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Dear Pam,

Enclosed is our final financial report for the Kimball/Nancy Boat Monitoring and Education Project Grant. This year, in contrast to last year when we had more money, we more than spent the money allocated. Obviously, we understand that DNR funds are limited to the grant amount.

This year we monitored the landing on Kimball Lake and Lake Nancy a total of 635 hours. There were 179 hours of monitoring on Kimball this year in contrast to 397 last year. There were 456 hours of monitoring on Nancy compared to 388 in 2006. In spite of the overall reduction in hours, we inspected 802 boats compared to 601 last year. The reduction in hours on Kimball was due to the fact that the Kimball Association felt that it was not worthwhile to monitor most of the time on Sundays or late in the afternoon.

Overall, we inspected an average of 1.43 boats per hour of monitoring on Lake Nancy and .83 boats per hour on Kimball. There were 1,804 people on the 635 boats inspected who were advised about the regulations related to boat inspection. In only one instance that I am aware of was there any difficulty with a boater. This came at the Deep Lake landing on Lake Nancy when a boater refused to stop for inspection after pulling his boat out of the water. The monitor was so surprised that she was not able to get a license plate number of the vehicle. A couple of boaters muttered about how they had been through inspections before and asked whether it was really necessary and stated that in their opinions inspections didn't do any good. On the other hand, most people responded very favorably and repeat visitors got to know the routine and often were very helpful and stated that they thought the inspections were a good thing.

In spite of the low water at the Nancy landings, I feel that the boat inspectors were able to remove lots of milfoil from boats. Unfortunately, there has been a patch of it this summer just beyond the landing on the Deep Lake portion of Nancy in about 7 feet of water. It was chemically treated this year, and we hope that will limit it next year.

The monitors reported some huge boats in the lakes this year including one with a 340 horsepower motor and a 150 horsepower air boat!

While all of our paid monitoring work was performed by only four monitors, we found them to be very reliable and thorough. New monitors did attend a CBCW training session in Spooner.

Our educational activities this year included three things. First, we distributed AIS materials to those interested at the landings. I have attached copies of those materials. Secondly, we discussed the boat program at our respective general association meetings. Thirdly, we sent an educational mailing to all residents around both lakes. A copy of that letter is also attached.

I hope that I have completed the report form satisfactorily. If there are further things I need to do, please let me know. We really appreciate the fact that we were able to receive a grant from the DNR, and we hope that we have put the money to good use.

Sincerely,

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