

February 26, 2019

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Clam River Hydroelectric Project FERC #9185 Flambeau Hydro, LLC Article 401 (b) (M) – Final 2018 Purple Loosestrife Inventory Report

Dear Ms. Bose:

On behalf of Flambeau Hydro, LLC (Licensee), Renewable World Energies LLC is submitting the <u>Final 2018 Purple Loosestrife Inventory Report</u> for the Clam River Hydroelectric Project. It is a requirement of Article 401 (b) (M) amended April 23, 2013 of the License issued to Flambeau Hydro LLC by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on July 24, 2006 which was amended May 12, 2014. The 401 (b) (M) amendment changes the monitoring schedule from every year to every other year as well as Galerucella Beetles being placed at documented Purple Loosestrife sites in the non-survey year.

The report was sent to the agencies as an attachment to an e-mail on December 13, 2018. The letter and e-mail asked for comment if they had any to offer. No comment has been received to date from either Mr. Utrup (USFWS) or Ms. Laatsch (WDNR). The survey was conducted on August 20, 2018. The Impoundment Survey noted (21) sites with observed Purple Loosestrife. Two (2) of the sites observed with Purple Loosestrife for the first time. The FHLLC – Owned Property, Bypass Reach, and Tailrace Surveys were conducted but no Purple Loosestrife was observed during this survey. Galerucella Beetles are scheduled to be released in 2019. The next survey and report will be due in 2020.

If you have any questions concerning the report, please contact Brian Kreuscher at the Renewable World Energy LLC offices @ 855-994-9376 Ext. 230. He can also be reached by e-mail at bkreuscher@rwehydro.com.



Sincerely, Renewable World Energies, LLC Agent for Licensee

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Mr. Jason Kreuscher Vice President, Operation

Attachment: Final Clam River 2018 Purple Loosestrife Inventory Report

Agency Correspondence

Cc: Ms. Cheryl Laatsch, WDNR - Attachment to E-Mail

Mr. Nick Utrup, USFWS - Attachment to E-Mail

Mr. Paul Cook, Burnett County - Attachment to E-Mail

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for
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FERC Project #9185
Flambeau Hydro, LLC
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Summary of Purple Loosestrife Inventory for Clam River Hydroelectric Project, FERC #9185

On August 20, 2018, White Water Associates, Inc. performed an inventory of purple loosestrife at the Clam River Hydroelectric Project. This is a requirement of Article 401 (b) (M) amended April 23, 2013 of the License issued to Flambeau Hydro LLC by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) (July 24, 2006; amended May 12, 2014). This amendment changes the monitoring schedule from every year to every other year as well as *Galerucella* beetles being placed at documented purple loosestrife sites in the non-survey year.

2018 Observations

The Clam River Hydroelectric Project boundary was divided into four different areas; *the impoundment* (from approximately 3.1 miles upstream of the Clam River powerhouse downstream to the Clam River powerhouse), *FHLLC-owned property within the project boundary* (FHLLC-owned property adjacent to the dam and powerhouse), *the tailrace* (from the powerhouse to a point approximately 900 feet downstream), and *the bypass reach* (from the spillway to a point approximately 800 feet downstream).

The impoundment was surveyed by boat and twenty-one sites had purple loosestrife plants. More description of these sites is provided below.

The FHLLC- owned property within the project boundary was surveyed on foot and no purple loosestrife plants were observed.

The tailrace was surveyed by foot and no purple loosestrife plants were observed.

The bypass reach was surveyed on foot and no purple loosestrife plants were observed.

Twenty-one sites within the project area had purple loosestrife plants present in 2018.

Site CLRVPL003 had 20+ plants with no treatment. Site CLRVPL004 had 50+ plants with only 1 removed. Site CLRVPL005 had 4 plants and no treatment. Site CLRVPL006 had 20 plus plants and no treatment. Site CLRVPL007 had 3 multi-stemmed plants observed and no treatment. CLRVPL008 had 20+ plants with no treatment. CLRVPL009 had 3 multi-stem plants and no treatment. Site CLRVPL5A had 1 plant and no treatment. CLRVPL5B had 3 plants and no treatment. Site CLRVPL8A had 3 plants observed and no treatment. Site CLRVPL8B had 20+ plants observed and were not treated. Site CLRVPL10A had 1 plant and no treatment. Site CLRVPL013 had 10 multi-stemmed plants with no treatment. Site CLRVPL014 had 1 multi-stem plant and it was pulled.

The following sites were observed with purple loosestrife for the first time in 2018. Site CLRVPL017 had 2 plants and no treatment. Site CLRVPL018 had 3 multi-stemmed plants and no treatment. Site

CLRVPL021 had 8 plants observed and was not treated. Site CLRVPL022 had 20+ plants observed and were not treated. Site CLRVPL023 had 50+ plants and no treatment. Site CLRVPL024 had 3 plants and no treatment.

Beatles Released

Renewable World Energies has been working with the Grantsberg High school biology teacher, Mathew S. Berg, and students to release *Galerucella* beetles at the Clam River Flowage. In 2017, 3,000 beetles were released at one location and another 3,000 beetles were released in a different location.

A map of purple loosestrife locations observed in 2018 is available in Appendix A. Appendix B provides tables of historical purple loosestrife data as well as observations made in 2018. Appendix C provides scans of field data sheets. Appendix D provides photos taken at the project area. Appendix E provides beetle release documents.

Appendix A Maps



Map 1. Locations of purple loosestrife at Clam River in 2018 zoomed out.

Map 2. Locations of purple loosestrife at Clam River in 2018 zoomed in.



Map 3. Locations of purple loosestrife at Clam River in 2018 zoomed in.



Appendix B Tables

	Table 1. GPS points for purple loosestrife inventory at Clam River, FERC#2640.						
GPS Point	Latitude	Longitude	Plant Height	Stand Area	Beetle Activity	Comments	
CLRVPL001	45.90821	-92.51880	5'-6'	12'x3'	2014-no damage	2007-first observed. All plants pulled. 2008 & 2009-no plants observed. 2010, 2011 & 2012-site inaccessible due to silting. 2013-no plants observed. 2014-2 plants observed and pulled. 2016-no plants observed.	
CLRVPL002	45.91354	-92.51691	3'	1'x1'	N/A	2007-first observed. No treatment. 2008-no plants observed. 2009-some plants observed. No beetle damage. No treatment. 2010 & 2011-no plants observed. 2012-site inaccessible. 2013 & 2014-no plants observed. 2016-no plants observed.	
CLRVPL003	45.91664	-92.51582	3'	1'x2'	2014-beetle damage in 10% of plants	2007-first observed. No treatment. 2009 & 2010-fewer plants observed. No treatment. 2011-considerable increase in plants observed. No beetle damage. No treatment. 2012-site inaccessible. 2013 & 2014-plants observed. 2016-no plants observed. 2018-20 plus plants observed. No treatment.	
CLRVPL004	45.92067	-92.51714	3'-4'	30'x10'	2014-beetle damage in 10% of plants	2007-first observed. No treatment. 2009 & 2010-fewer plants observed. No treatment. 2011-considerable increase in plants observed. No beetle damage. No treatment. 2012-site inaccessible. 2013 & 2014-plants observed. 2016-1 plant observed. No treatment. 2018-50 plus multi-stem plants observed. 1 plant removed.	

GPS Point	Latitude	Longitude	Plant Height	Stand Area	Beetle Activity	Comments
CLRVPL005	45.92141	-92.51259	4'	10'x15'	N/A	2007-first observed. 2012-no beetle damage. Plants blooming. No treatment. 2013-no beetle damage. 2014-no plants observed. 2016-no plants observed. 2018-4 plants observed and pulled.
CLRVPL006	45.92549	-92.50841	4' to 5'	20'x 20'	2013-no damage 2014-no damage 2018-no damage	2007-first observed. No beetle damage. All plants pulled. 2008-no beetle damage. All plants pulled. 2009-seed heads clipped. 2010-no treatment. 2011-same number of plants as previous years. 2012-no plants observed. 2013-1 plant observed. No treatment. 2014-22 plants observed. 2016-25 plants observed and pulled. 2018-20 plus plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL007	45.92569	-92.51010	4'	10'x10'	2013-no damage	2007-first observed. No beetle damage. No treatment. 2008 & 2009-same as 2007. No treatment. 2010, 2011 & 2012- no plants observed. 2013-1 plant observed. No beetle damage. 2014-no plants observed. 2016-2 plants observed. No treatment. 2018-3 plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL008	45.91955	-92.51429	4'	10'x10'	2013-some plants are damaged 2014-20% of plants with damage	2008-first observed. No treatment. 2009 & 2010-plants observed. No treatment. 2011-number of plants increased. No treatment. 2012-site inaccessible. 2013-beetles released. 2014-similar number of plants as 2013. 2016-20 plants observed. Flowering heads clipped off. 2018-20 plus. No treatment.

GPS Point	Latitude	Longitude	Plant Height	Stand Area	Beetle Activity	Comments
CLRVPL009	45.92154	-92.51162	3'-4'	2'x1'	N/A	2009-first observed. No treatment. 2010 through 2014-no plants observed. 2016-20 plants observed. No treatment. 2018-3 multi-stem plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL010	45.92055	-92.51439	N/A	N/A	N/A	2009-first observed. No beetle damage. No treatment. 2010-plants observed. No treatment. 2011-3 plants observed. 2012, 2013 & 2014-no plants observed. 2016-10 plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL011	45.92613	-92.50824	N/A	N/A	N/A	2010-first observed. No treatment. 2011-50 plants observed. No treatment. 2012-No plants observed. 2013-2 plants observed. No beetle damage. 2014-no plants observed. 2016-no plants observed.
CLRVPL012	45.92808	-92.51457	N/A	N/A	N/A	2010-first observed. 2011-3 plants observed. No treatment. 2012-site inaccessible. 2013-site inaccessible. 2014-no plants observed. 2016-2 plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL013	45.91452	-92.51613	N/A	N/A	N/A	2010-first observed. 2011-1 plant observed. No beetle damage. No treatment. 2012-site inaccessible. 2013 & 2014-no plants observed. 2016-no plants observed. 2018-10 plus multi-stem plants. No treatment.
CLRVPL014	45.92286	-92.50993	2'-4'	2'x2'	N/A	2012-first observed. No treatment. 2013 & 2014-no plants observed. 2016-2 plants observed. No treatment. 2018-1 plant observed. Pulled.

GPS Point	Latitude	Longitude	Plant Height	Stand Area	Beetle Activity	Comments
CLRVPL015	45.93168	-92.5261	3'	1'x1'	2014-no damage	2014-first observed. 1 plant pulled. 2016-no plants observed.
CLRVPL016	45.88423	-92.50117	4'	2'x2'	2014-no damage	2014-first observed. Not on RWE property. 2016-no plants observed.
CLRVPL017	45.92486	-92.50861	4'	10'x10'	N/A	2018-first observed. 2 plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL018	45.92374	-92.50897	4'	2'x2'	N/A	2018-first observed. 3 plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL021	45.91943	-92.51471	4'	2'x6'	N/A	2018-first observed. 8 multi-stem plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL022	45.91798	-92.51588	4'	200'x50'	N/A	2018-first observed.20+ plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL023	45.91903	-92.51642	4'	~1 acre	N/A	2018-first observed. 50+ plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL024	45.91822	-92.51496	3'	2'x2'	N/A	2018-first observed. 3 multi-stem plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL4A	45.92041	-92.51787	4'	2'x10'		2016-first observed. 15 plants observed. Heads clipped. 2017-10+ plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL4B	45.91872	-92.51866	3'	4'x4'		2016-first observed. 3 plants observed. Heads clipped off. 2017-8 plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL5A	45.92251	-92.51325	4'	2'x2'		2016-first observed. 1 plant observed. No treatment. 2018-1 plant observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL5B	45.92212	-92.51618	3'	1'x1'		2016-first observed. 1 plant observed. No treatment. 2018-3 multi-stem plants. No treatment.
CLRVPL8A	45.91866	-92.51450	4'	10'x20' 2'x2'		2016-first observed. 1 plant observed. No treatment. 2018-3 multi-stem plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL8B	45.91754	-92.51584	3'	10'x10'		2016-first observed. 20 plants observed. No treatment.
CLRVPL10A	45.92126	-92.51410	4'	20'x20' 1'x1'		2016-first observed. 21 plants observed and pulled. 2018-1 multi-stem. No treatment.
CLRVPL16A	45.93745	-92.52584	4'	2'x2'		2016-first observed. 15 plants observed and pulled.

Table 2. GPS points for Galerucella beetle release at Clam River, FERC#2640.						
GPS Point	Latitude	Longitude	Number of beetles released	Comments		
CLRVGC001	45.93193	-92.50852	2000-3000	2013-released in July.		
	45.92033	-92.51709	3,000	2017-released in July		
	45.91969	-92.51687	3,000	2017-released in July		

Appendix C Scans of Datasheets

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Appendix D Photos



Photo 1. Purple loosestrife growing near boat landing.



Photo 2. Purple loosestrife growing along the shoreline.



Photo 3. Purple loosestrife along wooded shoreline.

Appendix D Beetle Information

Brian Kreuscher

From: Matt Berg <mberg@grantsburg.k12.wi.us>

Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 11:50 AM

To: Brian Kreuscher **Subject:** RE: Galerucella Beetles

It was \$400 – yes we received it – thanks!. We're releasing next Wed.

Matt

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From: Brian Kreuscher [mailto:bkreuscher@rwehydro.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 11:47 AM

To: Matt Berg

Subject: Re: Galerucella Beetles

Matt,

I'm just checking in to be sure you received the \$200, and that the plan is still going to proceed. Curious when the plan to release would be.

Thanks
Brian Kreuscher
Renewable World Energies
Regulatory & Compliance
855-994-9376 x230

From: Matt Berg < mberg@grantsburg.k12.wi.us >

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 4:26 PM

To: Brian Kreuscher

Subject: RE: Galerucella Beetles

Normally we don't get paid until the project is done. If we got half before, and half after that would be great. I read through the report – if I'm reading it correctly you're hiring people to come all the way from Michigan to do PL surveys? That seems expensive. Are they already contracted for other projects?

Matt

Matthew S. Berg o Grantsburg High School o

Biology Department >!< <>< 480 East James Avenue Grantsburg, WI 54840 (715) 463-5165 ext. 112 (715) 338-7502 (cell)

From: Brian Kreuscher [mailto:bkreuscher@rwehydro.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 9:14 AM **To:** Matt Berg < mberg@grantsburg.k12.wi.us>

Subject: Re: Galerucella Beetles

Matt,

That sounds reasonable to us. I've attached the report that White Water Associates had put together from the survey they did this last August. Appendix B has the location of all the sites. If you feel you might be underwater again this year, don't hesitate in letting us know, we might be able to help out. When do we need to get you the check?

Thanks
Brian Kreuscher
Renewable World Energies
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From: Matt Berg < mberg@grantsburg.k12.wi.us >

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 7:59 AM

To: Brian Kreuscher

Subject: RE: Galerucella Beetles

Hi Brian – Missed your email until today as it was in the middle of 20 on-line journal submissions. We can definitely raise beetles again. In the past, we've charged \$0.10/beetle, but we came out a little underwater last time on the project so I might up it to \$400 if that sounds reasonable to you. The check would be made out to Grantsburg Science Club.

Let me know what you think, and I'll get you on my calendar.

Matt

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From: Brian Kreuscher [mailto:bkreuscher@rwehydro.com]

Sent: Friday, February 3, 2017 1:34 PM

To: Matt Berg < mberg@grantsburg.k12.wi.us >

Subject: Galerucella Beetles

Matt,

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Brian Kreuscher, I work with Renewable World Energies on Regulatory Compliance issues. Two years ago, in 2015, Gary Rast worked with you on raising and releasing Galerucella Beetles. I am contacting you to see if you would still be willing to raise the beetles as in the past, providing dispensing of the beetles, and small report with GPS coordinates of beetle placement? If so, RWE would like you to do it again in 2017 at the Clam Flowage as done in the past. Two years ago I see you had raised and released 4000 beetles. If you are willing, we would like you to continue with this, but reduce the amount to 3000 beetles for 2017. Please let me know if you are open to doing this for RWE, what the cost would be, and in the end who to send the check to.

Thanks
Brian Kreuscher
Renewable World Energies
Regulatory Compliance
855-994-9376 x230

Purple Loosestrife Insect Release Field Report

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources

Form 3200-117 (R 2011)

This form is designed to tell us where you have placed your purple loosestrife biocontrol insects, as well as give us important information about the receiving wetland. You are the only one who can give us this valuable information. And since purple loosestrife is a state-restricted plant under NR-40 regulations, reporting where you put loosestrife plants for distributing biocontrol beetles is required by law, (please report all biocontrol insect releases, even if not on potted plants). Use a GPS unit for latitude and longitude data and reading accuracy and/or describe the location completely. Estimate the numbers as best you can (e.g. a football field is ~ 1 acre). Thank you for your important contribution to the health of Wisconsin's wetlands!

Notice: Information on this voluntary form is collected under ss. 33.02 and 281.11, Wis. Stats. Personally identifiable information collected on this form will be incorporated into the DNR Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) Database. It is not intended to be used for any other purposes, but may be made available to requesters under Wisconsin's Open Records laws, ss. 19.32 - 19.39. Wis. Stats.

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Primary Data Collector Name Matt Berg	Additional Data Collector Names Grantsburg High School		
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Site Location			
County Burnett	Nearest City/Village/Town Webster		
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Clam River Flowage Inlet/Clam Riv	er Delta		
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Landowner Name (and phone number if known):			
Land Ownership Type (circle one): private federal state col	unty local government unknown		
Site Plant Data			
Acreage of Purple Loosestrife (circle one) less than 1/4 acre 1/2	-1 acre (1-10 acres) more than 10 acres		
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Wetland location/type (circle all that apply): lake/pond edge stream edge	roadside wooded area ditch field other		
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If returning to site, was stake or flage found? Type	Launch boot at Hap's Landing at Clam Flowage. Take south channet upstream to Clam River. Plants		
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Method of Release(circle one)	20 2 m		
potted plants with beetles just adult beetles	# of potted plants 30 # of adult beetles released 3,000		
Weather (temp, wind, clouds)	Insect condition (check all that apply)		
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	pot placed next to field plant?		
	if releasing adults, placed directly on field plants?		
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Data Collector / Volunteer Names	
Primary Data Collector Name Math Borg	Additional Data Collector Names Civantsburg High Sch∞1
Phone Number Email Saintcroix of GM	ail.com Mailing Address 480 E James Ave, Grantsburg, WI
Date and Time	<u>5</u> 4840
Date 7 - 5 - 17 Time 5 - 06 PM	
Site Location	
Site Name County Burnett Location Description (ex. CTH K at Town Line Road)	Nearest City/Village/Town W-Cb5ter
	/Clam River Flowage Delta
Latitude(WGS84 format) Longitude(WGS84 format) 45.91969 ~92.51687	GPS Reading Accuracy 15 meters
Landowner Name (and phone number if known):	
Land Ownership Type (circle one): private federal stat	te county local government unknown
Site Plant Data	
Acreage of Purple Loosestrife (circle one) less than 1/4 acre	re 1/2-1 acre 1-10 acres more than 10 acres
Purple Loosestrife Coverage on Large Sites (circle one)	0-25% <u>26-50%</u> 51-75% 76-100%
Number of Purple Loosestrife Plants on Small Sites (circle one)	1-10 11-49 50+
Wetland location/type (circle all that apply): lake/pond edge (st	tream edge) roadside wooded area ditch field other
Site Insect Release Details	
Was a stake or flage used to mark site? Yes(No) Type	Specific directions (ex. ~100 ft in from side of road)
	Launch boat at Hap's Landing at
If returning to site, was stake or flage found? Type	_ Clam Flowage Take central
Photo File Name(s):	ehannel upstream to clam River. Plants are on south side of channel
Method of Release(circle one)	30 3.00
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Please name photo files with site number and date and send to invasive.species@wi.gov. To enter data online, please visit http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/loosestrife.

Send completed date sheets to Dept. Of Natural Resources - WT/4, P.O. Box 7921, Madison WI 53791-9087

Questions regarding purple loosestrife? Please call the Purple Loosestrife Program at 608-221-6349. Questions regarding data entry? Please contact 608-266-0053.



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In spring 2017, Grantsburg High School was contacted by Brian Kreuscher who works with Renewable World Energies Regulatory Compliance division. The company operates the hydroelectric dam on the Clam Flowage, and a survey performed for them in 2016 showed significant Purple Loosestrife in the Clam River upstream from the flowage. To mitigate this, RWE requested that GHS students raise and release at least 3000 beetles.

In April, GHS students travelled to a wetland just north of Poquettes Lake, gathered rootstock, and planted 60 pots of PL in a mass rearing station at the high school. Burnett County Land and Water Conservation Department delivered parent Galerucella Beetles in May, and, despite cold and wet conditions, each pot produced about 100 larvae/beetles. These approximately 6,000 larvae/beetles were transported to the Clam Flowage on July 5 (Figure 1).

The Clam River's braided channel that enters the Clam Flowage is shallow and, during previous beetle releases, has been impossible for us to navigate except for the most eastern channel. However, in 2017, we were able to enter the far western channel for the first time and found a large area of purple loosestrife that we have never released beetles in before. In this area, we released 30 pots of beetles placing them directly on the PL plants at the site. We also followed the channel until we ran out of water. In this seam, the only PL occurred at the release site (Figure 2). The middle channel, which also was historically difficult to impossible to enter during this time of year, was also accessible. In this area, we found more PL than we have ever seen anywhere in the delta (Figure 3). Because of this, we decided to divide the remaining 30 pots between the north and south sides of the bed with the north side getting 10 pots and the south side getting the remaining 20 pots.

A final Purple Loosestrife Insect Release Field Report was mailed to Brock Woods, WDNR PL coordinator on July 11, 2017. This completes our contract with RWE as outlined in our initial agreement.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Berg

Grantsburg High School Biology

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Figure 1: Boat Loaded with PL Pots

Figure 2: 2017 Release Sites

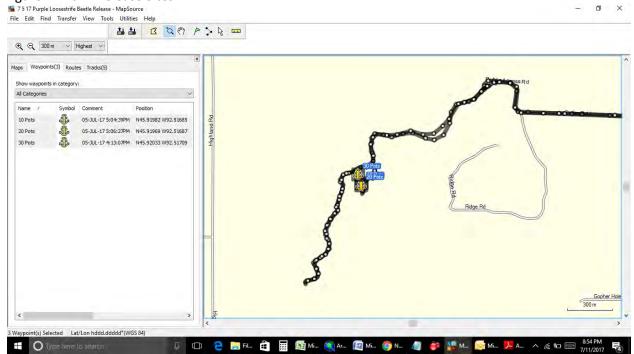
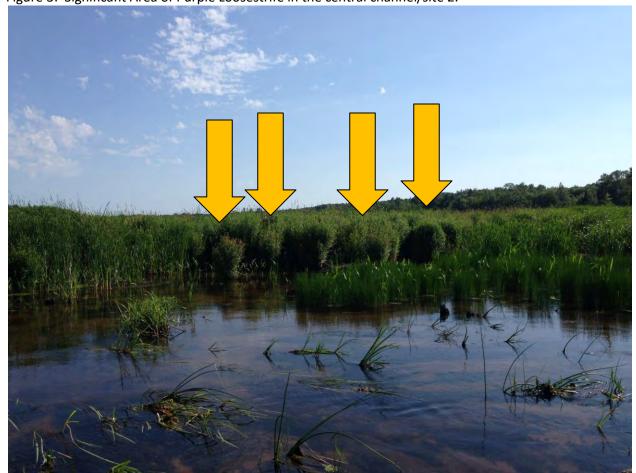


Figure 3: Significant Area of Purple Loosestrife in the central channel/site 2.



Brian Kreuscher

From: Brian Kreuscher

Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 4:43 PM

To: Cheryl Laatsch; Nick Utrup

Subject: Danbury (P-9184), Clam River (P-9185) Draft Purple Loosestrife Reports

Attachments: Danbury PL Report 2018_COMPLETE.pdf; Clam River PL Report 2018_COMPLETE.pdf

Cheryl and Nick,

Attached are copies of the Purple Loosestrife Reports for the surveys conducted at Danbury (P-9184) and Clam River (P-9185). Beetles were released in 2017 in the Clam Flowage, while 2018 was a survey year.

Please return any comments on the report to me within 30 days.

Thanks
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