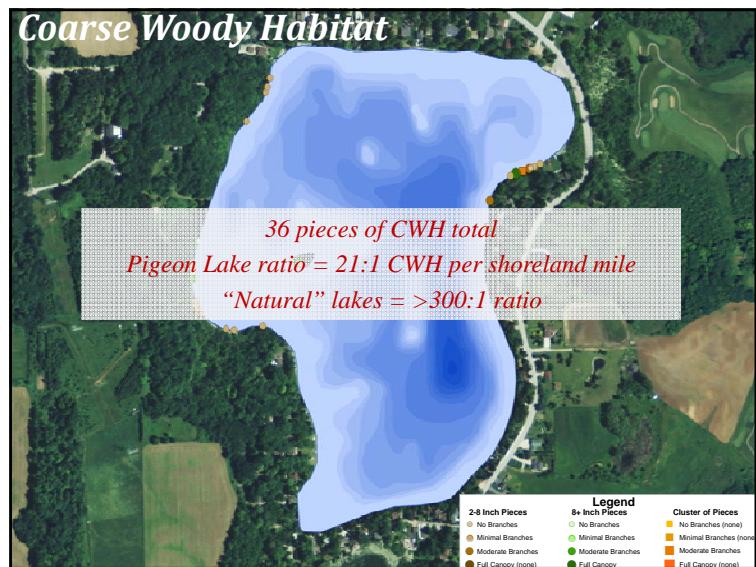


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Management Goal: Protect and Enhance Fisheries of Pigeon Lake

Management Actions

- Work with WDNR fisheries biologist to implement coarse woody habitat project.
Initiate in 2015
- Work with fisheries managers to understand and enhance fishery while communicating aspects of fishery studies to PLMC members.
Continuation of current effort

Conclusions continued

- Aquatic plant community
 - Based upon standard analysis, native plant community is of average quality
 - Moderately diverse
 - Species present are of moderate quality
 - Concerns over AIS exist

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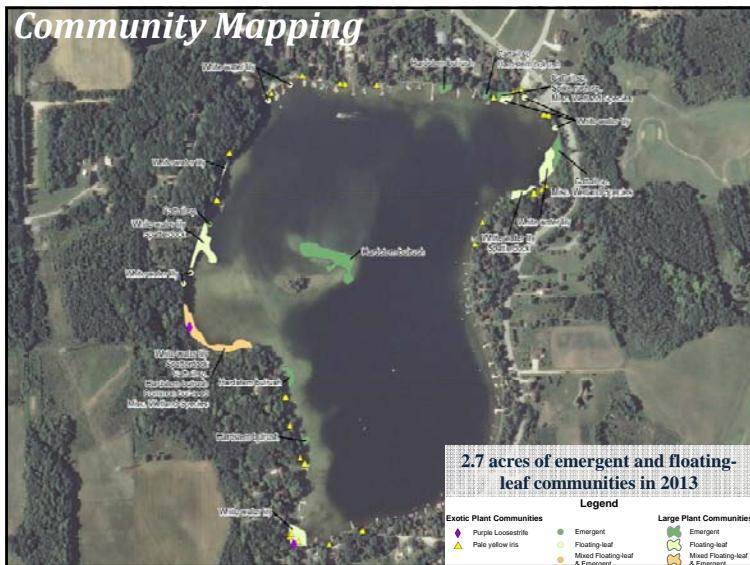
Aquatic Plant Summary

Pigeon Lake

- 19 native species
 - 15 on PI survey
 - 4 incidentally
 - 3 non-native plant species
 - Eurasian water milfoil
 - Pale yellow iris
 - Purple loosestrife
 - Maximum depth of plants = 21 feet

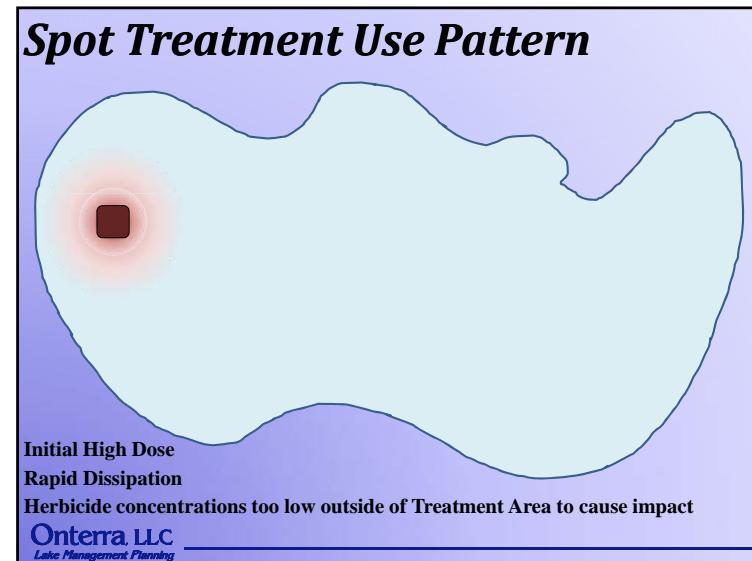
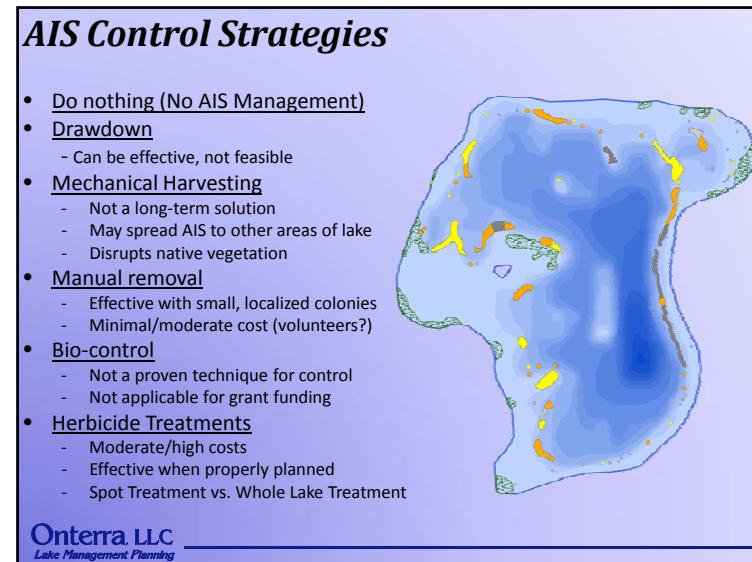
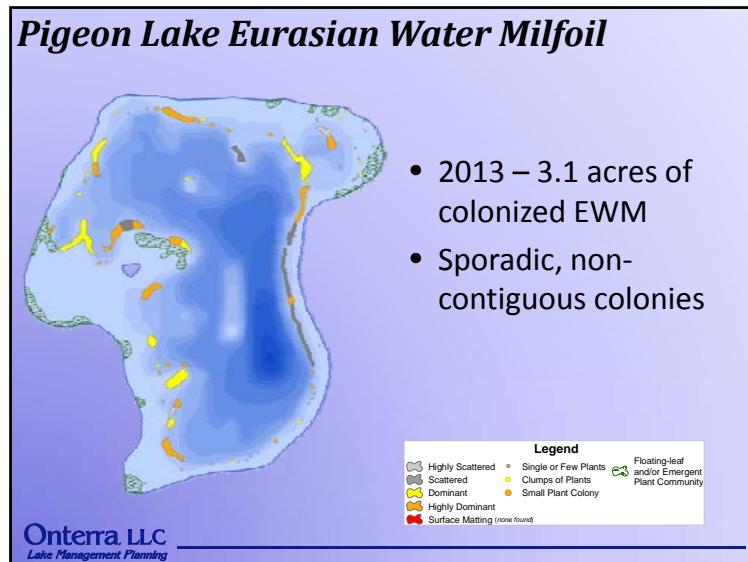


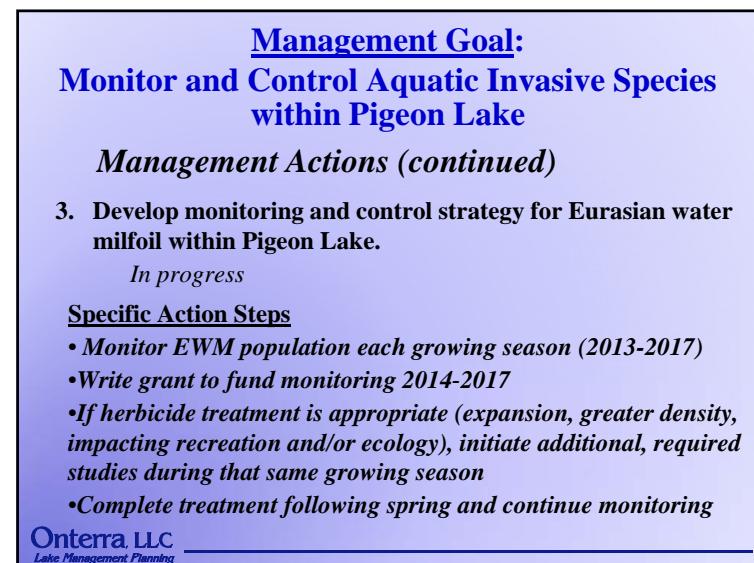
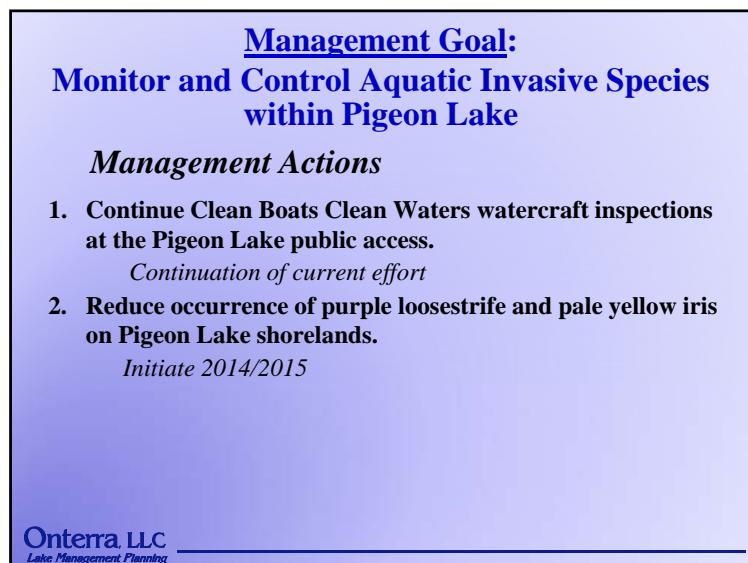
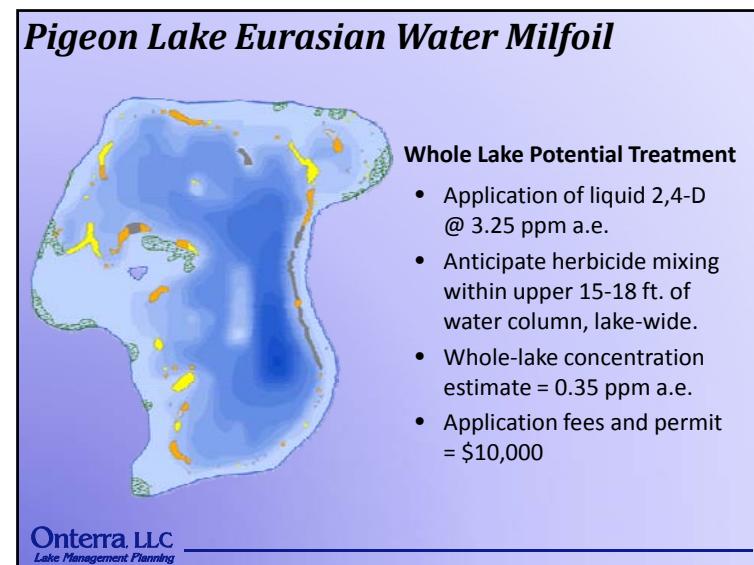
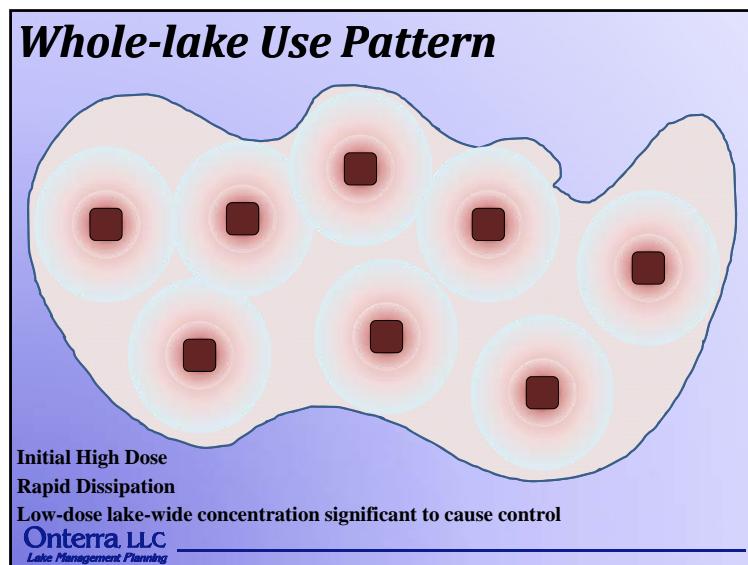
Community Mapping



Eurasian water milfoil







Management Goal:

**Strengthen Association Relationships,
Effectiveness, and Lake Managing Capacity**

Management Actions

1. Increase PLMCA membership and volunteerism.

Continuation of existing efforts

2. Facilitate efficient dialogue with other management units.

Initiate 2014/2015

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Management Goal:

**Increase PLMCA's Capacity to Educate and
Communicate with Lake Stakeholders**

Management Actions

1. Support and Education and Communication Committee to promote lake health, public safety, and quality of life on Pigeon Lake.

Enhancement of existing efforts

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APPENDIX B

Water Quality Data

Pigeon Lake Water Quality Summary

Trophic State Index (TSI)

Year	TP	Chi-a	Secchi
1978	47.3		
1979	47.3	43.2	63.9
1994	45.8	52.2	50.8
1995	50.0	40.9	40.8
1996	41.5	50.1	51.1
2004	45.0	48.2	
2005	41.7	41.7	
2006	45.0	41.7	
2007	37.4	44.2	43.6
2008	43.2	43.0	39.9
2009	41.1	51.3	50.1
2010	44.4	47.5	49.9
2011	43.5	45.0	45.3
2012	38.3	46.8	42.9
2013	40.5	43.4	
All Years (Weighted)	43.6	46.8	46.4
Deep, Seepage Lakes	43.2	43.2	42.4
SWTP Ecoregion	48.7	47.0	50.0

Year	Secchi (feet)				Chlorophyll-a (µg/L)				Total Phosphorus (µg/L)			
	Growing Season		Summer		Growing Season		Summer		Growing Season		Summer	
	Count	Mean	Count	Mean	Count	Mean	Count	Mean	Count	Mean	Count	Mean
1978									2	20.0	1.0	20.0
1979	1	2.5	1	2.5	1	3.6	1	3.6	1	20.0	1.0	20.0
1994	4	6.2	4	6.2	2	9.0	2	9.0	2	18.0	2.0	18.0
1995	3	12.4	3	12.4	2	2.8	2	2.8	2	24.0	2.0	24.0
1996	4	6.4	3	6.1	4	7.1	3	7.3	4	13.5	3.0	13.3
2004					8	5.4	6	6.0	4	19.5	2.0	17.0
2005					3	2.7	2	3.1	3	14.0	2.0	13.5
2006					3	3.0	2	3.1	4	21.8	2.0	17.0
2007	2	8.9	1	10.3	2	3.1	1	4.0	3	15.0	1.0	10.0
2008	2	13.3	2	13.3	3	3.5	3	3.5	3	15.0	3.0	15.0
2009	1	6.5	1	6.5	2	8.2	2	8.2	3	12.7	2.0	13.0
2010	4	6.6	4	6.6	3	5.6	3	5.6	4	15.3	3.0	16.3
2011	6	12.0	4	9.1	3	4.4	3	4.4	4	13.8	3.0	15.3
2012	2	10.8	2	10.8	3	5.2	3	5.2	3	10.7	3.0	10.7
2013					3	4.3	2	3.7	5	13.5	2.0	12.4
All Years (Weighted)	9.0		8.4		4.9		5.2		15.9		15.4	
Deep, Seepage Lakes			11.2				3.6				15.0	
SWTP Ecoregion			6.6				5.3				22.0	

C

APPENDIX C

WiLMS Watershed Model Results

Date: 3/18/2014 Scenario: Direct WS with Tributary Input

Lake Id:

Watershed Id: 0

Hydrologic and Morphometric Data

Tributary Drainage Area: 95.0 acre

Total Unit Runoff: 7.60 in.

Annual Runoff Volume: 60.2 acre-ft

Lake Surface Area <As>: 85.7 acre

Lake Volume <V>: 1734 acre-ft

Lake Mean Depth <z>: 20.2 ft

Precipitation - Evaporation: 3.2 in.

Hydraulic Loading: 153.6 acre-ft/year

Areal Water Load <qs>: 1.8 ft/year

Lake Flushing Rate <p>: 0.09 1/year

Water Residence Time: 11.29 year

Observed spring overturn total phosphorus (SPO): 16.4 mg/m³

Observed growing season mean phosphorus (GSM): 15.4 mg/m³

% NPS Change: 0%

% PS Change: 0%

NON-POINT SOURCE DATA

Land Use	Acre (ac)	Low	Most Likely	High	Loading %	Low	Most Likely	High	
		Loading (kg/ha-year)					Loading (kg/year)		
Row Crop AG	1.0	0.50	1.00	3.00	1.6	0	0	0	1
Mixed AG	0.0	0.30	0.80	1.40	0.0	0	0	0	0
Pasture/Grass	33.0	0.10	0.30	0.50	15.5	1	4	7	
HD Urban (1/8 Ac)	0.0	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.0	0	0	0	0
MD Urban (1/4 Ac)	0.0	0.30	0.50	0.80	0.0	0	0	0	0
Rural Res (>1 Ac)	16.0	0.05	0.10	0.25	2.5	0	1	2	
Wetlands	19.0	0.10	0.10	0.10	3.0	1	1	1	
Forest	26.0	0.05	0.09	0.18	3.7	1	1	2	
Lake Surface	85.7	0.10	0.30	1.00	40.4	3	10	35	

POINT SOURCE DATA

Point Sources	Water Load (m ³ /year)	Low (kg/year)	Most Likely (kg/year)	High (kg/year)	Loading %
East Sub-Basin	87064.0	0.0	8.6	0.0	33.4

SEPTIC TANK DATA

<u>Description</u>		<u>Low</u>	<u>Most Likely</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Loading %</u>
Septic Tank Output (kg/capita-year)		0.30	0.50	0.80	
# capita-years	0.0				
% Phosphorus Retained by Soil		98.0	90.0	80.0	
Septic Tank Loading (kg/year)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0

TOTALS DATA

<u>Description</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Most Likely</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Loading %</u>
Total Loading (lb)	14.6	56.8	103.3	100.0
Total Loading (kg)	6.6	25.8	46.9	100.0
Areal Loading (lb/ac-year)	0.17	0.66	1.21	
Areal Loading (mg/m^2-year)	19.10	74.33	135.10	
Total PS Loading (lb)	0.0	19.0	0.0	33.4
Total PS Loading (kg)	0.0	8.6	0.0	33.4
Total NPS Loading (lb)	7.0	14.9	26.8	66.6
Total NPS Loading (kg)	3.2	6.8	12.2	66.6

Phosphorus Prediction and Uncertainty Analysis Module

Date: 8/4/2014 Scenario: 111

Observed spring overturn total phosphorus (SPO): 16.4 mg/m^3

Observed growing season mean phosphorus (GSM): 15.4 mg/m^3

Back calculation for SPO total phosphorus: 0.0 mg/m^3

Back calculation GSM phosphorus: 0.0 mg/m^3

% Confidence Range: 70%

Nurenberg Model Input - Est. Gross Int. Loading: 0 kg

Lake Phosphorus Model	Low Total P (mg/m^3)	Most Likely Total P (mg/m^3)	High Total P (mg/m^3)	Predicted -Observed (mg/m^3)	% Dif.
Walker, 1987 Reservoir	9	36	66	21	136
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Natural Lake	9	20	29	5	32
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Artificial Lake	10	21	28	6	39
Rechow, 1979 General	2	6	11	-9	-58
Rechow, 1977 Anoxic	11	45	81	30	195
Rechow, 1977 water load<50m/year	3	10	18	-5	-32
Rechow, 1977 water load>50m/year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Walker, 1977 General	10	39	71	23	140
Vollenweider, 1982 Combined OECD	9	26	43	10	63
Dillon-Rigler-Kirchner	8	32	58	16	98
Vollenweider, 1982 Shallow Lake/Res.	6	21	36	5	31
Larsen-Mercier, 1976	8	31	57	15	91
Nurnberg, 1984 Oxic	7	26	47	11	71

Lake Phosphorus Model	Confidence Lower Bound	Confidence Upper Bound	Parameter Fit?	Back Calculation (kg/year)	Model Type
Walker, 1987 Reservoir	17	58	Tw	0	GSM
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Natural Lake	6	58	FIT	1	GSM
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Artificial Lake	7	60	FIT	1	GSM
Rechow, 1979 General	3	10	qs	0	GSM
Rechow, 1977 Anoxic	21	72	FIT	0	GSM
Rechow, 1977 water load<50m/year	5	16	FIT	0	GSM
Rechow, 1977 water load>50m/year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Walker, 1977 General	16	69	FIT	0	SPO
Vollenweider, 1982 Combined OECD	11	46	FIT	0	ANN
Dillon-Rigler-Kirchner	15	51	P L qs p	0	SPO
Vollenweider, 1982 Shallow Lake/Res.	8	37	FIT	0	ANN
Larsen-Mercier, 1976	15	49	P Pin	0	SPO
Nurnberg, 1984 Oxic	11	45	FIT	0	ANN

Water and Nutrient Outflow Module

Date: 8/4/2014 Scenario: 99

Average Annual Surface Total Phosphorus: 15.9mg/m^3

Annual Discharge: 1.54E+002 AF => 1.89E+005 m^3

Annual Outflow Loading: 6.4 LB => 2.9 kg

D

APPENDIX D

Aquatic Plant Survey Data (WDNR, 2012)

Sampling point	Latitude	Longitude	Depth (ft)	Dominant sediment type (M=muck, S=Sand, R=Rock)	Sampled holding rake pole (P) or rake rope (R)?	Comments	Total Rake Fullness	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> , Eurasian water-milfoil or Hybr	<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i> , Coontail	<i>Chara</i> sp., Muskgrasses	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i> , Various-leaved water-mi	<i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i> , Northern water-milfoil	<i>Najas flexilis</i> , Slender naiad	<i>Nitella</i> sp., Nitella	<i>Nuphar variegata</i> , Spatterdock	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i> , White water lily	<i>Potamogeton amplifolius</i> , Large-leaf pondweed	<i>Potamogeton gramineus</i> , Variable pondweed	<i>Potamogeton illinoensis</i> , Illinois pondweed	<i>Potamogeton zosteriformis</i> , Flat-stem pondweed	<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i> , Softstem bulrush	<i>Stuckenia pectinata</i> , Sago pondweed	<i>Vallisneria americana</i> , Wild celery
289	43.9863228	-87.87205401	38																				
290	43.98605288	-87.87206366	42																				
291	43.98578296	-87.8720733	43																				
292	43.98551304	-87.87208295	50																				
293	43.98524312	-87.8720926	64																				
294	43.9849732	-87.87210224	67																				
295	43.98470329	-87.87211189	51																				
296	43.98443337	-87.87212154	39																				
297	43.98416345	-87.87213118	19		R		1									1							
298	43.98389353	-87.87214083	9	S	P		3									2					3		1
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305	43.98793535	-87.87162227	39																				
306	43.98766543	-87.87163192	6	S	P		2									2					1		
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311	43.98631584	-87.87168017	4	S	P		1								1	1							
312	43.98604592	-87.87168982	9	S	P		2									1					1		2
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314	43.98550608	-87.87170911	35																				
315	43.98523616	-87.87171876	52																				
316	43.98496624	-87.87172841	52																				
317	43.98469632	-87.87173806	54																				
318	43.9844264	-87.87174771	36																				
319	43.98415648	-87.87175735	6	S	P		2								1	1					2		
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337	43.98846125	-87.87085527	7	S	P		3																		
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339	43.98953396	-87.87044279	2	S	P		1				v														
340	43.98926404	-87.87045245	4	S	P		3																		
341	43.98899412	-87.8704621	4	S	P		2																		
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348	43.98871723	-87.8700979	4	S	P		2										2								v
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APPENDIX E

Pigeon Lake Fisheries Memo (WDNR 2011)

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 10, 2011

FILE REF: [Click [here](#) and type file ref.]

TO: Pigeon Lake File

FROM: Steve Hogler
Steve Surendonk

SUBJECT: Fall 2006 Fall Electrofishing Survey of Pigeon Lake

Background on Pigeon Lake:

Pigeon Lake is a seepage lake located in south-central Manitowoc County. It has a surface area of 77 acres, a maximum depth of 67 feet and the lake water is hard and clear. It experiences heavy recreational use with over sixty dwellings and a youth camp on its shores. Public access and parking is available in the northeast corner of the lake.

Fish Survey History:

A 1945 survey was the first to investigate the fish populations of the lake. During that survey, the fyke net catch was dominated by bluegill and rock bass. Largemouth bass were the most common gamefish, with few walleyes present in the catch. Fishing and other recreational uses of the lake were described as heavy. Beginning in 1956, a mixture of rainbow and brown trout were stocked into the lake to develop a two story fishery. A 1963 electroshocking survey captured some trout, but the catch was dominated by bluegill, rock bass, yellow perch and bullhead. Largemouth bass were the most common gamefish collected with several northern pike also captured. The management recommendation at that time was to discontinue rainbow stocking.

An intensive fisheries survey was conducted on Pigeon Lake in 1973. Bluegill, white sucker, yellow perch and walleye were the most common fish captured. The fish populations of the lake were characterized as generally slow growing. At that time, it was recommended to manage the lake as a warmwater fishery and to stock walleye.

The most recent comprehensive survey of Pigeon Lake occurred in 1984. A total of 3,312 fish representing twelve species were collected, with bluegill dominating the catch. Substantially lower numbers of rock bass, bullhead, walleye, largemouth bass, northern pike and alewife were captured during the survey. Walleye and largemouth bass were the dominant gamefish, with the walleye population sustained by private and DNR stocking. In general, the growth of gamefish species was slower than state averages. The panfish community was dominated by bluegill and rock bass. Growth of all panfish species were less than state averages. Few forage species were captured in this survey. The lack of forage may have contributed to the small size of panfish that were captured.

2006 Survey Results:

The entire 1.7 mile shoreline of Pigeon Lake was electroshocked on the night of October 9th using pulsed DC current. An attempt to net all fish was made and all captured fish were measured to the nearest mm. Scales for age analysis were collected from largemouth bass and bluegill at the rate of 10 per centimeter group.

During the 51 minutes of shocking, 146 individual fish representing nine species were captured that night (Table 1). Many bluntnose minnow were observed but not netted because of their small size. Bluegill and largemouth bass dominated the catch with substantially fewer individuals of other species captured. CPE for bluegill was 104.4/hr or 51.2/ mile shocked. Largemouth bass CPE was 66/hour or 32.4/mile shocked.

Table 1. Length frequency of captured fish caught during electroshocking on the night of October 9, 2006.

Length (mm)	Largemouth Bass	Northern Pike	Walleye	Bluegill	Rock Bass	Pumpkin-seed	Green sunfish	White Sucker	Brown Bullhead
70				3					
80				3					
90				9					
100				35					
110	4			8					
120	2			10		1			
130	1			8					
140	2			2			1		
150				4					
160									
170				1	1				
180	3			1					
190	10			2					
200	3								
210				1					
220	1								
230	2								
240	2								
250	2				1				
260	2								
270	2								
280	2								
290	2								
300	3								
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320									
330	5								
340									
350	3								
360									
370									
380									
390	1		1						
400									
410									
420									
430		1							
440									
450	1								
460									
470									
480									
490									
500									
510									
520									
530									
540									
550								1	
560									
570									
580									
590									
600									
610		1							
Total	55	2	1	87	2	1	1	1	1
Ave. Length	233	520	390	112	210	120	140	550	310
S.D.	74.2	127.3	--	26	56.7	--	--	--	--

Gamefish

Largemouth bass were the dominant gamefish captured. The fifty-five bass ranged in length from 110 mm to 457 mm and had an average length of 233 mm. Only 3 bass (5.5%) were greater than the 14 inch (356 mm) minimum size limit. When scales were aged, age classes from young of year to age 6 were detected (Table 2).

Table 2. Age distribution of largemouth bass in Pigeon Lake caught during electroshocking on the night of October 9, 2006.

Length (mm)	Number	Age						
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6
70								
80								
90								
100								
110	4	4						
120	2	2						
130	1	1						
140	2	2						
150								
160								
170								
180	3		3					
190	10			10				
200	3		3					
210								
220	1				1			
230	2				2			
240	2			1	1			
250	2			1	1			
260	2			2				
270	2			2				
280	2				2			
290	2				1	1		
300	3				3			
310	2				1	1		
320								
330	5					5		
340								
350	3					1	2	
360								
370								
380								
390	1							1
400								
410								
420								
430								
440								
450	1							1
Total	55	9	16	9	9	8	3	1
Ave. Length	233	121	190	248	283	325	363	450
S.D.	74.2	12.7	6.3	18.6	24.9	17.7	23.1	

Age 1 bass were the most common age bass captured, but other ages were also common. When compared to statewide length at age averages, bass in Pigeon Lake grew at average rates through age 5 and then grew at slightly less than average rates thereafter.

Northern pike and walleye were also captured, but in low number. The two captured northern pike averaged 520 mm in length and the single walleye was 392 mm in length. No age structures were collected from northern pike and walleye.

Panfish

Bluegill were the most common panfish captured during this survey. The eighty-seven bluegill ranged in length from 75 mm to 211 mm and had an average length of 112 mm (Table 1). Most bluegill were less than 120 mm in length and only one was greater than 200 mm in length.

When scales were aged, age classes 0 through 4 were detected in the sample (Table 3). Ages 0 and 1 were the most common age bluegill. Only one bluegill was older than age 3.

Table 3. Age distribution of bluegill captured on Pigeon Lake during fall 2006 electroshocking.

Length (mm)	Number	Age				
		0	1	2	3	4
70	3	3				
80	3	2	1			
90	9	8	1			
100	35	21	14			
110	8		6	2		
120	10		9	1		
130	8		5	3		
140	2		1	1		
150	4			4		
160						
170	1				1	
180	1				1	
190	2				2	
200						
210	1					1
220						
230						
240						
250						
Total	87	34	32	11	4	1
Ave. Length	112	94	111	134	184	210
S.D.	26	9.5	13.4	15.9	9.6	

When compared to statewide length at age averages, bluegill in Pigeon Lake were longer at each age than an average bluegill from other lakes in Wisconsin.

Other captured panfish included rock bass, pumpkinseed sunfish and green sunfish. The average lengths of these fish were 210 mm, 120 mm and 140 mm, respectively.

During this survey, we also captured white sucker and brown bullhead. Many bluntnose minnow were observed but because of their small size they passed through our dip nets.

Discussion and Conclusions:

The largemouth bass population in Pigeon Lake is fair when compared similar lakes in northeast Wisconsin. In the fall of 2006, the bass were small in size. Growth, however, is greater than state averages. The lack of large, old fish may indicate substantial harvest of large fish by anglers or could be

the result of a fish kill that occurred in May 2000. That fish kill was caused by super-saturation of dissolved oxygen. Most of the 2006 captured fish were from spawning years that followed the fish kill.

Walleye and northern pike were captured in very low numbers during this survey. It is likely that spawning habitat loss caused by shoreline development and by fast boating has hurt the northern pike population by reducing critical habitat. The abundance of walleye in the lake is likely to be limited, because Pigeon Lake lacks suitable spawning substrate for walleye. Periodic stocking will be required to maintain a fishable walleye population in Pigeon Lake.

Abundance of panfish captured in 2006 was lower than measured in previous surveys. Low abundance of panfish is likely due to the 2000 fish kill, although population declines because of habitat loss should not be ignored. Angler harvest of larger bluegill may also impact the population.

Growth of bluegill captured in this survey was greater than in previous surveys and is likely due to lower competition for food resources because bluegill and other panfish were less abundant in 2006 than historic levels.

It should also be noted that during the 2006 survey, most fish were captured when aquatic vegetation was present. These plant beds were scarce and widely scattered along the shoreline. The abundance and distribution plants appeared to be much less than in previous years. An aquatic plant management permit was issued to the lake association for a chemical treatment of European water milfoil in 2006. Although there is no proof that the lack of vegetation and the herbicide treatment are linked, we are concerned about the lack of vegetation. The loss of plants when added to habitat loss caused by shoreline development and fast boating in shallow water may cause fish populations in Pigeon Lake to recover from the 2000 fish kill more slowly than usual. We recommend another electroshocking survey within five years to document the status of the fish population in Pigeon Lake. Barring any more fish kills, we hope the next survey will indicate a continued recovery of this fishery from the 2000 fish kill. The access site is adequate for this waterbody and no improvements are needed at this time.