**Summary 2012:**

Root collection:

* Done by Brad Morris and Siren students.
* Collected around April 20th.
* Planted into pots and into our cage on April 24th.
* Brad gave us 17 large plastic garbage bags of roots. We put nearly all the roots into the planters and the remaining roots were put into the pools as free floaters.

Adult beetle Collection:

* Collected around 200 (estimated by Matt-intern) from Poquette Lake, Burnett County on 5/19/2012. Collected by Burnett County interns (Mike and Matt-interns) and myself.
* Collected around 750 from Poquette Lake on 5/22/2012 by Jamie Thompson, Tom Frye, and myself. We tried to actually count the bugs as they were captured.
* Total number of bugs stocked into cage is an estimated 950 beetles.

Plants began to die-off/turn brown by June 21st.

* More and more beetles were seen on cage netting by the end of that week.

We collected a couple of plants from Pokegama Lake and put into the cage for food for the adults, 6/18.

For 2013, we will add a pool or two to the outside of the cage and grow some plants to feed the adults during this time period.

* Try to cut the tops of the plants as they are growing so they grow more leaves.

Numerous larvae were noticed on the dead plants June 23rd-June 25th.

Added a few more live plants collected from Pokegema Lake, Burnett County into cage, July 2nd, 5th, and the 9th.

Due to navigation problems on the Loon Creek from the 2011 wind storm, we decided to stock Rice Lake again in 2012.

Beetle Stocking:

July 3rd:

* We collected and released beetles at four different locations on Rice Lake, Burnett County.
* It was very difficult to estimate the numbers, but we would say that there was much more than the amount stocked in 2011. Estimate at around 20,000-25,000 beetles.
* We also estimated that we collected a little more than ½ of the beetles from the cage.

July 4th:

* Collected an estimated equal amount of bugs as the previous day. Numbers would be around 20,000.
* The bugs were released on the Yellow River, Washburn County, using the access on Green Valley Road. They were released on plants just upstream of the public access using kayaks.

July 5th:

* Collected an estimated 5,000 beetles which were released on the Yellow River, Washburn County. They were released immediately downstream on the Yellow River, off the access point on Tozer Lake Road.

July 10th:

* Collected the remaining beetles in the cage, which was very few, and put at the public access on Pokegama Lake, Burnett County.
* Estimated number of 500.

End of beetle stocking 2012.

Cage will be dismantled and the plants will be treated with Round-up herbicide and buried.