

Town of Minong 2020 Project
Grants CBCW 80020 and 80120

FINAL REPORT

The eighth year of the town-wide CBCW program was unique. The Minong Town Lakes Committee, which supervises the program, debated taking the option of deferring these grants until 2021. However, we decided to proceed beginning Memorial Day weekend. We missed the first three weekends of May over COVID concerns. But we trained our inspectors in COVID avoidance procedures (masks, social distancing) and supervised them often to assure they practiced them. Despite the late start, more than 3,600 boats were inspected - slightly above our annual whole-season average.

In 2020, no AIS was found on any of the boats. Eurasian watermilfoil is established in several of our lakes, and zebra mussels are established in Big McKenzie Lake in adjacent Burnett County. In past years, our inspectors have encountered EWM on a few boats. These days, most boaters have learned to self-inspect.

The ultimate objective of CBCW is to educate lake users about AIS and their role in preventing its spread. On this and other counts, the 2020 projects were very successful. A record 8,000 folks were contacted at our landings. The great majority were boaters. Apparently, people were eager to get on the water where COVID would not be a concern.

CBCW DATA SUMMARY 2020
Town of Minong

<u>Lake</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Boats</u>	<u>Boats/hr</u>	<u>People Contacted</u>
Big Sand	229	104	0.45	207
Gilmore	348	593	1.71	1,274
Horseshoe	276	153	0.55	272
Kimball	261	148	0.54	201
Minong Flowage	446	1,143	2.56	3,034
Nancy	382	549	1.44	1,182
Bass	322	270	0.84	578
Pokegama	397	643	1.62	1,316
Totals	2,660	3,603	1.35	8,064

Total Hours for CBCW 80120 (Big Sand, Horseshoe, Gilmore, Kimball, Nancy Minong Flowage landings) 1941

Total hours for CBCW 80020 (Bass and Pokegama landings) : 719