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## APPENDIX A

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### Public Participation Materials



## Pre- and Post Drawdown Monitoring

- Water Quality
- Aquatic Plants
- Sediment Compaction

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## Water Quality Monitoring

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  - Dissolved Oxygen
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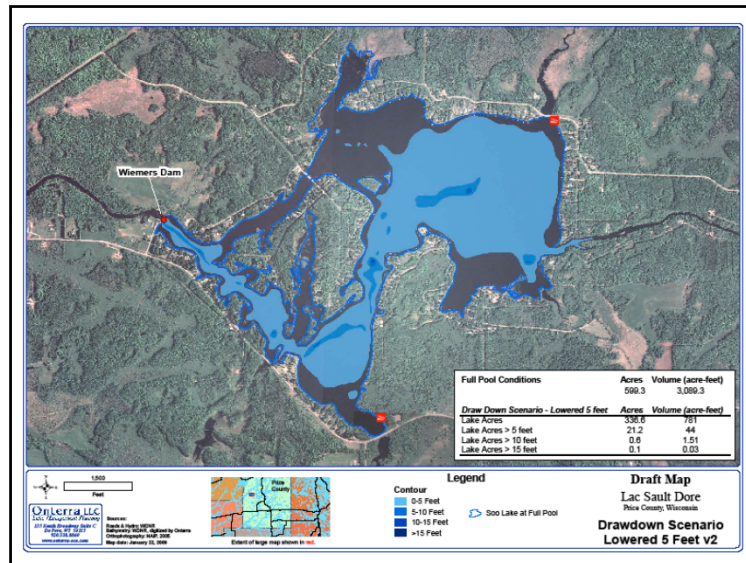
## Aquatic Plants

- **Pre-drawdown**
  - Curly-leaf Pondweed
  - Point-intercept
  - Eurasian Water Milfoil Mapping
  - Emergent & Floating-leaf Community Mapping
- **Post Drawdown**
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## Sediment Compaction

- Methodology
  - 15 Sites
    - 3 with Sandy Sediments
    - 12 with Organic Sediments
  - Steel Pipes Driven into Hard Layer
  - Pre- and Post Drawdown Measurements
    - Water Level
    - Water Surface to Soft Sediment Surface
    - Soft Sediment Surface to Hard Layer
  - Sediment Samples at 3 Sites
    - Particle Size
    - Percent Organic Material





## **Lake Management Planning Project Update**

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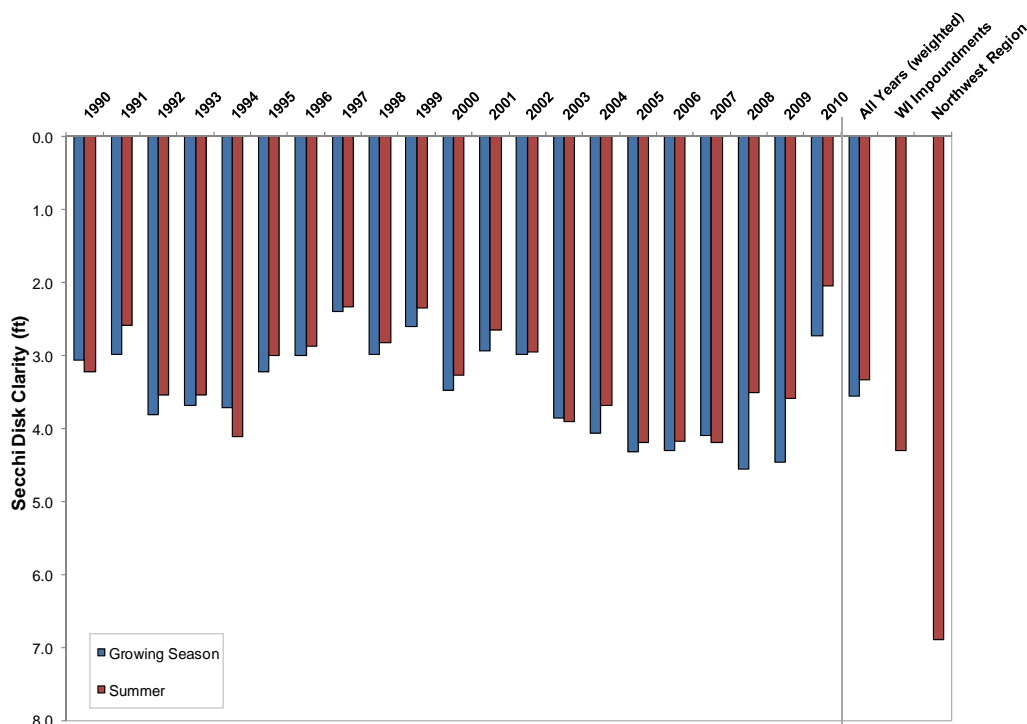
With the help of an Aquatic Invasive Species Grant totaling over \$43,000 by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), a project is underway to create a lake management plan for Lac Sault Dore. The lake management plan will contain historic and current data from the lake as well as provide guidance for its management by integrating stakeholder needs and goals with what is ecologically beneficial for the system.

The plan will also create and implement a control strategy for Eurasian water milfoil (EWM), an invasive plant which is found throughout the system. An initial strategy was created through the combined efforts of the Price County Dams Committee, WDNR, Soo Lake United Association (SLUA), and Onterra, LLC. Because of scheduled concrete repair work on the Wiemers Dam in fall of 2010, a drawdown of the lake water level was planned. Members of the SLUA asked if the drawdown could serve a double purpose, that is, to also be used as a tool to control EWM. Control would be achieved through the freezing and desiccation (drying out) of the plants root systems. A public meeting was held at the Phillips High School gym on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and included members of the fore mentioned groups.

In conjunction with the drawdown, monitoring procedures were drafted to learn of the results of the drawdown on the aquatic plant community (native and non-native), dissolved oxygen content of the water, water quality parameters, and sediment to see if compaction of loose sediments occurred. The lake planning project also includes a component to study the watershed, or area that drains to Lac Sault Dore, as well as the immediate shoreland.

While the dissolved oxygen data collected following the fall 2010 drawdown is not yet available, water quality samples collected by SLUA volunteers through the Citizen's Lake Monitoring Network is available on the WDNR's online water quality database, SWIMS. Secchi disk transparency is a measurement of water clarity. Of all limnological parameters, it is the most used and the easiest for non-professionals to understand. Furthermore, measuring Secchi disk transparency over long periods of time is one of the best methods of monitoring the health of a lake. The measurement is conducted by lowering a weighted, 20-cm diameter disk with alternating black and white quadrates (a Secchi disk) into the water and recording the depth just before it disappears from sight.

While the average Secchi disk records for the past 21 years on Soo Lake have continuously been below the mean values for other lakes in the Northwest Region, these values align with the means of Wisconsin impoundments. The truth is that Soo Lake's water is heavily stained with organic acids and is high in nutrients from its immense watershed which greatly limit light penetration. The good news is that despite some yearly fluctuations, the water clarity has not changed during this time period.



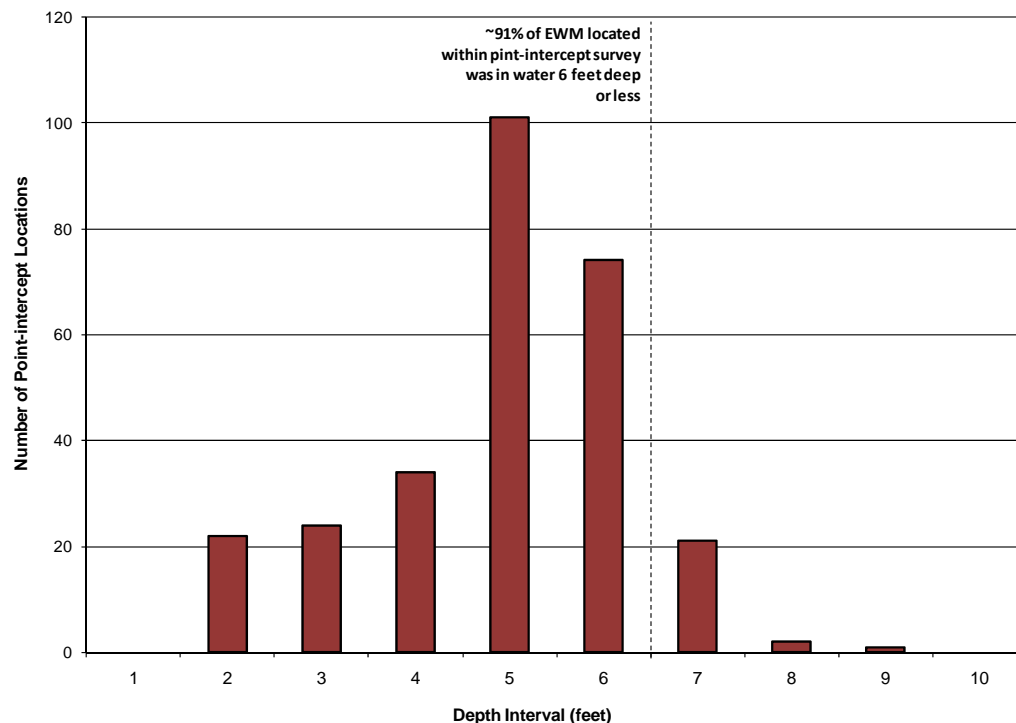
**Figure 1. Secchi disk clarity data for Lac Sault Dore, 1990-2010.** Data retrieved from the Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS), WDNR.

Many aquatic plant surveys were completed on Lac Sault Dore in 2010. A curly-leaf pondweed survey was conducted in June of 2010. This survey was completed during this time to correspond with the plant's lifecycle. Curly-leaf pondweed begins to grow very early in the spring and reaches its peak growth (biomass) in early summer. It is at this time when it begins to die-back and it will be completely gone by the time our native plant species are just reaching their peak biomass. We did not locate any curly-leaf pondweed during this or any other survey performed on the lake.

A comprehensive survey of the chain's aquatic plants took place in mid-August. We were out on the lake with two crews manned each with two ecologists during this survey. Although the data has not been analyzed completely, many interesting and valuable native plants were found in your lake during our surveys. As a part of this plant study, emergent and floating leaf plant communities were mapped using highly accurate GPS technology. These plant communities provide important habitat and food resources for a variety of wildlife, both aquatic and terrestrial. Maps of this survey can be found attached to this report (Maps 1 and 2).

An additional survey of the submergent plants was performed as well. All in all, 51 species were collected from the lake. This is an incredible number of species - we find ourselves on many (30 to 40) lakes every given summer, and we rarely find this many species in a single lake. In addition, 3 rare species were found – Spiny hornwort (*Ceratophyllum echinatum*), Robbin's spikerush (*Eleocharis robbinsii*), and Vasey's pondweed (*Potamogeton vaseyi*). Records of these plants have been sent to the Wisconsin Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI). Because of the

drawdown that occurred in fall of 2010, these same plant surveys will be conducted in the upcoming summer (2011) to understand if what changes have occurred in the plant community.



**Figure 2. Depth of EWM growth as determined by a 2010 summer point-intercept survey.** Data collected by Onterra.

Unfortunately, EWM was the species that was encountered the most during this submergent plant survey. A separate EWM survey was conducted in late June/early July. During this survey, EWM plant colonies were assessed based upon their density, and given a rating between Highly Scattered and Dense Surface Matting (Map 3). As you can see, the variety of colors on the attached map indicates that EWM has basically begun growing in every area it possibly can in the lake, limited only by depth. In the areas marked as Dominant and Highly Dominant, EWM has outcompeted native plants to the point where it is now the most prevalent aquatic plant in that area of the lake. In areas marked Surface Matting and Dense Surface Matting, EWM has grown to the point where navigation by recreational boaters is greatly limited, and few other aquatic plant species can be found.

It is important to understand that the eradication of EWM from a lake, or even a specific area of a lake, is nearly, if not totally, impossible and continued management efforts will be needed on Lac Sault Dore. While we anticipate that the drawdown of fall 2010 will have great impacts on the prevalence of EWM in the system, there will still be significant colonies of EWM that will likely require management. As seen in Figure 2, during the 2010 surveys, 91% of EWM was found in water 6 feet or less. Because the fall 2010 drawdown was to take the water level down 6 feet, there will still be areas where EWM root systems were able to survive.

The next step in the management planning process is to focus our efforts on this upcoming summer's surveys. Following the EWM peak biomass surveys late this summer, we will "go

back to the drawing boards” and develop a strategy for further reducing the density and spread of this invasive plant which may include future draw downs and/or herbicide treatments.





## ***Presentation Outline***

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



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## ***Onterra, LLC***

- Founded in 2005
- Staff
  - Four full-time ecologists
  - One part-time ecologist
  - One field technician
  - Two 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 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.



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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
  - Watershed Assessment
  - Aquatic Plant Surveys
  - Fisheries Data Integration
  - Stakeholder Survey
  - Shoreline Assessment



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## ***Water Quality Analysis***

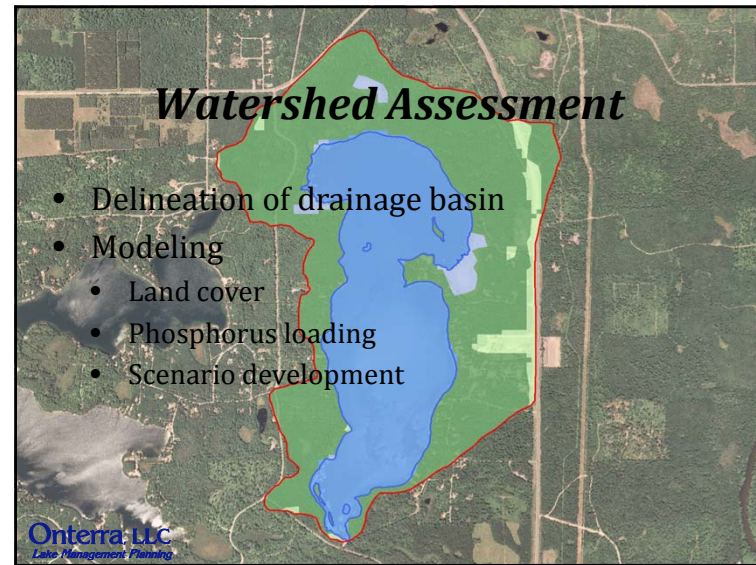
- General water chemistry (current & historic)
  - Citizens Lake Monitoring Network
- Nutrient analysis
  - Lake trophic state (Eutrophication)
  - Limiting plant nutrient
- Supporting data for watershed modeling



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## ***Watershed Assessment***

- Delineation of drainage basin
- Modeling
  - 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
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## **Non-native Aquatic Plants**

### **Curly-leaf Pondweed**



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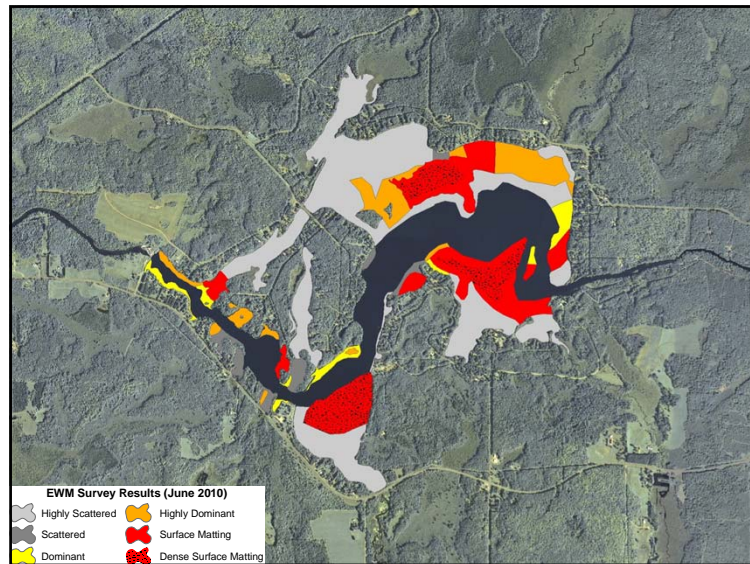
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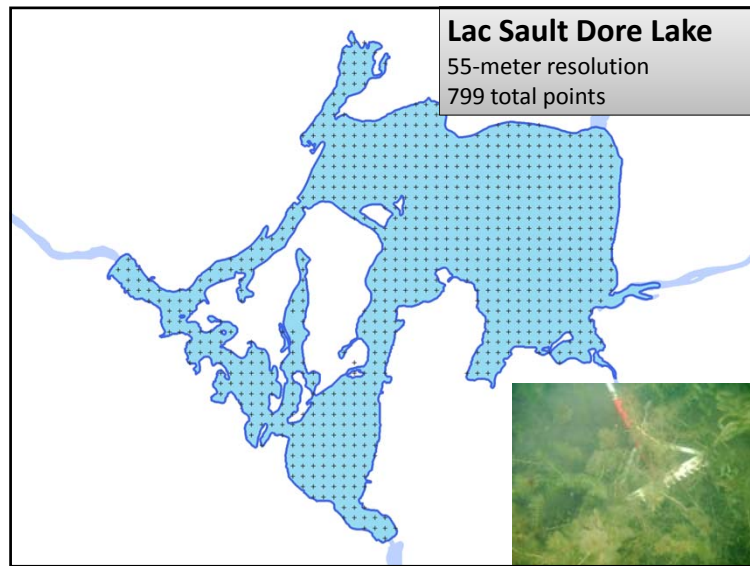




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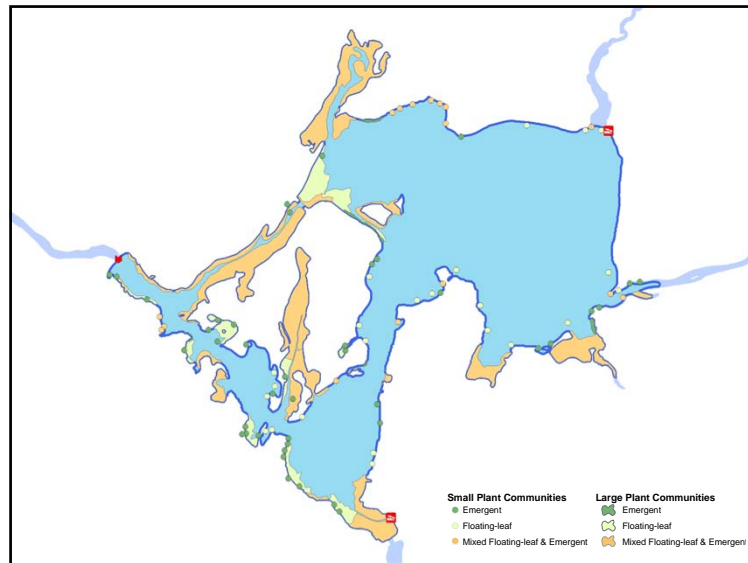


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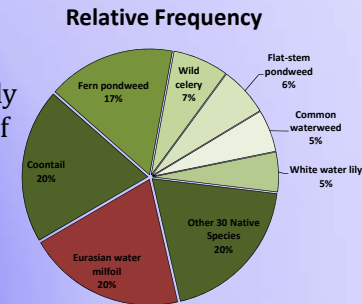
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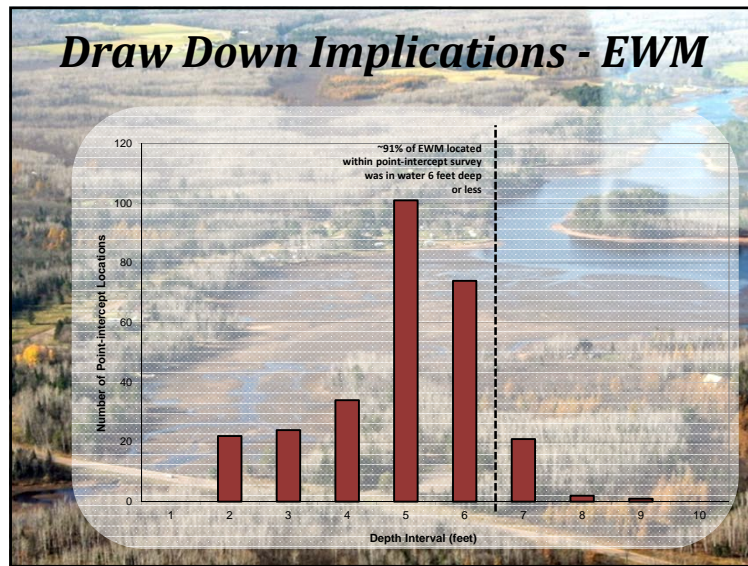
## Highlights of 2010 Plant Surveys

- 51 total species of aquatic plants
- 3 rare species
- No CLP
- EWM most frequently encountered (56% of vegetated locations)



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## Draw Down Implications - EWM



## Fisheries Data Integration

- No fish sampling completed
- Assemble data from WDNR, USGS, USFWS, & GLIFWC
- Fish survey results summaries (if available)
- Use information in planning as applicable



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## Stakeholder Survey

- Standard survey used as base
  - Planning committee potentially develops additional questions and options
  - Must not lead respondent to specific answer through a “loaded” question
- Survey must be approved by WDNR



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## Aquatic Plant Monitoring

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## Planning Process

### Planning Committee Meetings

Study Results (including a stakeholder survey)  
Conclusions & Initial Recommendations

Management Goals  
Management Actions  
Timeframe  
Facilitator(s)

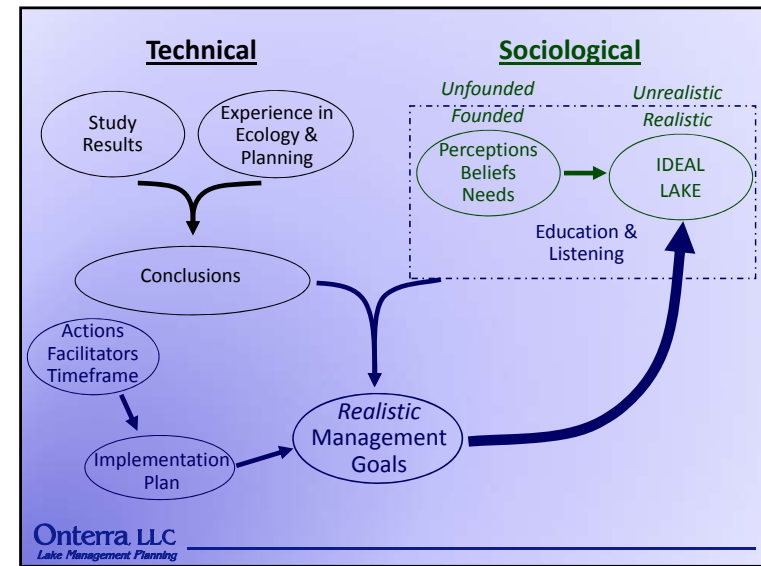


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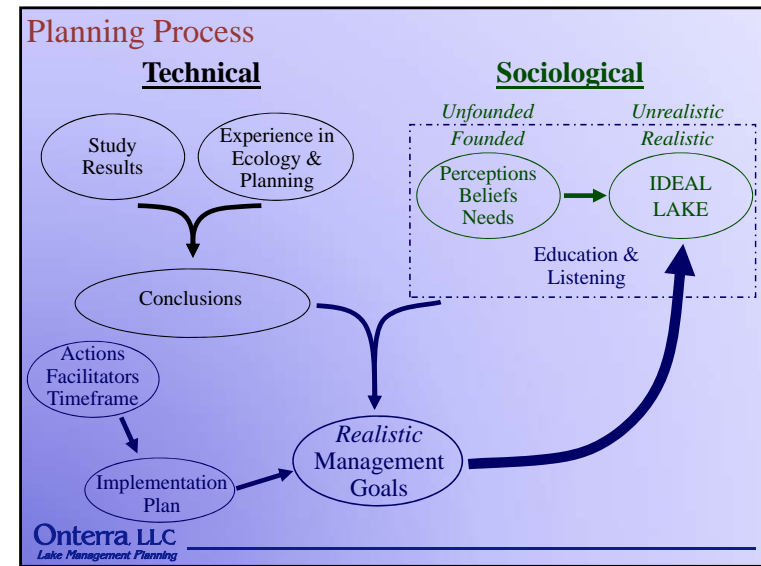
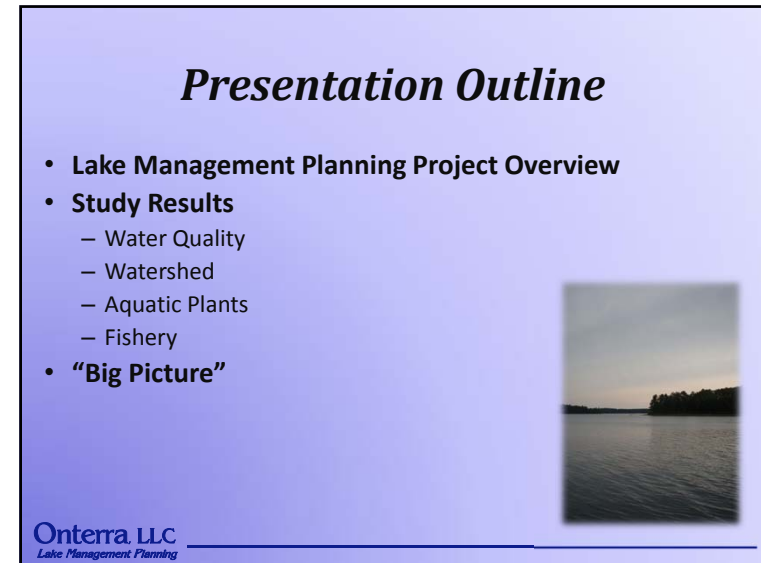
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## The Planning Process

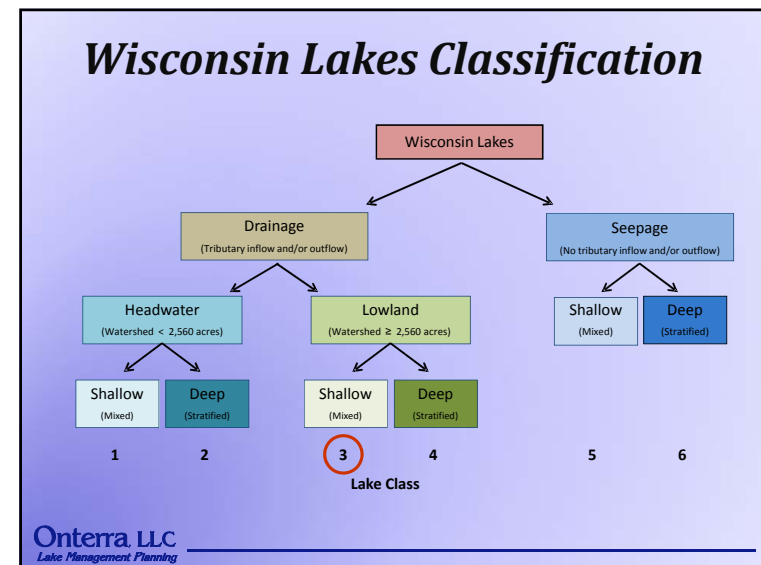
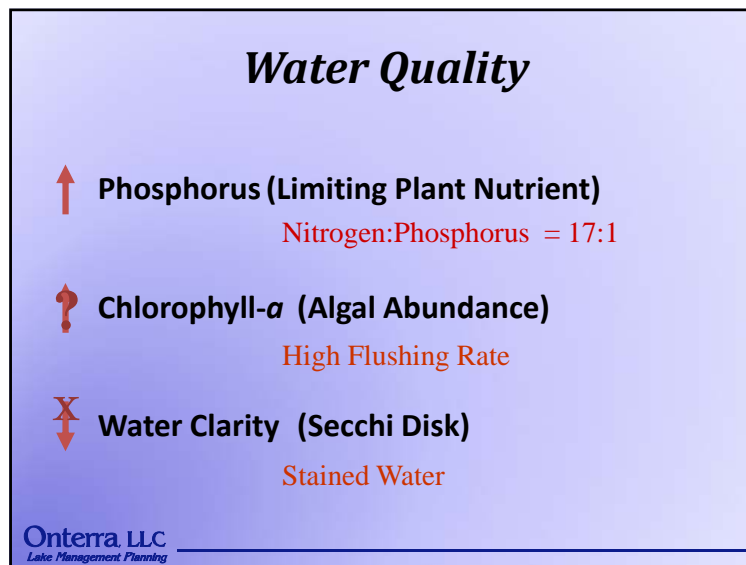
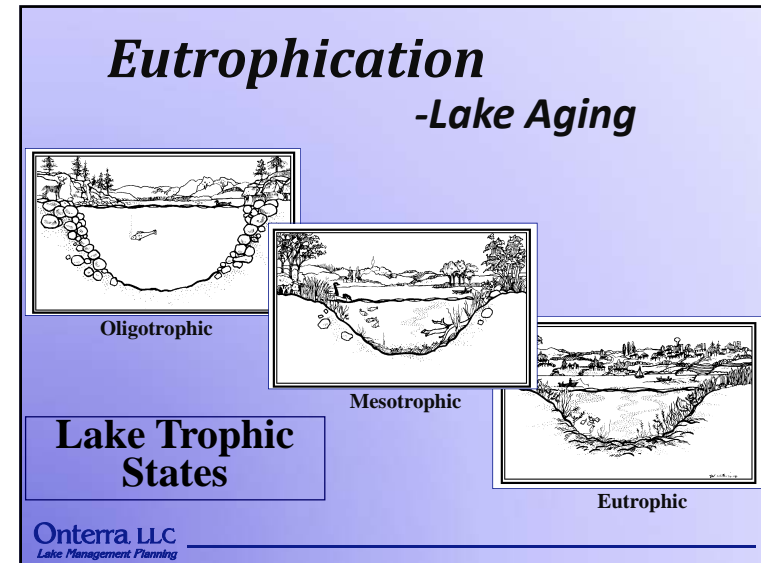
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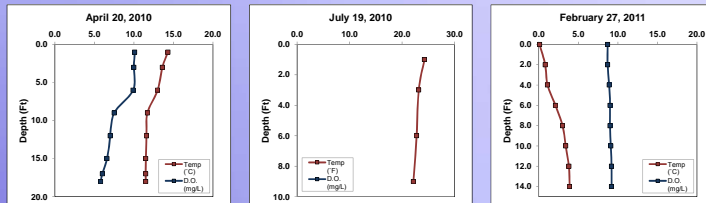




## Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature Profiles

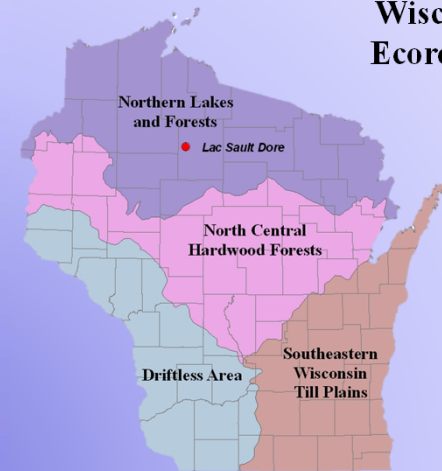
### • Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature Profiles

- Lake is stratified during winter
  - Oxygen present throughout water column during drawdown
- Lake does not strongly stratify in the summer



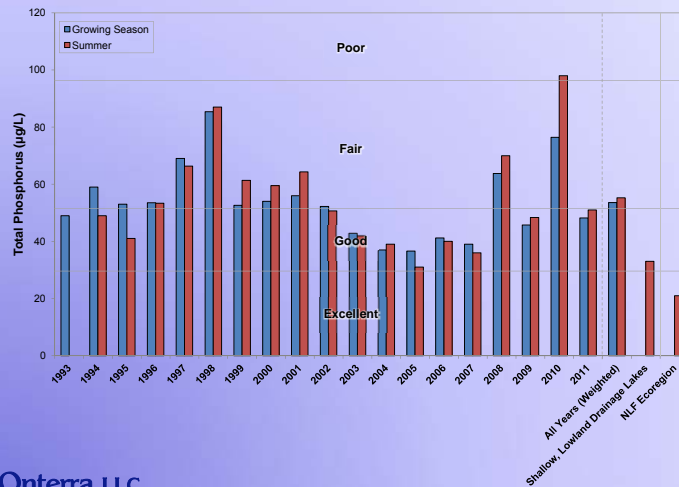
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## Wisconsin Ecoregions



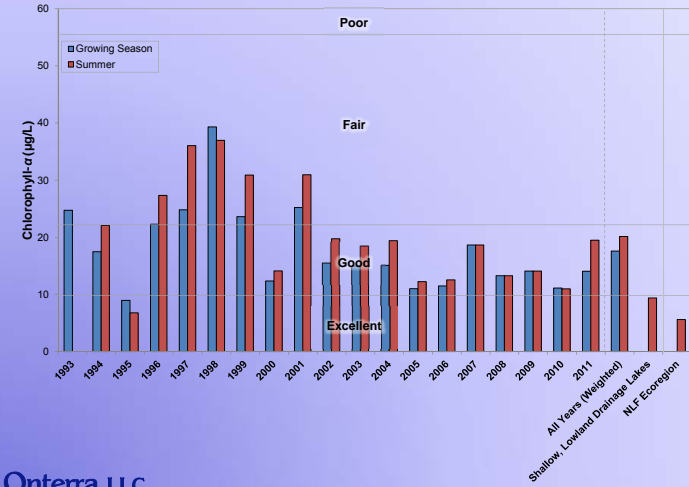
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## Total Phosphorus

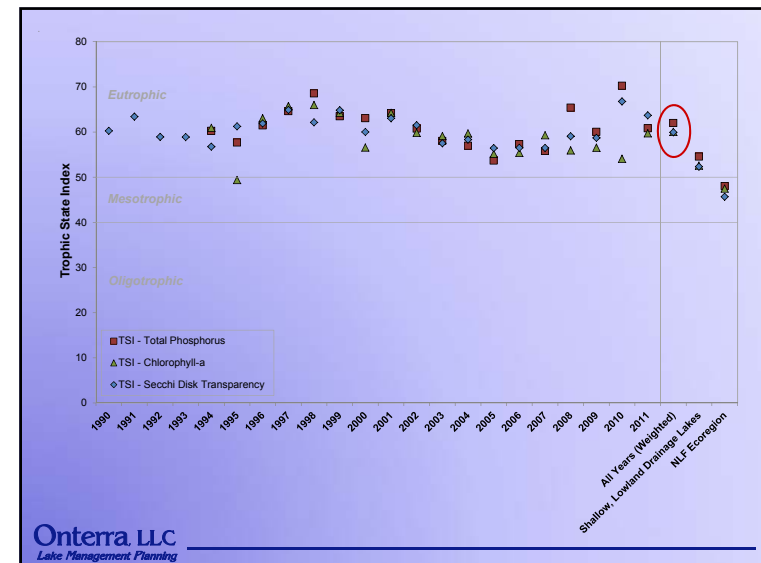
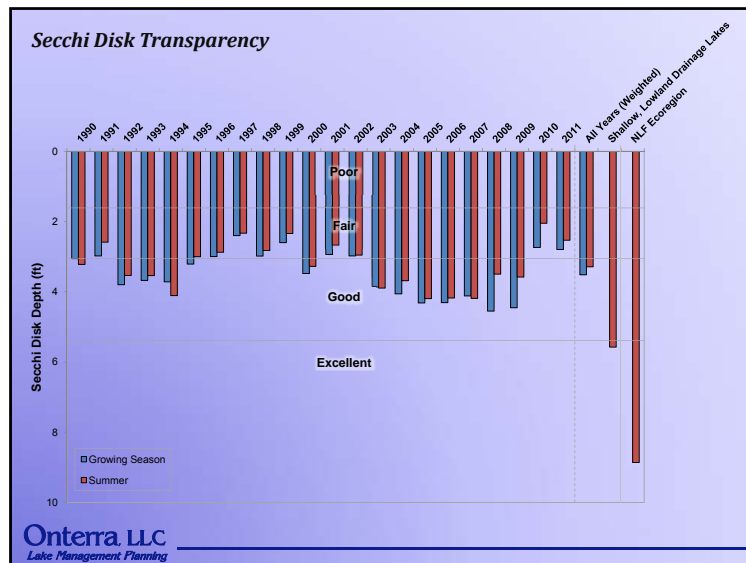


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## Chlorophyll- $\alpha$

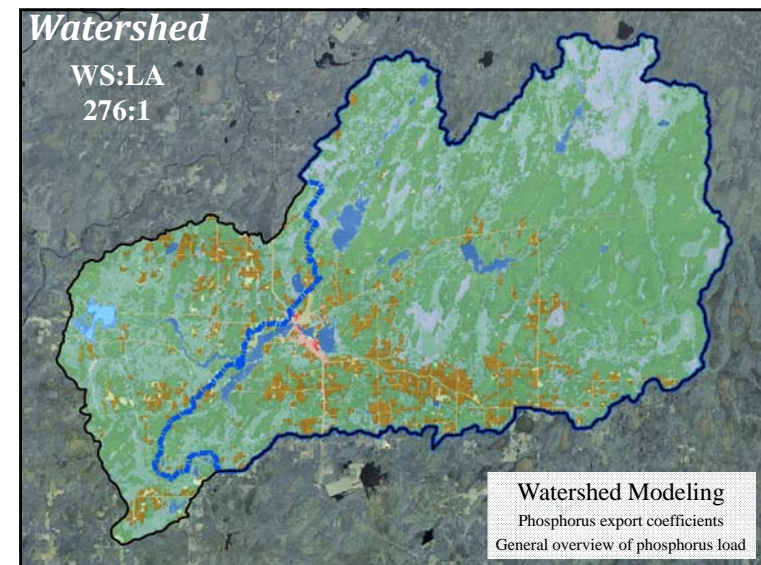


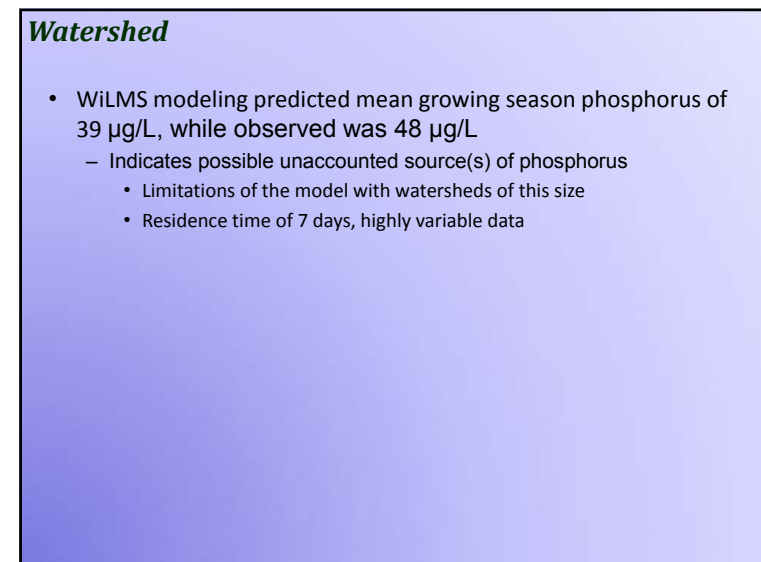
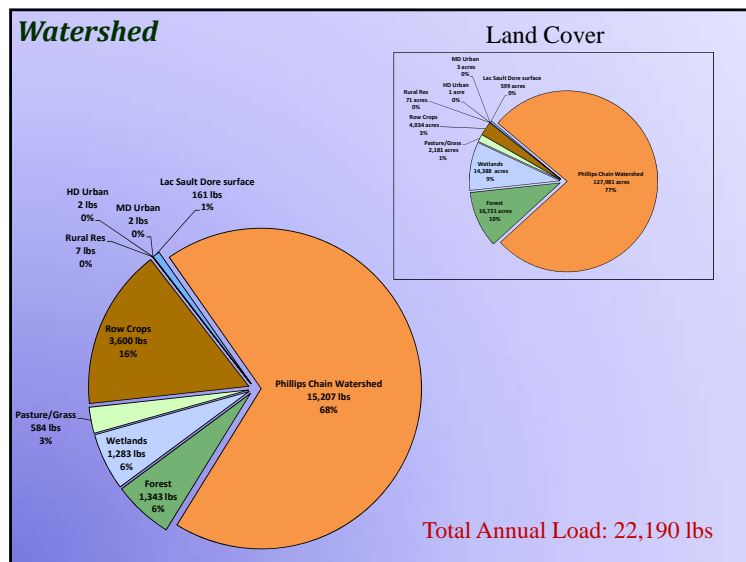
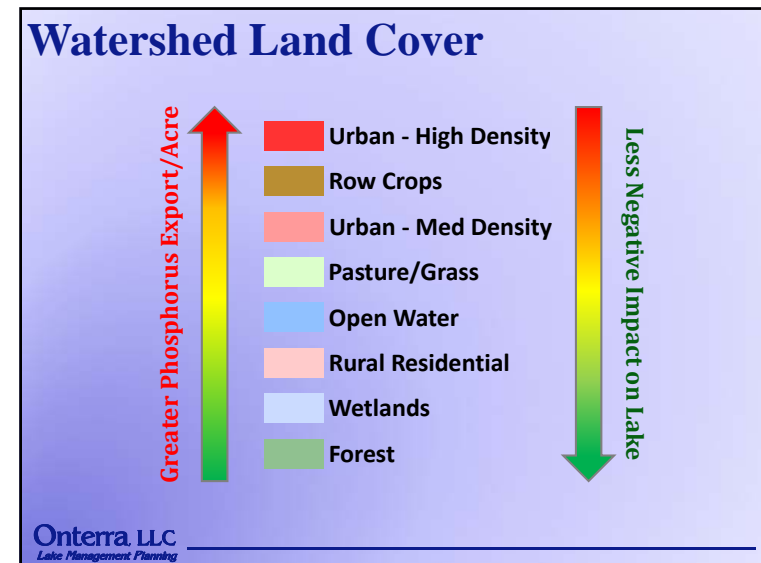
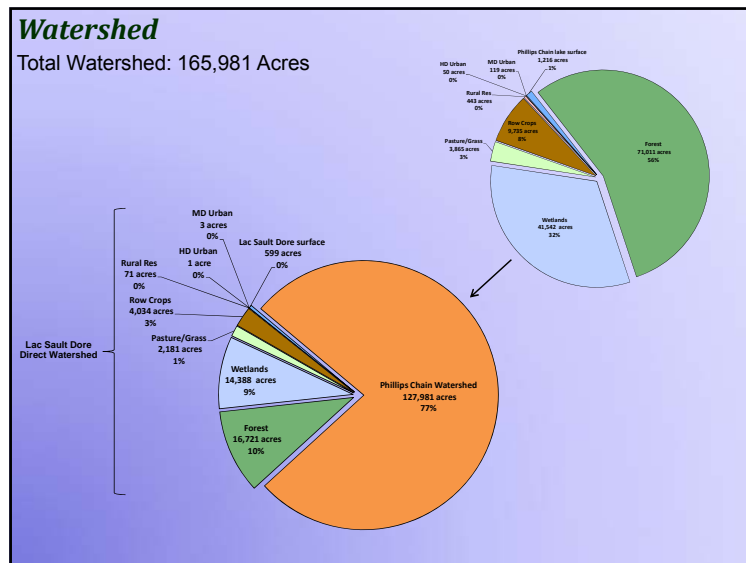
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### Additional Water Quality Parameters

- Combination of pH and calcium indicates LSD has *very low* susceptibility for zebra mussel establishment
  - GLIFWC plankton tows in 2008 were negative for zebra mussel veligers







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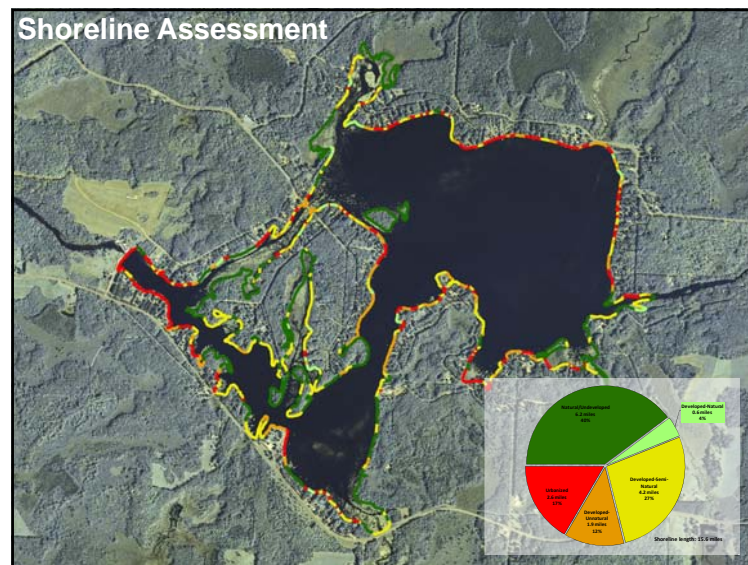
## Shoreline Assessment Category Descriptions

➔ **More Natural Habitat**

				
Urbanized	Developed-Unnatural	Developed-Semi-Natural	Developed-Natural	Natural/Undeveloped
				

➔ **Greater Need for Restoration**

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## Drawdown

- Water level drawdown of 6 feet over winter of 2010-2011
- Reduce Eurasian water milfoil
- Quantitative Monitoring
  - Sediment compaction
  - Aquatic plant community

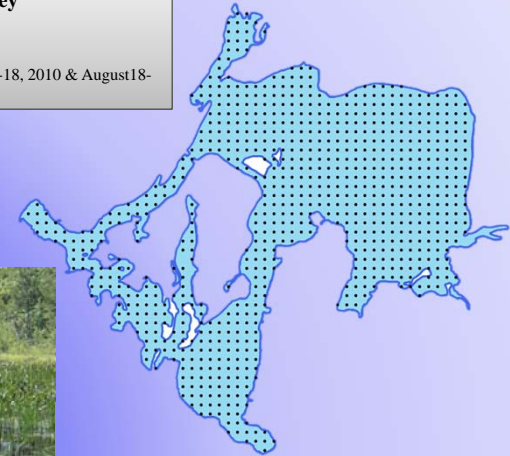


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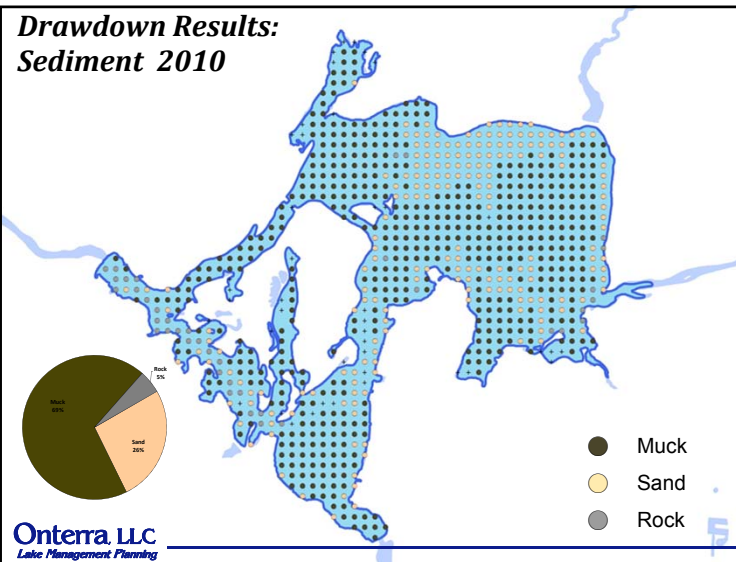
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### •Lac Sault Dore PI Survey

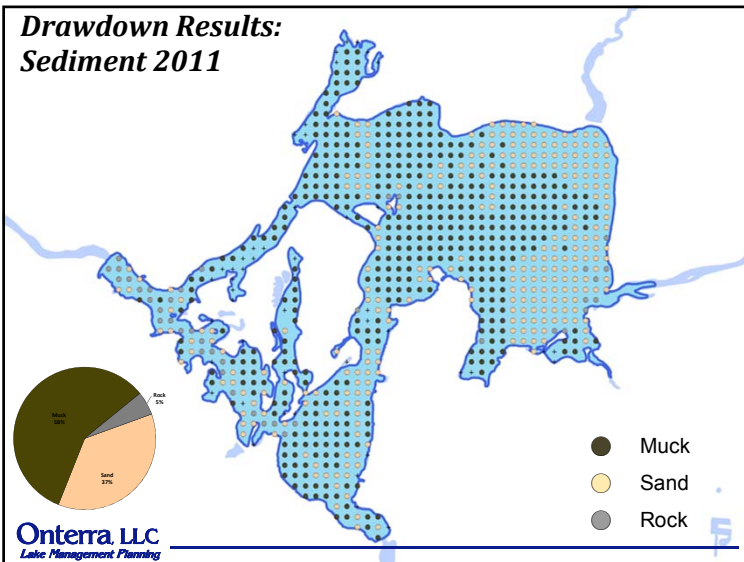
- 55-meter resolution
- 799 total points
- Surveys Completed: August 17-18, 2010 & August 18-19, 2011



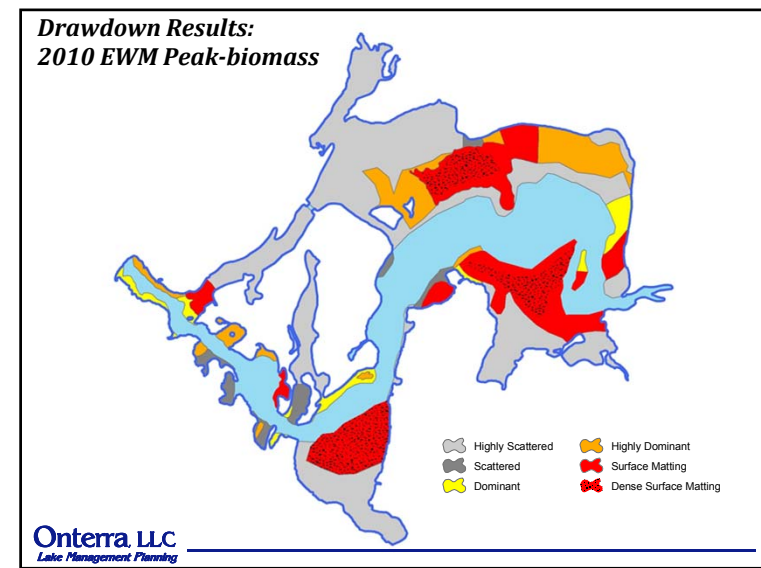
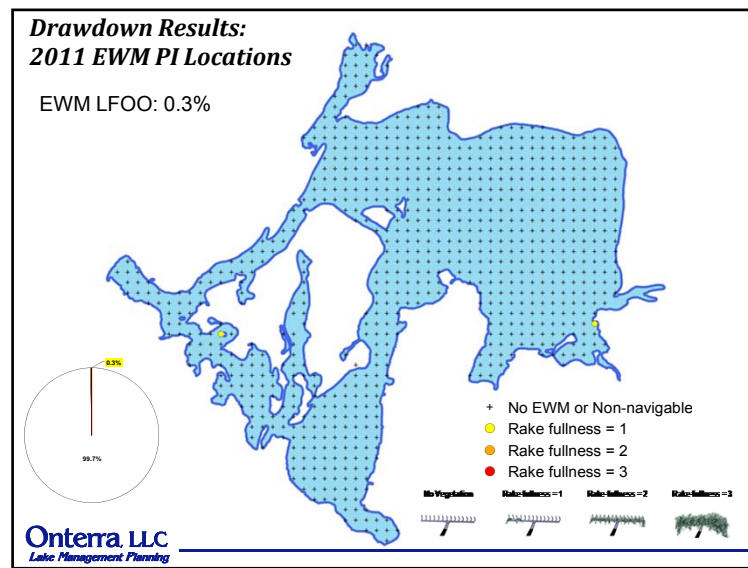
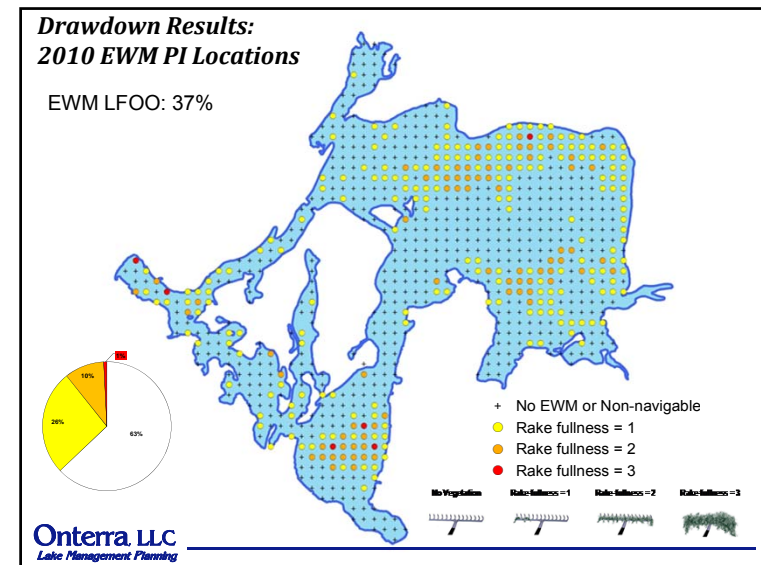
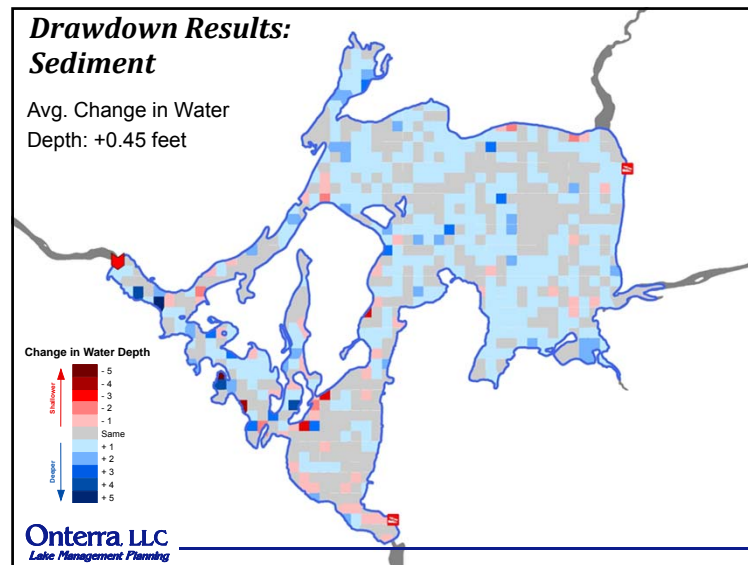
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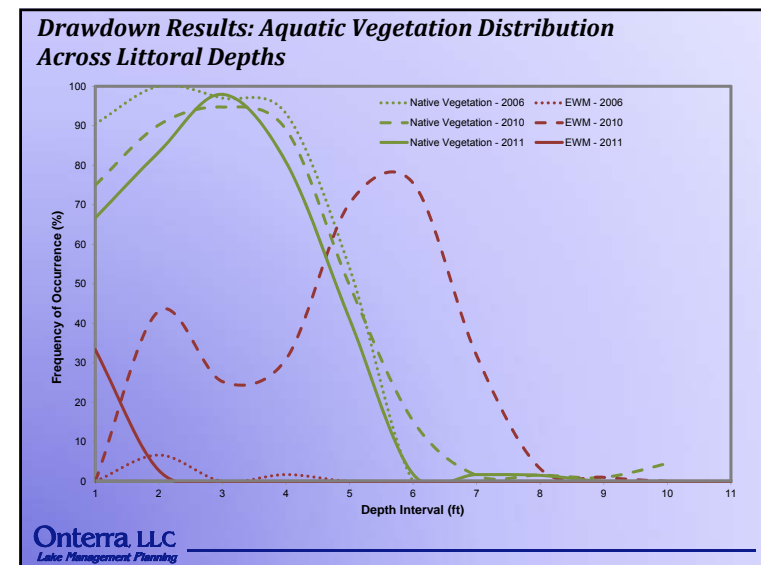
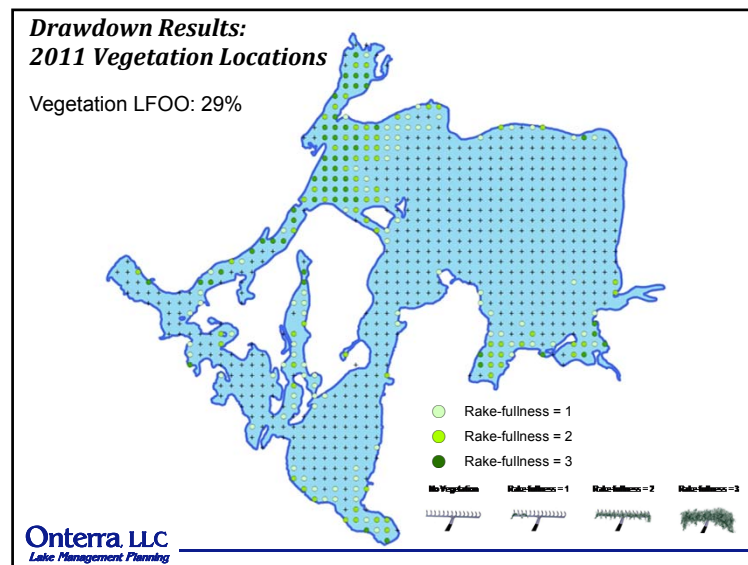
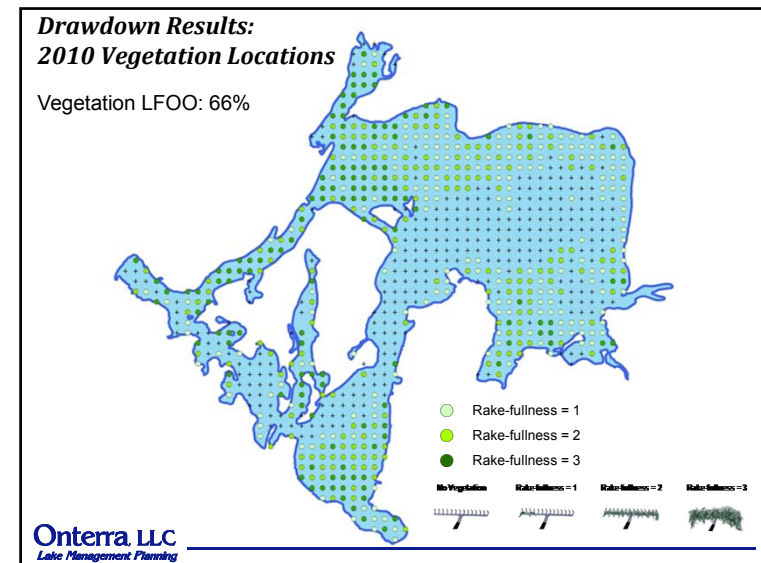
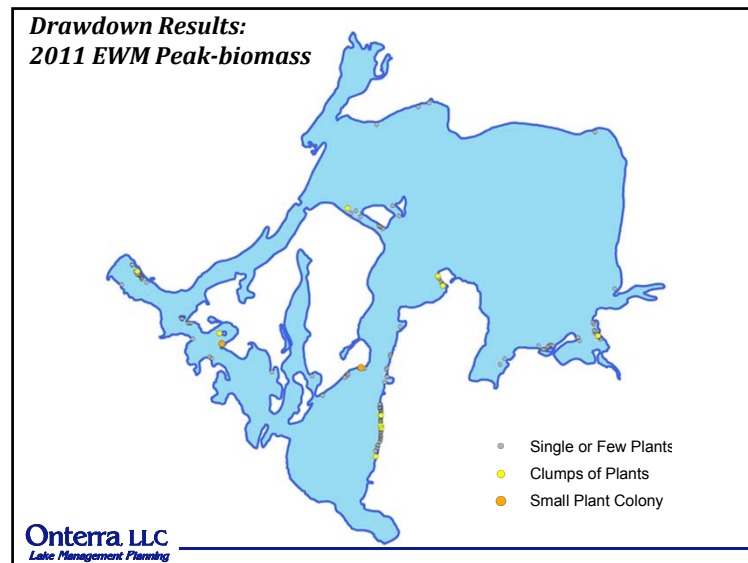


## Drawdown Results: Sediment 2011











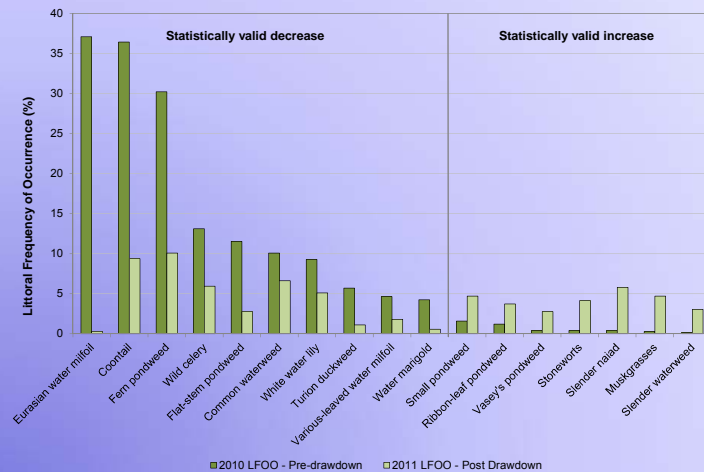
## Species List

- Native species richness: 55
- 1 Non-native Species
  - Eurasian water milfoil
- 2 Species of special concern
  - Vasey's pondweed
  - Robbins' spikerush
- 5 species not located post-drawdown
  - Clasp leaf pondweed
  - Small bladderwort
  - Grass-leaved arrowhead
  - Slender riccia
  - Common watermeal
- 4 species located post- but not pre-drawdown
  - Northern water milfoil
  - Leafy pondweed
  - Fries' pondweed
  - Needle spikerush

Life Form	Scientific Name	Common Name	Coefficient of Conservatism (c)	2010 (Ontario)	2011 (Ontario)
Emergent	<i>Arundo donax</i>	Reed	10	1	1
	<i>Cyperus papyrus</i>	Water rush	9	1	1
	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	Slender sedge	9	1	1
	<i>Carex stricta</i>	Northern sedge	7	1	1
	<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Common spikerush	9	1	1
	<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>	Common spikerush	9	1	1
	<i>Eleocharis calycina</i>	Common spikerush	9	1	1
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Submerged	<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	Common waterweed	9	1	1
	<i>Elodea nuttallii</i>	Common waterweed	9	1	1
	<i>Elodea retrofracta</i>	Common waterweed	9	1	1
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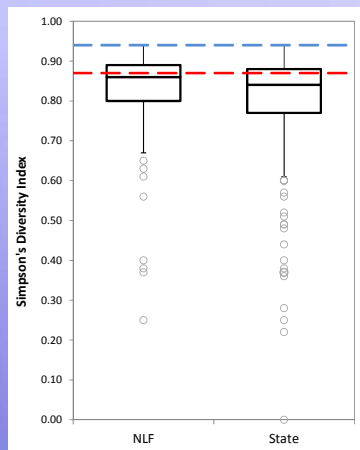
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## Drawdown Results: Aquatic Plant Community Littoral Occurrence



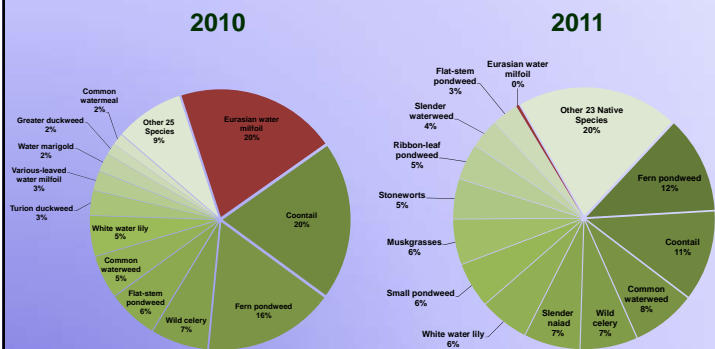
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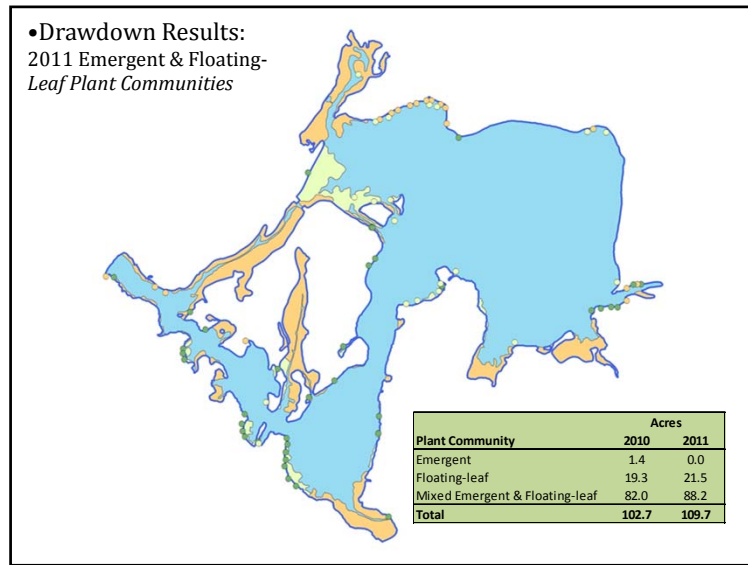
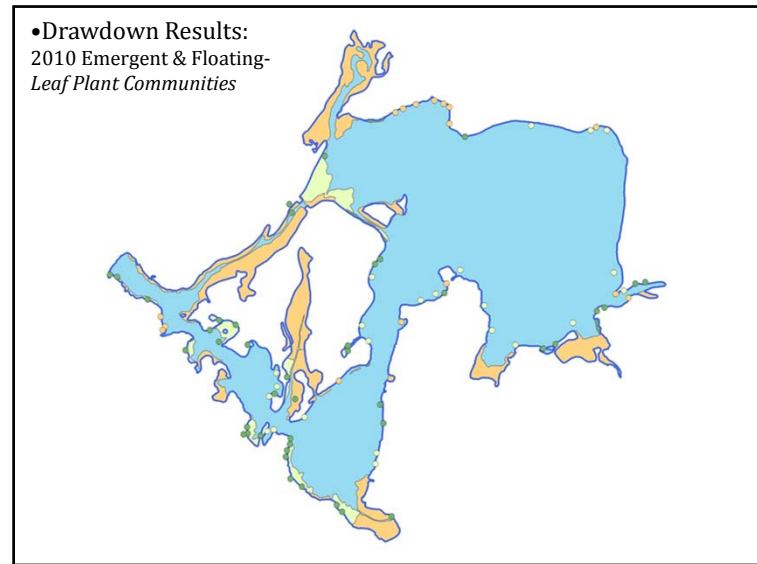
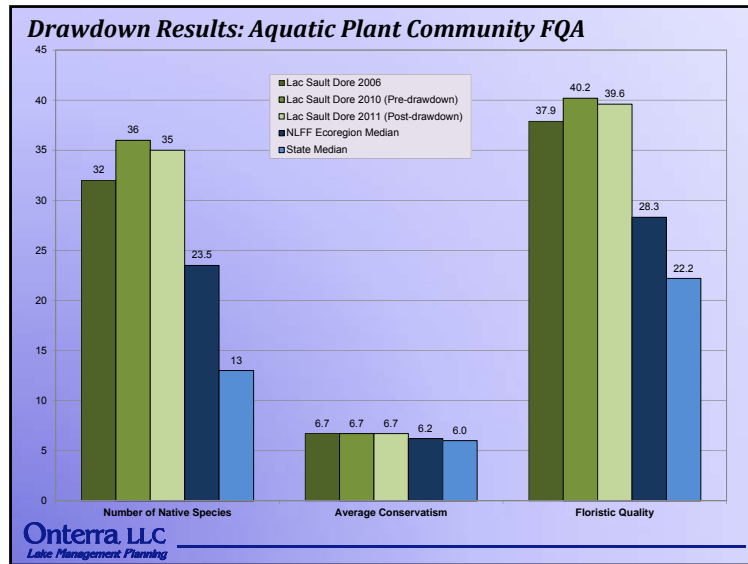


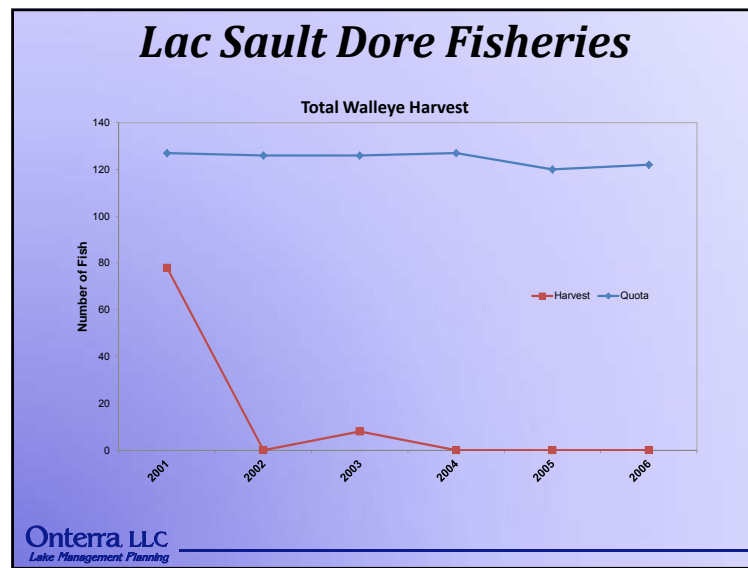
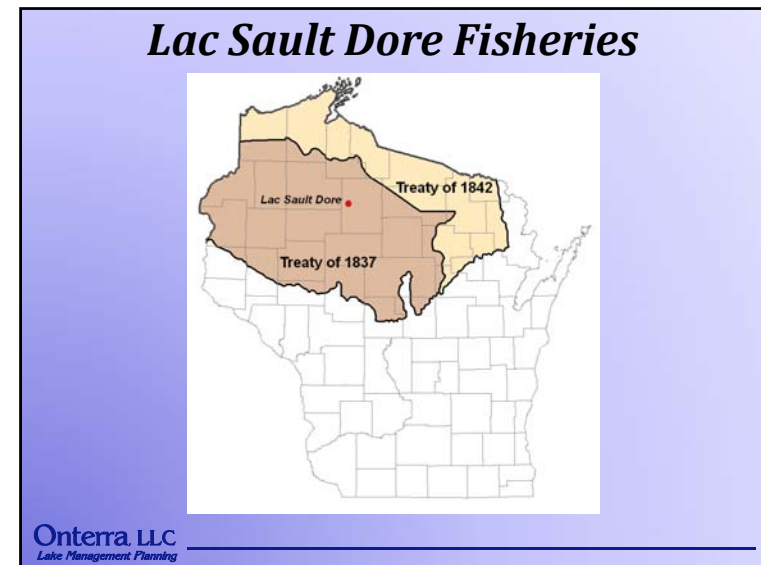
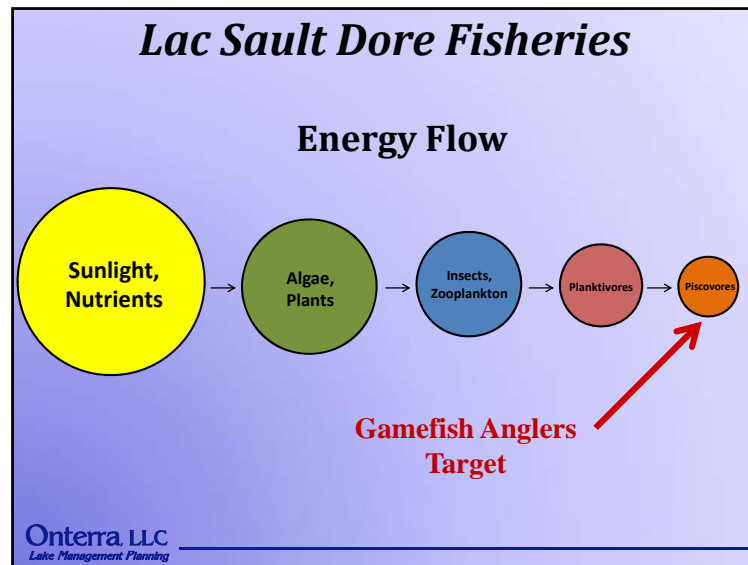
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## Drawdown Results: Aquatic Plant Community Relative Occurrence



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## Conclusions

- Water quality is somewhat variable; good to fair.
  - Expected for a lake of this type.
  - No evidence that any trends (positive or negative) are occurring.
  - Elevated phosphorus levels and lower water clarity in 2010 likely due to higher-than-normal precipitation.
- Watershed is in good condition.
  - Vast majority comprised of intact forests and wetlands.
- Drawdown
  - Sediment
    - Increase in sandy substrate.
    - Average depth increase of 0.45 feet.

## Conclusions continued

- Drawdown
  - Aquatic Plant Community
    - EWM occurrence decreased by over 99%.
    - 9 native plants displayed statistically valid reductions; 7 displayed statistically valid increases.
    - Species diversity increased.
    - Standard analysis indicates maintained quality – higher than most lakes in region and the state.
    - Emergent & Floating-leaf plant communities expanded by 7 acres.
- Fisheries
  - Lake's high productivity likely translates to high fish biomass

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## APPENDIX B

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### Stakeholder Survey Response Charts and Comments

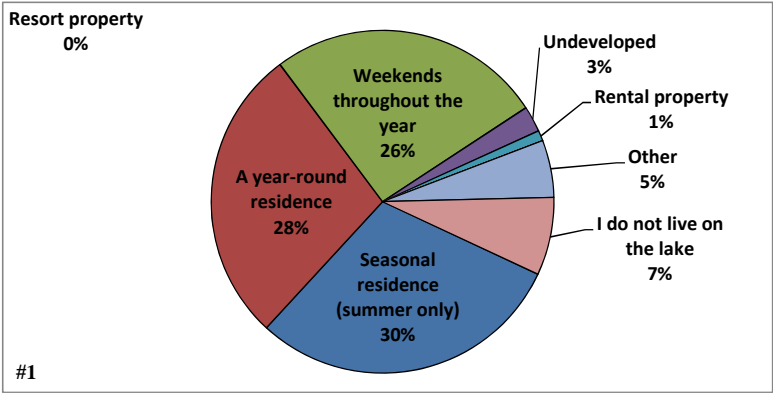


Returned Surveys	197
Sent Surveys	374
<b>Response Rate (%)</b>	<b>52.7</b>

**LAC SAULT DORE PROPERTY**

**#1 What type of property do you own on Lac Sault Dore?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Seasonal residence (summer only)	61	29.9
A year-round residence	57	27.9
Weekends throughout the year	53	26.0
Undeveloped	5	2.5
Rental property	2	1.0
Resort property	0	0.0
Other	11	5.4
I do not live on the lake	15	7.4
	204	100.0

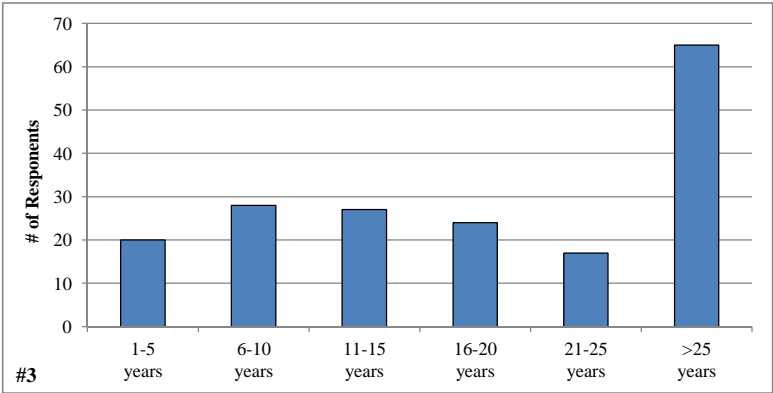


**#2 How many days each year is your property used by you or others?**

Answered Question	170
Average	131.3
Standard deviation	123.2

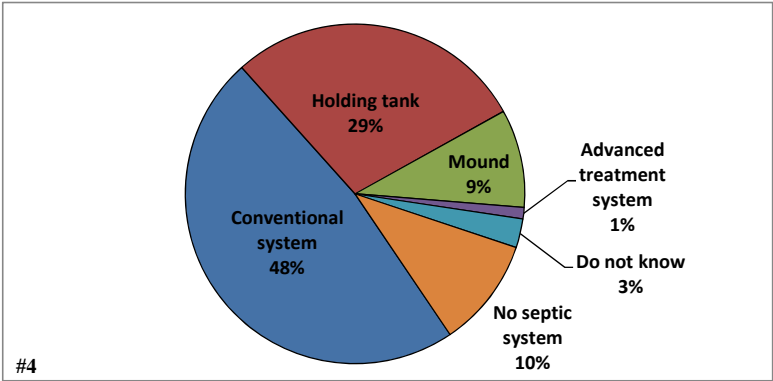
**#3 How long have you owned your property on Lac Sault Dore?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
1-5 years	20	11.0
6-10 years	28	15.5
11-15 years	27	14.9
16-20 years	24	13.3
21-25 years	17	9.4
>25 years	65	35.9
	181	100.0



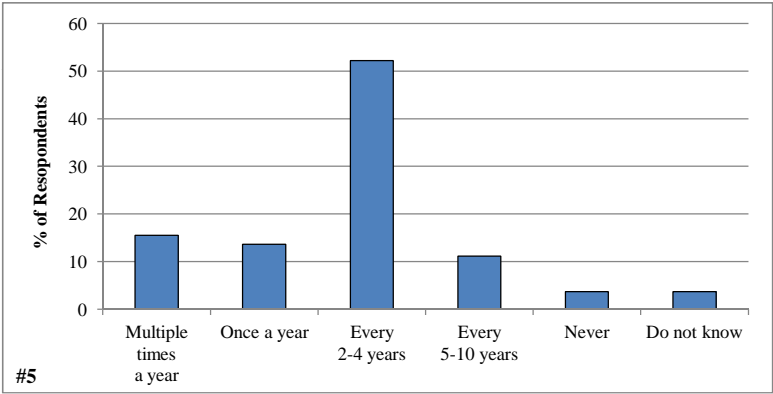
#4 What type of septic system does your property utilize?

	Total	%
Conventional system	87	47.8
Holding tank	52	28.6
Mound	17	9.3
Advanced treatment system	2	1.1
Do not know	5	2.7
No septic system	19	10.4
	182	100.0



#5 How often is the septic tank on your property pumped?

	Total	%
Multiple times a year	25	15.5
Once a year	22	13.7
Every 2-4 years	84	52.2
Every 5-10 years	18	11.2
Never	6	3.7
Do not know	6	3.7
	161	100.0





## RECREATIONAL USE ON LAC SAULT DORE

### #6 How many years ago did you first visit Lac Sault Dore?

Answered Question	194
Average	29.4
Standard deviation	15.6

### #8 For how many years have you fished Lac Sault Dore?

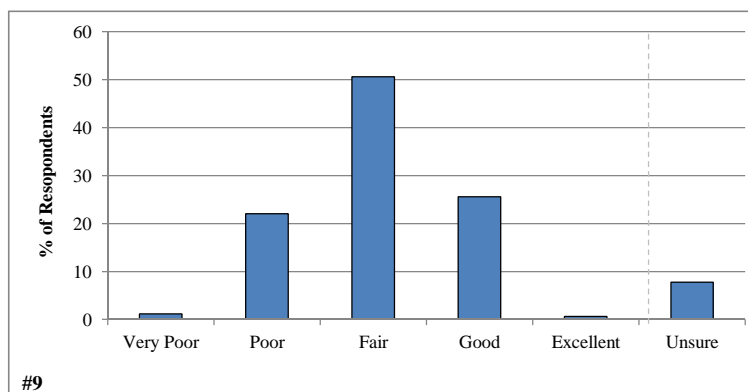
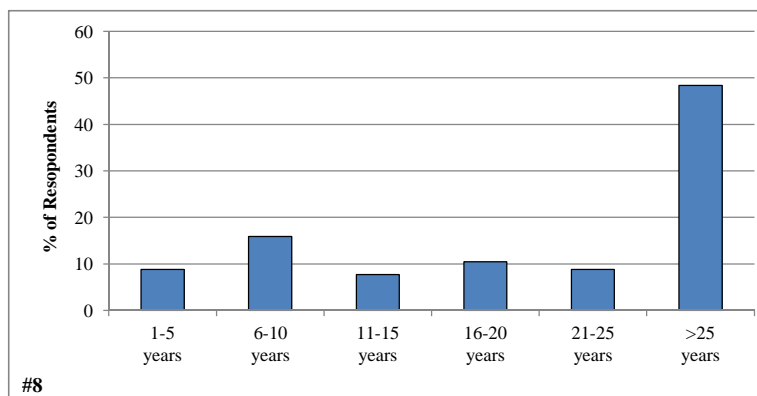
	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
1-5 years	16	8.8
6-10 years	29	15.9
11-15 years	14	7.7
16-20 years	19	10.4
21-25 years	16	8.8
>25 years	88	48.4
	<b>182</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### #9 How would you describe the current quality of fishing on Lac Sault Dore?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Very Poor	2	1.2
Poor	37	22.0
Fair	85	50.6
Good	43	25.6
Excellent	1	0.6
Unsure	13	7.7
	<b>168</b>	<b>100.0</b>

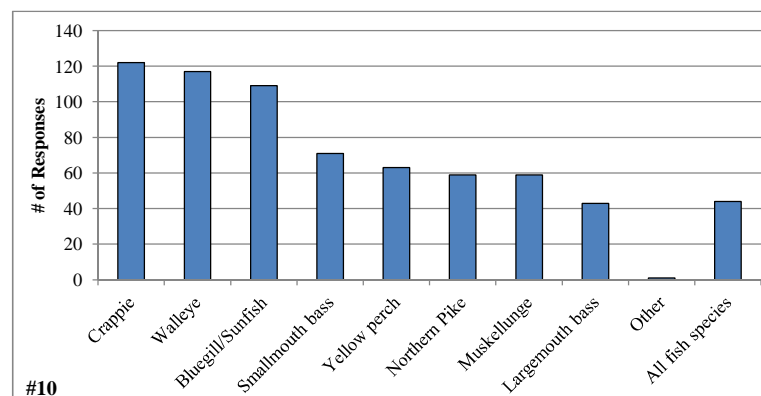
### #7 Have you personally fished on Lac Sault Dore?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	184	92.9
No	14	7.1
	<b>198</b>	<b>100.0</b>



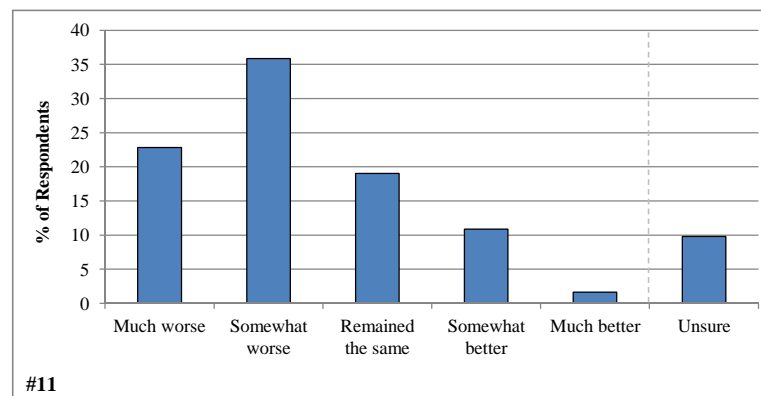
**#10 What species of fish do you like to catch on Lac Sault Dore?**

	<b>Total</b>
Crappie	122
Walleye	117
Bluegill/Sunfish	109
Smallmouth bass	71
Yellow perch	63
Northern Pike	59
Muskellunge	59
Largemouth bass	43
Other	1
All fish species	44
	<b>644</b>



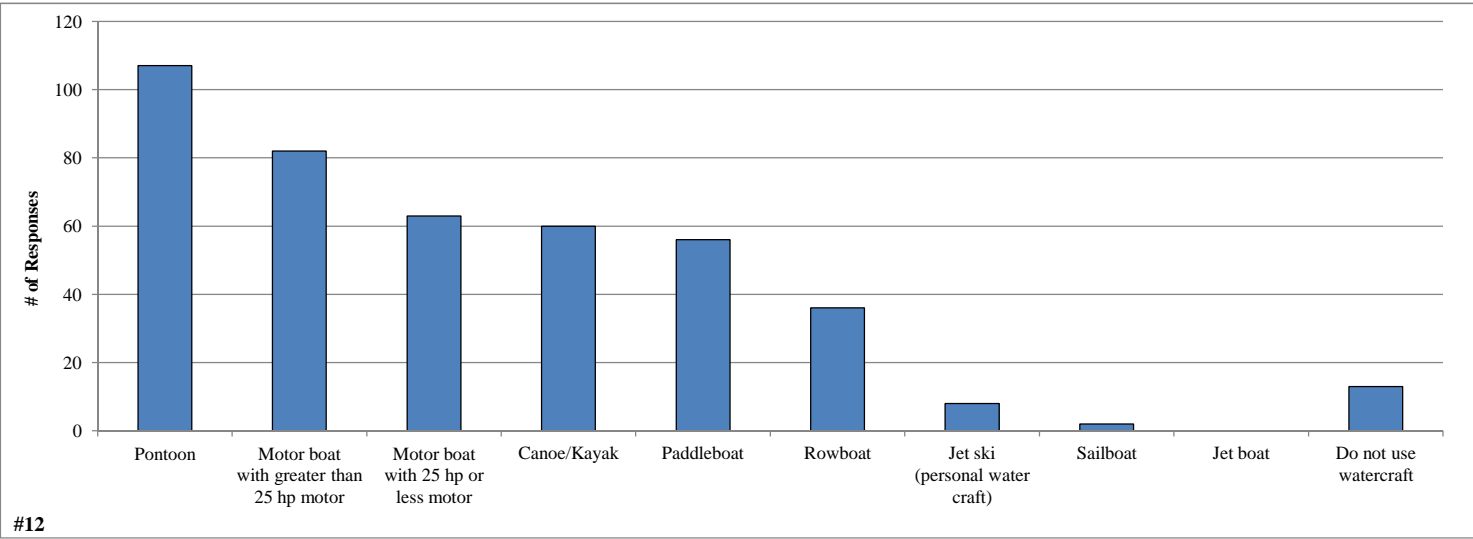
**#11 How has the quality of fishing changed since you started fishing on the lake?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Much worse	42	22.8
Somewhat worse	66	35.9
Remained the Same	35	19.0
Somewhat better	20	10.9
Much better	3	1.6
Unsure	18	9.8
	<b>184</b>	<b>100.0</b>



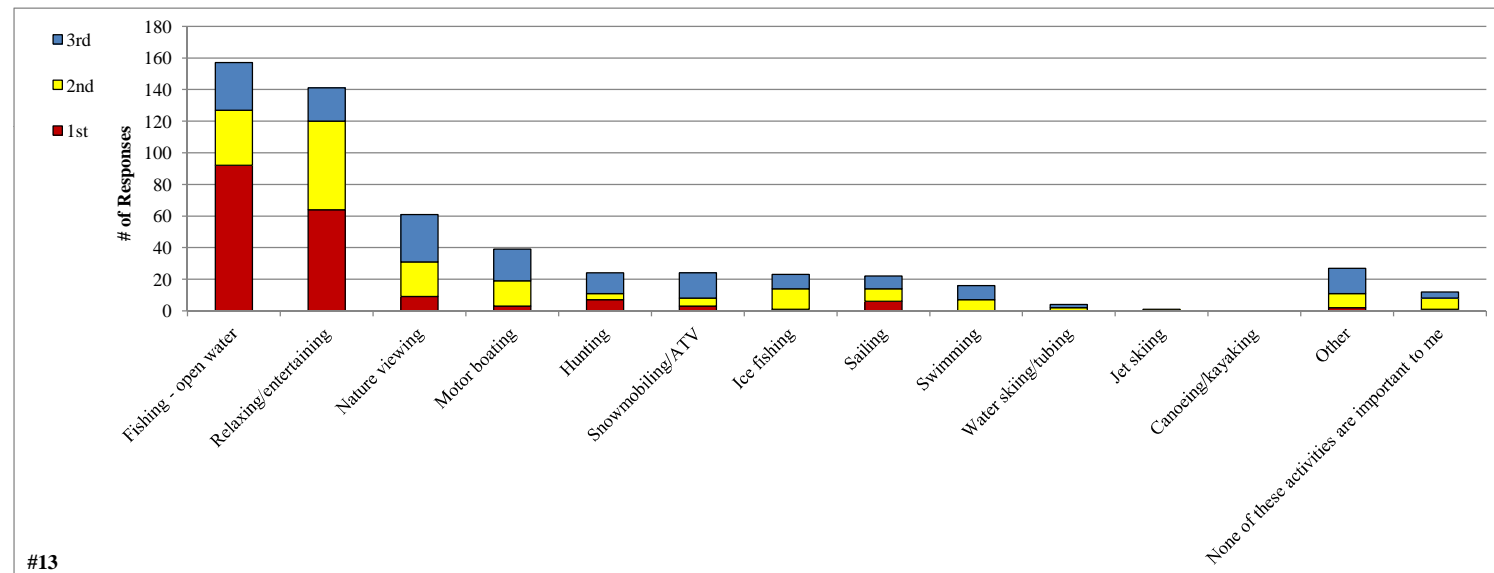
#12 What types of watercraft do you currently use on the lake?

	Total
Pontoon	107
Motor boat with greater than 25 hp motor	82
Motor boat with 25 hp or less motor	63
Canoe/Kayak	60
Paddleboat	56
Rowboat	36
Jet ski (personal water craft)	8
Sailboat	2
Jet boat	0
Do not use watercraft	13



**#13 Please rank up to three activities that are important reasons for owning your property on or near the lake.**

	1st	2nd	3rd	% ranked
Fishing - open water	92	35	30	28.5
Relaxing/entertaining	64	56	21	25.6
Nature viewing	9	22	30	11.1
Motor boating	3	16	20	7.1
Hunting	7	4	13	4.4
Snowmobiling/ATV	3	5	16	4.4
Ice fishing	1	13	9	4.2
Sailing	6	8	8	4.0
Swimming	0	7	9	2.9
Water skiing/tubing	0	2	2	0.7
Jet skiing	0	1	0	0.2
Canoeing/kayaking	0	0	0	0.0
Other	2	9	16	4.9
None of these activities are important to me	1	7	4	2.2
	188	185	178	100.0

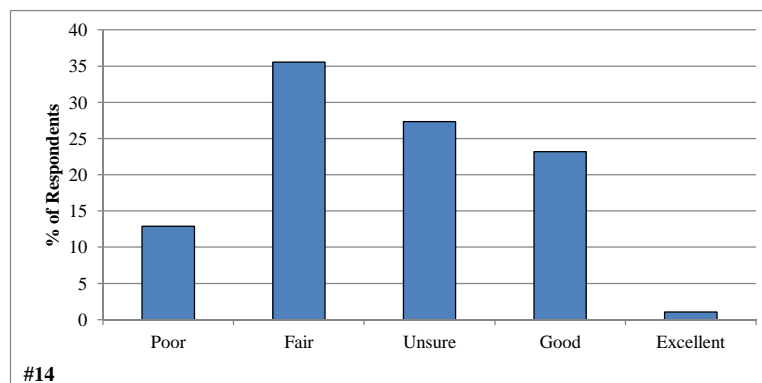


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## LAC SAULT DORE CURRENT AND HISTORIC CONDITION, HEALTH AND MANAGEMENT

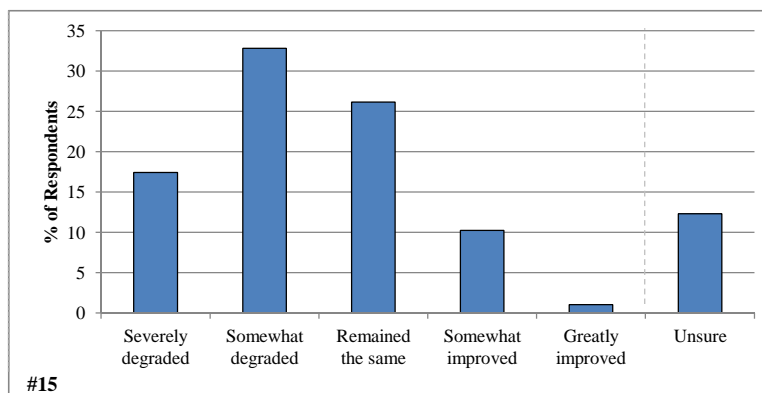
### #14 How would you describe the current water quality of Lac Sault Dore?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Poor	25	12.9
Fair	69	35.6
Unsure	53	27.3
Good	45	23.2
Excellent	2	1.0
	<b>194</b>	<b>100.0</b>



### #15 How has the water quality changed in Lac Sault Dore since you visited the lake?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Severely degraded	34	17.4
Somewhat degraded	64	32.8
Remained the same	51	26.2
Somewhat improved	20	10.3
Greatly improved	2	1.0
Unsure	24	12.3
	<b>195</b>	<b>100.0</b>



### #16 Have you ever heard of aquatic invasive species?

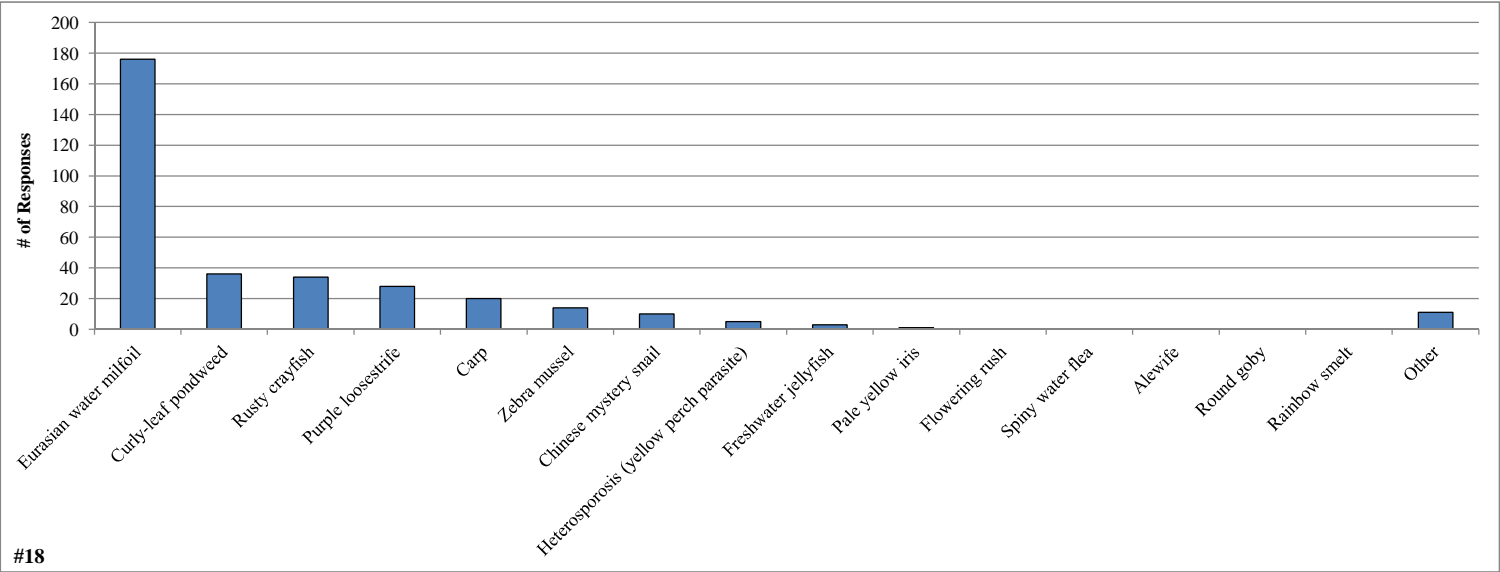
	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	186	94.4
No	11	5.6
	<b>197</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### #17 Are you aware of aquatic invasive species in the lake?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	179	95.7
No	8	4.3
	<b>187</b>	<b>100.0</b>

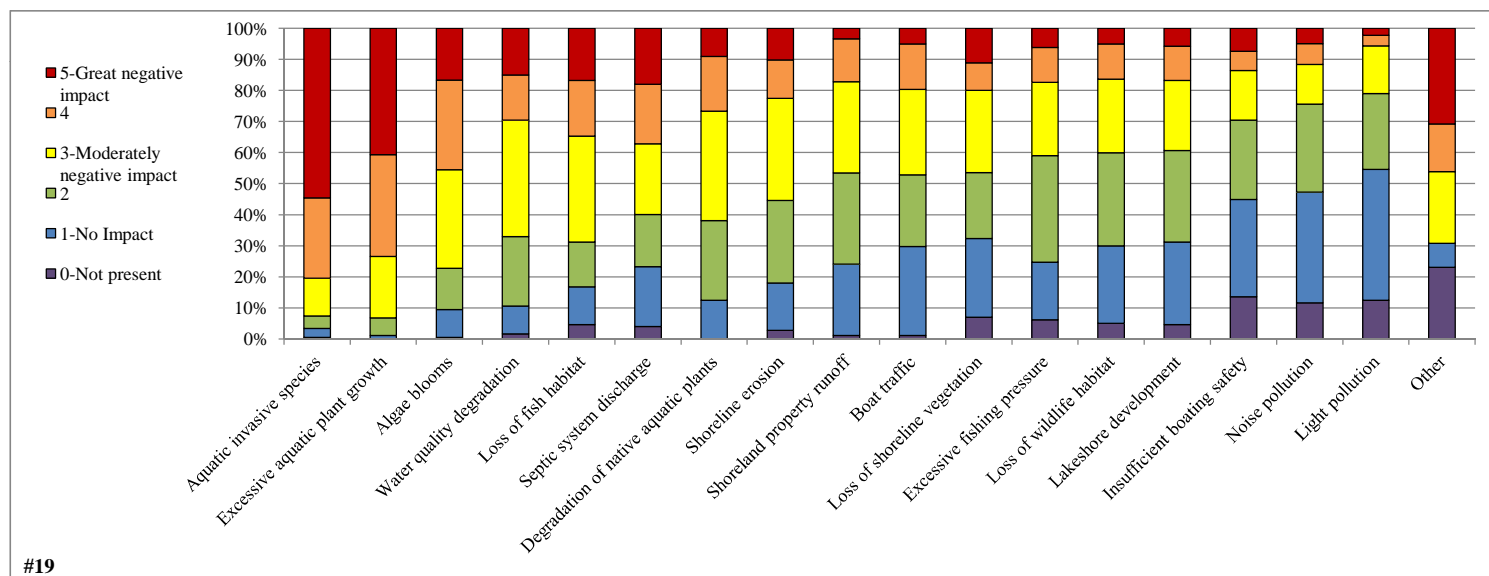
#18 Which aquatic invasive species are you aware of in the lake?

	Total
Eurasian water milfoil	176
Curly-leaf pondweed	36
Rusty crayfish	34
Purple loosestrife	28
Carp	20
Zebra mussel	14
Chinese mystery snail	10
Heterosporosis (yellow perch parasite)	5
Freshwater jellyfish	3
Pale yellow iris	1
Flowering rush	0
Spiny water flea	0
Alewife	0
Round goby	0
Rainbow smelt	0
Other	11



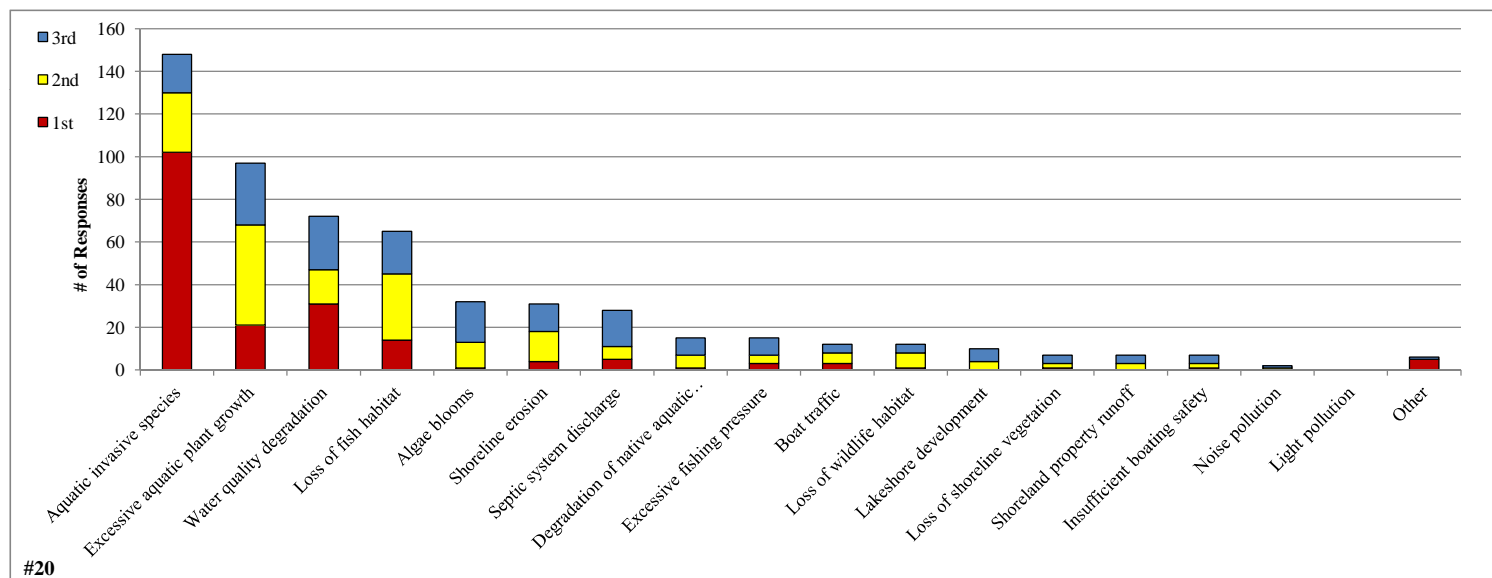
**#19 To what level do you believe each of the following factors may be negatively impacting Lac Sault Dore?**

	0-Not present	1-No Impact	2	3-Moderately negative impact	4	5-Great negative impact	Total	Average
Aquatic invasive species	1	5	7	21	45	95	173	4.2
Excessive aquatic plant growth	0	2	10	35	58	72	177	4.1
Algae blooms	1	16	24	57	52	30	179	3.3
Water quality degradation	3	16	40	67	26	27	176	3.0
Loss of fish habitat	8	21	25	59	31	29	165	3.0
Septic system discharge	7	33	29	39	33	31	165	2.9
Degradation of native aquatic plants	0	22	45	62	31	16	176	2.9
Shoreline erosion	5	27	47	58	22	18	172	2.8
Shoreland property runoff	2	40	51	51	24	6	172	2.4
Boat traffic	2	51	41	49	26	9	176	2.4
Loss of shoreline vegetation	12	43	36	45	15	19	158	2.4
Excessive fishing pressure	11	33	61	42	20	11	167	2.3
Loss of wildlife habitat	9	44	53	42	20	9	168	2.3
Lakeshore development	8	46	51	39	19	10	165	2.3
Insufficient boating safety	24	55	45	28	11	13	152	1.9
Noise pollution	21	64	51	23	12	9	159	1.8
Light pollution	22	74	43	27	6	4	154	1.6
Other	3	1	0	3	2	4	10	2.9



**#20 From the list below, please rank your top three concerns regarding the lake.**

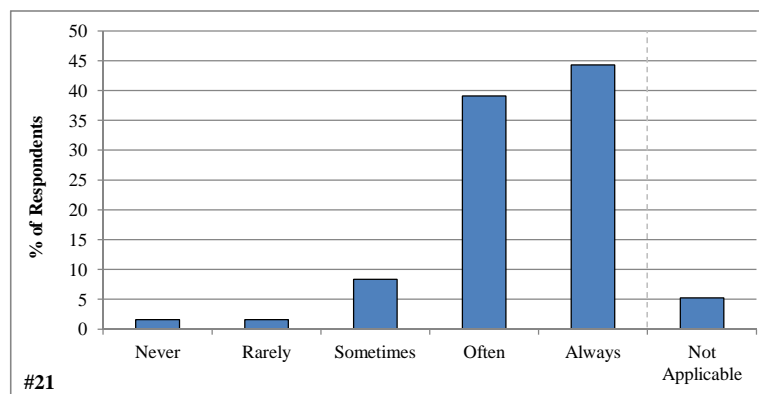
	1st	2nd	3rd	% Ranked
Aquatic invasive species	102	28	18	26.1
Excessive aquatic plant growth	21	47	29	17.1
Water quality degradation	31	16	25	12.7
Loss of fish habitat	14	31	20	11.5
Algae blooms	1	12	19	5.7
Shoreline erosion	4	14	13	5.5
Septic system discharge	5	6	17	4.9
Degradation of native aquatic plants	1	6	8	2.7
Excessive fishing pressure	3	4	8	2.7
Boat traffic	3	5	4	2.1
Loss of wildlife habitat	1	7	4	2.1
Lakeshore development	0	4	6	1.8
Loss of shoreline vegetation	1	2	4	1.2
Shoreland property runoff	0	3	4	1.2
Insufficient boating safety	1	2	4	1.2
Noise pollution	0	1	1	0.4
Light pollution	0	0	0	0.0
Other	5	0	1	1.1
	193	188	185	100.0





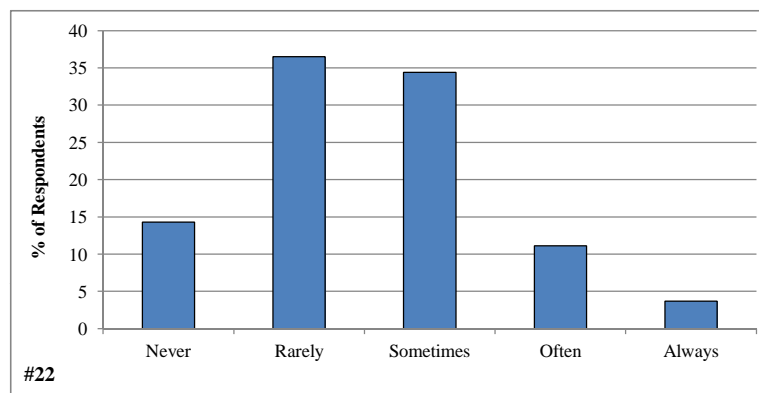
**#21 Before the drawdown over the winter of 2010/2011, how often did aquatic plant growth, including algae, negatively impact your enjoyment of Lac Sault Dore during the open water season?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Never	3	1.6
Rarely	3	1.6
Sometimes	16	8.3
Often	75	39.1
Always	85	44.3
Not Applicable	10	5.2
	<b>192</b>	<b>100.0</b>



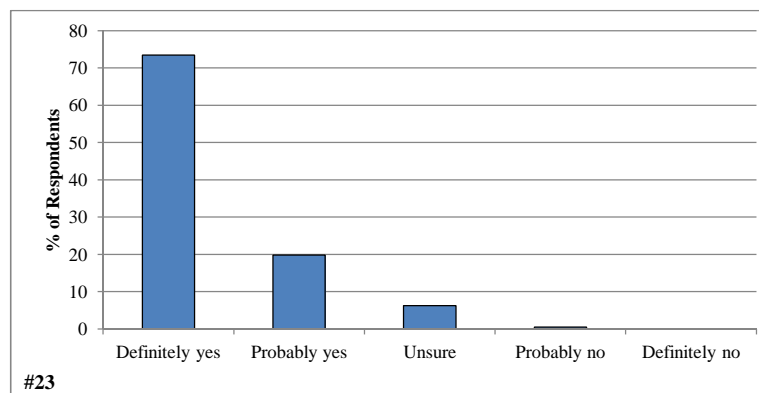
**#22 How often does aquatic plant growth, including algae, negatively impact your enjoyment of Lac Sault Dore during the open water season of 2011?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Never	27	14.3
Rarely	69	36.5
Sometimes	65	34.4
Often	21	11.1
Always	7	3.7
	<b>189</b>	<b>100.0</b>



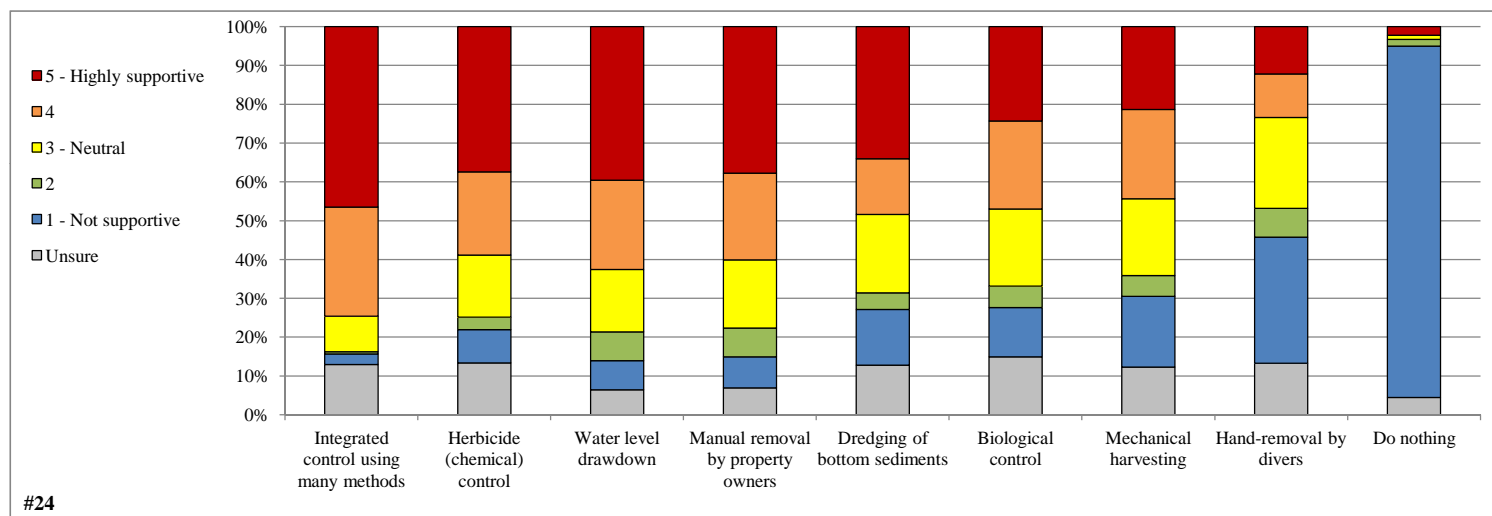
**#23 Considering your answer to the question above, do you believe aquatic plant control is needed on the lake?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Definitely yes	141	73.4
Probably yes	38	19.8
Unsure	12	6.3
Probably no	1	0.5
Definitely no	0	0.0
	<b>192</b>	<b>100.0</b>



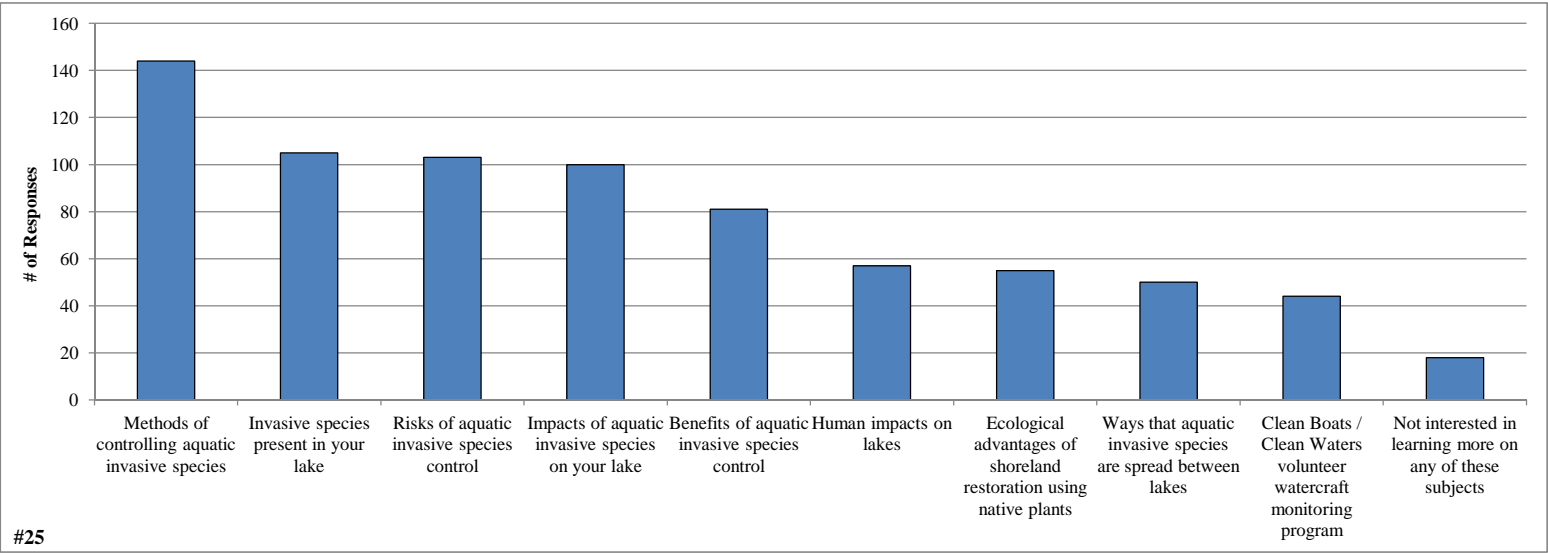
**#24 What is your level of support for the responsible use of the following techniques on the lake?**

	1 - Not supportive	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Highly supportive	Unsure	Total	Average
Integrated control using many methods	5	1	17	52	86	24	161	4.3
Herbicide (chemical) control	16	6	30	40	70	25	162	3.9
Water level drawdown	14	14	30	43	74	12	175	3.9
Manual removal by property owners	15	14	33	42	71	13	175	3.8
Dredging of bottom sediments	27	8	38	27	64	24	164	3.6
Biological control	23	10	36	41	44	27	154	3.5
Mechanical harvesting	34	10	37	43	40	23	164	3.3
Hand-removal by divers	61	14	44	21	23	25	163	2.6
Do nothing	163	3	2	0	4	8	172	1.1



#25 Which of these subjects would you like to learn more about?

	Total
Methods of controlling aquatic invasive species	144
Invasive species present in your lake	105
Risks of aquatic invasive species control	103
Impacts of aquatic invasive species on your lake	100
Benefits of aquatic invasive species control	81
Human impacts on lakes	57
Ecological advantages of shoreland restoration using native plants	55
Ways that aquatic invasive species are spread between lakes	50
Clean Boats / Clean Waters volunteer watercraft monitoring program	44
Not interested in learning more on any of these subjects	18



**SOO LAKE UNITED ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**#26 Before receiving this mailing, have you ever heard of the Soo Lake United Association, Inc.?**

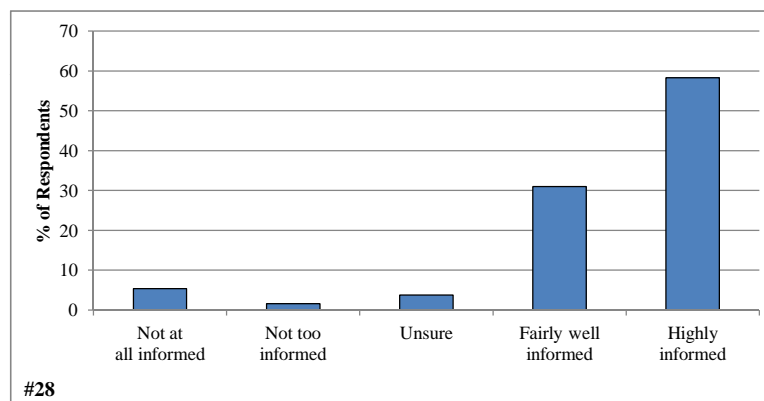
	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	187	95.9
No	8	4.1
	195	100.0

**#27 What is your membership status with the Soo Lake United Association, Inc.?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Current member	161	85.6
Former member	10	5.3
Never been a member	17	9.0
	188	100.0

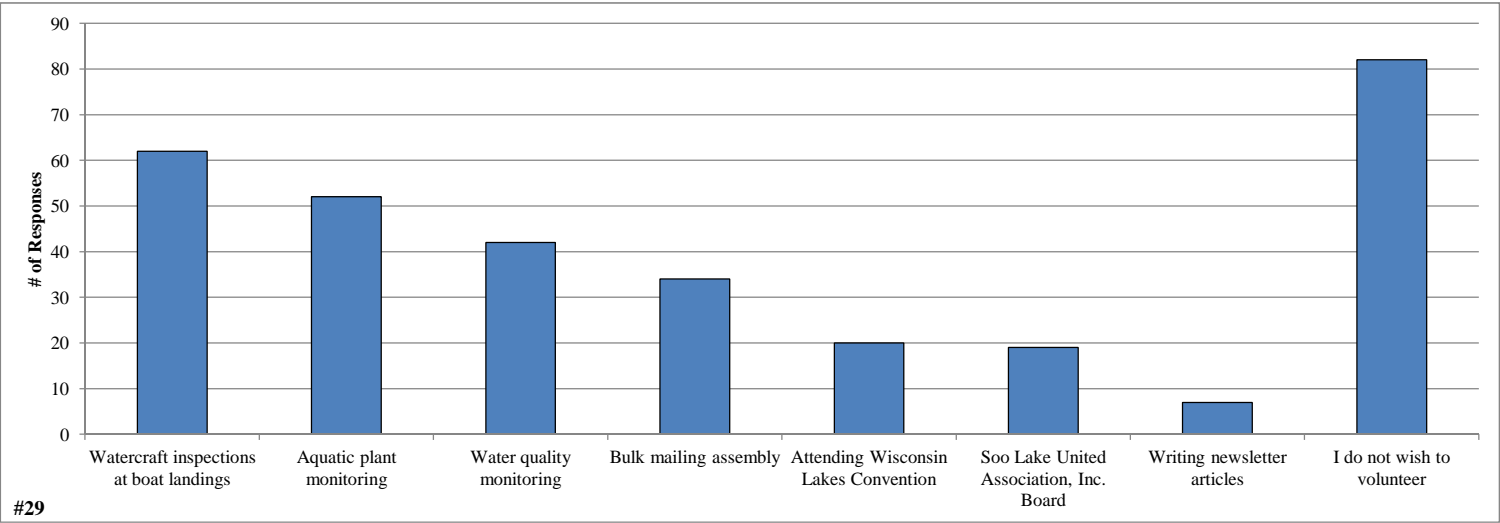
**#28 How informed has the Soo Lake United Association, Inc. kept you regarding issues with the lake and its management?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Not at all informed	10	5.3
Not too informed	3	1.6
Unsure	7	3.7
Fairly well informed	58	31.0
Highly informed	109	58.3
	187	100.0



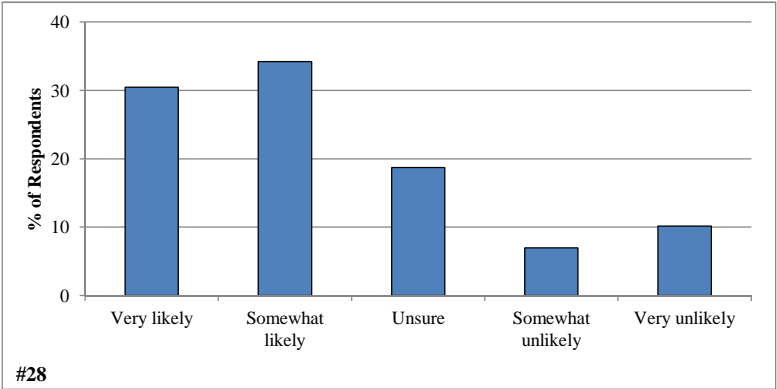
#29 Please circle the activities you would be willing to participate in if the Soo Lake United Association, Inc. requires additional assistance.

	Total
Watercraft inspections at boat landings	62
Aquatic plant monitoring	52
Water quality monitoring	42
Bulk mailing assembly	34
Attending Wisconsin Lakes Convention	20
Soo Lake United Association, Inc. Board	19
Writing newsletter articles	7
I do not wish to volunteer	82



**#30 How likely would you be to offer a monetary donation to the SLUA (other than or in addition to membership dues) if your donation was designated to lake management activities?**

	Total	%
Very likely	57	30.5
Somewhat likely	64	34.2
Unsure	35	18.7
Somewhat unlikely	13	7.0
Very unlikely	19	10.2
	188	100.5



**If you indicated "Very likely" or "Somewhat likely" on the above question, how much might you donate towards lake management activities?**  
*Survey respondents were asked to indicate a dollar amount, annually.*

Answered Question	112
Average	\$122
Standard deviation	\$128
Minimum	\$0
Maximum	\$1,000

Survey Number	1g Comment	10i Comment	13o Comment	18p Comment	19r Comment	20r Comment
1						
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3						
4						
5				Lilly Pads		
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16				Water Lilly		
17						
18					Jet Ski	
19						
20	Permanet Camper					
21	Up River					
22						
23						
24	Campground					
25						
26						
27						
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30						
31						
32						
33						
34						
35						
36				Lilly Pads		
37						No Concern
38						None
39						
40						
41	Permanet Camper					
42	Permanet Camper					
43						
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45					Lowering the water	
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53				Golden Shiners		
54	Permanet Camper					
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65					Floating Debris (Logs, etc.)	
66						
67			Getting away from the city			
68						
69						
70					Jet Ski Speeding	
71						
72						
73						
74						
75				Suckers		
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78					No wake violations	
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81						
82						

Survey Number	1g Comment	10i Comment	13o Comment	18p Comment	19r Comment	20r Comment
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89			Peace & Quite			
90				Jet Skiis	Failure to heed no wake zones	
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95						
96						
97						
98						
99						
100						
101						
102						
103			Inherited a lot.			
104						
105						
106						
107					NA	NA
108						
109						
110						
111		Catch & release any caught				
112						
113						
114						
115						
116						
117				Lilly Pad		
118						
119						
120				Humans	Too many people using the lake.	
121						Excessive Lilly Pads in bay areas.
122						
123						
124						
125						
126						
127					Septic System Monitoring	
128						
129						
130						
131						
132						
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141						
142						
143	Seasonal (All Year)					
144			Retirement Home			
145			Camping			
146			Pontooning	Snails		
147						
148						
149						
150						
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152						
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154						
155	Sept,Oct,Deer Hunting, Spring					
156						
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160						
161						
162						



Survey Number	1g Comment	10i Comment	13o Comment	18p Comment	19r Comment	20r Comment
163						
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168			Sale of Property			
169						
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171						
172					Creating wakes in a no wake zone.	
173						
174				I have other weeds infront of my cabin but not sure what they are.		
175						
176						
177			Liesure Rides			
178						
179						
180			Income Tax Break, Capital Gain Tax Break, Inheritance Tax Break			
181						
182						
183						
184						
185	Camper		Camping			
186						
187						
188						
189				Lilly Pads		
190	Late April through end of October					
191						
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### Lac Sault Dore Survey Question 31

- 1 There's nothing quite like the "bragging rights" we have when Soo Lake has the most "user friendly", best wildlife viewing & best fishing of all the lakes in the area – especially to visitors (family & friends not living here)! That does involve education & people getting involved whenever possible.
- 3 The current association is the most we have been united. I strongly believe in unity if we are going to get something done.
- 5 Muskie or bass tournaments brought in problems because of no checking of boats, trailers and vehicles.
- 6 Prior to the draw down of 2010/2011 the water quality was so disgusting that I didn't even put the boat in the water. This spring was the best fishing that I have experienced in many, many years.
- 7 I think you have done a wonderful job. Without a clean lake we have nothing.
- 8 Soo Lake is and has been a nice clean lake to swim, fish and boat. The only exception has been when the EWM growth became excessive in the past 2-3 years. The occasional late summer algae blooms get annoying, but are tolerable. Same for the snails that washed up on the shore lines prior to draw downs.
- 13 The lake should be drawn down 2-3 feet each year.
- 18 Our board is doing a great job!
- 19 I'm glad the draw down had a good impact on the weeds – EWM and most of the fish survived but I don't think future draw downs would be good for the fish survival.
- 22 Before the draw down, I was afraid to take the pontoon out for fear of ruining the motor. The draw down had a very positive affect on the EWM, however the floating stumps and driftwood was a problem and I had a lot of dead small fish on the shoreline. I would like to see some kind of treatment done to keep the milfoil under control.
- 23 Really would like more information about herbicide treatment. What are the potential effects to wildlife, humans (via fish consumption). I understand this could be the most effective, but at what cost to the ecosystem.
- 38 Honest-I am a seasonal weekender on a lake ten miles away. I hate to see the lake go untreated but I don't feel it is necessary for me to get involved at this time.
- 39 There has been excessive shoreline erosion on the Elk River because of boats and jet skiis going too fast up the river – also scratching and denting boats that are tied to docks. Fishing has always been better after draw down.
- 45 We feel the draw downs of the last few years has greatly affected the fishing.
- 46 Very disappointed in DNR restrictions in managing aquatic plant control in personal lake frontages. Was very unhappy with DNR representative's cooperation concerning aquatic plant problems!!

- 47 I used to fish Soo Lake but with the increased weed growth, excessive boat traffic and noise pollution, I no longer fish there but have kept a vacant lot there that I will eventually sell. Development subdivisions have hurt all our area lakes.
- 50 I think the draw down was a great move. From the surface it seemed to work. I just hope that some sort of maintenance is done to keep the lake the way it was this past summer.
- 53 We need to get rid of all the milfoil chemically even if it means losing some of the native plants and then replant native plants if natural reproduction of these does not occur. Also they have to get rid of the milfoil upstream from our lake to prevent regrowth.
- 54 Keep up the good work. There was definitely less weeds this year but many less fish, too. Hopefully the fish return faster than the weeds.
- 58 We need to do something in 20-30 years or the lake will be a swamp. Maybe sooner?
- 59 Lake was much better before draw downs in the 1980's. I believe draw downs were responsible for destroying the excellent fishing we had before. Also too much pollution is getting into the lake – Soo Lake gets all the pollution from Phillips and all lakes upstream.
- 64 Something needs to be done:  
1) dig the lake deeper – jobs program  
2) keep draining the lake each fall  
3) chemical treatment  
Thank you for your efforts in addressing this issue.
- 65 The board and the current participants are doing an excellent job! They are passionate about the quality of Soo Lake and it's enjoyment for all. THANK YOU!!  
PS. Kill the weeds (they are not aquatic plants like the biologists like to tell us. . . . they are weeds that choke off a wonderful lake!!)
- 70 Most of the bays use to be good for fishing, but can't even get in to them with the EWM & Lilly Pads!! Maybe we need to start cleaning those areas first to keep from spreading into deeper waters.
- 71 I was surprised that the draw down worked as good as it did as I was worried the fishing would suffer but actually fishing was pretty good and the weeds were down. Hopefully we won't have to draw down the lake for awhile because maybe the ice fishermen won't leave the lake alone next time we draw it down. I think the leaders of the lake association are doing a great job. Keep it up.
- 82 Our family has had Soo Lake property since 1962 and has seen various problems with weeds. In the 1960's the lake had coontails and I don't know the name of weed (looks like a lily pad but stuck out of the water 2-3 feet). After the first draw down, most of the lily pad looking weeds were eliminated and coontail was reduced or a problem only in shallow water. Now in recent years EWM has been introduced and extends to deeper waters and is a major problem. I'm not sure if the draw down will eliminate the EWM problem if all lakes about us on the Elk River chain are not involved because we are the last lake on the chain – therefore, a dumping ground. I believe all

lakes above us need to be involved and cleaned in order for it to eliminate/or reduce Soo Lake's problem.

- 85 We live down river of Weimer dam so we are always curious about Soo Lake (we have canoed and fished there). I am a forester in the area and deal a lot with terrestrial (land) invasive species, but I am familiar with aquatic also. I have found there to be quite a bit of Asian bush honeysuckles around the Soo Lake and Elk river corridor, so you may want to mention that in addition to dealing with the lake's aquatic species. Two other aggressive invasives to look out for are buckthorn and garlic mustard. I am sure people would want to get rid of those invasives in addition the aquatic invasives. Keep up the good work. Thanks.
- 89 President Stan Gruszka is doing an outstanding job as is SLUA.
- 90 All officers are doing a very good job. Keep it up. How do we get cabbage weeds back? Pleasure boaters come too near to other boats. Boaters are unaware of the meaning of No Wake signs. It doesn't mean slow down a little bit. This subject should be discussed at one of our meetings.
- 93 As long as we control "weeds" and boating and fishing is good, I'll support with a donation. Everyone should be in agreement. Have a great day. Your friend.
- 96 We are pleased with the SLUA board especially the president. We think they/we are headed in the right direction.
- 97 I appreciate receiving this survey. I personally feel the draw down was helpful with the eliminating some the milfoil. An issue I notice a lot in the summer is boaters and jet ski's running way too close to shore causing wakes and scuff boats against docks and causing the shoreline to erode. The fish cribs in the lake are great structure and make for good fishing on occasion but they may be getting a little dated and might need to be replaced in the near future.
- 101 The fishing is Arizona is really great!
- 102 My husband inherited a lot near Soo Lake, which is not used. Nor is the lake. We have transferred ownership of this lot to our children – who live far from Phillips and/or out of state. I will send a check for membership, just to help conserve Soo Lake. I live on Long Lake and have similar concerns about it. Thanks.
- 110 I would like to see the weeds cleaned out of the lake. I don't fish much but my children do. With the weed problem, my grandchildren don't want to swim in the lake. It used to be clean water and great for fishing and swimming. At this time swimming is not fun for them. Boating is in the main channel or the weeds get in the prop so bad we have to stop and pull the weeds off the prop. That is my main concern.
- 115 Our property is not on the lake but across the street from it and has been in our family for over 50 years. Therefore it is important to our family that we can maintain the connection to Soo Lake. However in the last several years with the lake condition there has been no draw to visit. It's currently used in the fall/winter for hunting and very little in spring/summer because we can't enjoy the lake.

- 116 The use of large motor boats that contribute to shoreline erosion is a major concern. Our property is left natural at the waterfront with trees and shrubs and still has lost 4-6 feet (lost land shore/inward) of land along shoreline in the last 20 years. Suggestion: tax large motor boats (over 25 HP) and use proceeds to assist affected shoreline owners to protect land from shoreline erosion. Growth on surface of matts of lake weed in open parts of lake is another concern.
- 120 They only inform those who pay dues to be members – others are left out in the cold – if you want to know what is going on you must pay to belong to get the information. As a property owner why should I pay a membership fee to be involved in the management of what happens to Soo Lake? Also why do I need to pay membership to be informed of what the actions are taken by SLUA? They have a lot of members but less of 50 percent of the owners are members. Information needs to be shared with all lake property owners. After two draw downs in the 1990's and the one in 2010-11 it should be clear that any lake management plan should include draw downs. They can be effective in controlling EWM at an expectable cost and expectable inconvenience to the lake users. Draw downs should be automatic during the winter if milfoil is spotted during the summer. The more milfoil the lower the draw down. Please limit the amount of chemical treatment in any management plan. Also all cost involved need to come from a source other than property taxes or special tax to property owners. Remember the lake is owned by all people of the state and managed by the DNR. Failure to address the milfoil problem by the DNR got us to the situation of summer of 2010 and before. Milfoil must be addressed earlier and quickly. Do not wait for it to come back strongly as it did in 2008-2010. A management plan with “triggers” that are automatic is a good plan. If we need to wait for approval by the DNR it ends up being too slow.
- 121 Dredging – DNR denied home owners the ability to dredge frontage, makes no sense, it would improve fishing/ swimming at owners expense. Rock shoreline – DNR makes it impossible to get a permit, again makes no sense, it would resolve erosion problems and again is something that we do at our own expense. Removal of lily pads/floating logs – bay areas are bad, it would be nice to remove lily pads, they are spreading each year. Also seems crazy we cannot remove floating logs, boating is dangerous.
- 122 I have a concern about the effect of all the driftwood that has come up since the draw down. I know these are fish habitats, but you had to use extreme caution while boating. To even attempt Long John's shore, we had to turn away. What will that do for the economics of that particular place or even the people who want to do water sports? Could the drift wood be marked by some method? It not only seems to be a safety issue but how costly it could be to doing damage to the boats or God forbid, a person.
- 123 You are doing a great job. Just wish it were easier.
- 127 First and most important the septic system monitoring and regulating. Weed control needs to be regulated – some weeds are necessary for fishing habitat and reproductively but excessive weed growth must be eliminated.

- 128 Would like to know more about fish stocking in the past, plans for fish survey by DNR and future stockings.
- 129 After the draw down, it was like visiting a completely lake from 2010. It was very enjoyable and pleasant to have a lake that was not infiltrated with EWM. EWM is still present below the water surface and must be managed. It's only a matter of time before we have an EWM crisis if we do nothing. It will take everyone's involvement, participation, support, and commitment to maintain the long term quality of Soo Lake. SLUA's commitment is required to achieve this goal. Thanks for SLUA is doing a good job and taking a proactive approach.
- 131 The county trunk S boat landing is a huge disappointment. Our exhaust pipes and bumper should not be submerged when using it. It should have been inspected before payment was made. "UNEXCEPTIBLE"
- 135 We are very appreciative of all the effort the year round members contribute toward the improvements and maintenance of the lake.
- 136 I am concerned that the bays on Soo Lake will not get the same quality attention as the main part of the lake. At the present time the bay that I live in is in worse shape than the draw down.
- 141 Very supportive of association on lake.
- 155 Thanks for all the hard work.
- 169 While the draw down was very effective short term, we anticipate the milfoil to return. Over the 15 years of property ownership I've seen the lake go through several stages of weed growth. It is in my opinion that if the lake was dropped two feet each fall instead of the current one foot that in a normal winter the ice would freeze down most shallow bays to better control weeds. The current drop of one foot helps to control shoreline damage in spring, but is not helping control the weeds. Milfoil starts to get it's foothold in 5-6 ft. of water in summer where light can penetrate to the lake floor. By lowering the level by 2 ft. in fall this would freeze to the bottom (30+ inches of ice) of these areas. I believe this simple control measure would be highly effective.
- 172 I think we need more fish habitat such as fish cribs. I believe fish cribs placed in the river channel to protect small and young fish from over depredation during draw downs would be very helpful in preserving good fishing after such draw downs.
- 173 The lake is a mess – something needs to be done ASAP. I had more weeds in front of my property this summer (after the draw down) so that did nothing for me. I want the milfoil gone. The lake also needs another tube installed on the island road so we get better circulation on the lake. This would help control the weeds on either side of the culvert. I dredged about 25 years ago and would do it again if given permission.
- 177 I will be joining the association.
- 179 I think the association is in the right direction as far as water quality. I would like to see the sheriff get involved with boat patrol. Many boaters on the lake don't follow boating laws. They are too close to shore when tubing and skiing. Our shore erosion has greatly increased over the last five years.



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## APPENDIX C

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### Water Quality Data



Date:	04-20-10	Max Depth (ft):	18.9
Time:	10:30	LSDS Depth (ft):	3.0
Weather:	sunny, 68°F	LSDB Depth (ft):	17.0
Entry:	TWH	Secchi Depth (ft):	2.5

Depth (ft)	Temp (°C)	D.O. (mg/L)
0	18.5	18.5
2	18.0	18.0
4	17.5	17.5
6	17.0	17.0
8	16.5	16.5
10	16.0	16.0
12	15.5	15.5
14	15.0	15.0
16	14.5	14.5
18	14.0	14.0

Data collected by TWH and SNR

Date: 06-16-10  
Time:  
Weather:  
Entry: TWH

Max Depth (ft):  
LSDS Depth (ft): 0-6 ft  
LSDB Depth (ft):  
Secchi Depth (ft): 3.5

**June 2010**

Depth (Ft)	Temp (°F)	D.O. (mg/L)
6.0	63.0	0.8
6.5	64.0	1.2
7.0	65.5	3.5
7.5	66.0	4.2

Data collected by CLMN

Date: 07-19-10  
Time:  
Weather:  
Entry: TWH

Max Depth (ft):  
LSDS Depth (ft): 0-6  
LSDB Depth (ft):  
Secchi Depth (ft): 1.5

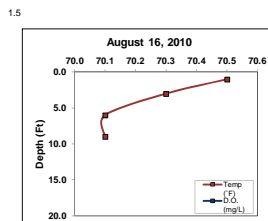
**July 19, 2010**

Depth (ft)	Temp (°F)	D.O. (mg/L)
72.0	~9.5	~9.5
72.5	~8.5	~8.5
73.0	~3.5	~3.5
73.5	~2.5	~2.5
74.0	~1.5	~1.5
75.0	~1.0	~1.0
76.0	~0.5	~0.5

Data collected by CLMN

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Time:  
Weather:  
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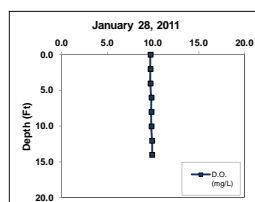
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LSDS Depth (ft): 0-6  
LSDB Depth (ft):  
Secchi Depth (ft):

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Parameter	LSDS	LSDB
Total P (µg/L)	91.00	
Dissolved P (µg/L)		
Chl-a (µg/L)	2.77	
TKN (µg/L)	1830.00	
NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> -N (µg/L)	123.00	
NH <sub>4</sub> -N (µg/L)	102.00	
Total N (µg/L)	1830.00	
Lab Cond. (µg/cm)		
Lab pH		
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )		
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)		
Calcium (mg/L)		

Data collected by CLMN

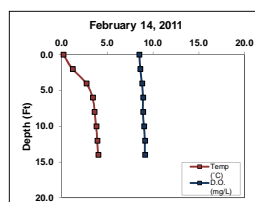
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Time:	10:00	LSDS Depth (ft):	
Weather:	Partly cloudy 17°F	LSDB Depth (ft):	
Entry:	DAC	Secchi Depth (ft):	

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Parameter	LSDS	LSDB
Total P ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
Dissolved P ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
Chl-a ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
TKN ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
$\text{NO}_3^- + \text{NO}_2^- \text{N}$ ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
$\text{NH}_4^+ \text{N}$ ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
Total N ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
Lab Cond. ( $\mu\text{S/cm}$ )		
Lab pH		
Alkalinity ( $\text{mg/L CaCO}_3$ )		
Total Susp. Solids ( $\text{mg/L}$ )		
Calcium ( $\text{mg/L}$ )		

Data collected by SLUA

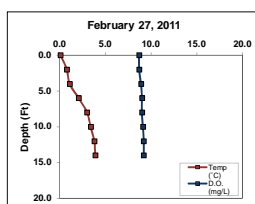
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Time: 14:25	LSDS Depth (ft):
Weather: sunny, 37°F	LSDB Depth (ft):
Entry: DAC	Secchi Depth (ft):

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Parameter	LSDS	LSDB
Total P ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
Dissolved P ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
Chl-a ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
TKN ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
$\text{NO}_3^- + \text{NO}_2^- \text{ -N}$ ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
$\text{NH}_4^+ \text{ -N}$ ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
Total N ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		
Lab Cond. ( $\mu\text{S/cm}$ )		
Lab pH		
Alkalinity ( $\text{mg/L CaCO}_3$ )		
Total Susp. Solids ( $\text{mg/L}$ )		
Calcium ( $\text{mg/L}$ )		

Data collected by SLUA

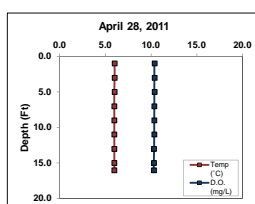
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Entry:	DAC	Secchi Depth (ft):	-

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Parameter	LSDS	LSDB
Total P (µg/L)		
Dissolved P (µg/L)		
Chl-a (µg/L)		
TKN (µg/L)		
NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> -N (µg/L)		
NH <sub>4</sub> -N (µg/L)		
Total N (µg/L)		
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)		
Lab pH		
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )		
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)		
Calcium (mg/L)		

Data collected by SLUA

Date:	04-28-11	Max Depth (ft):	17.9
Time:	9:00	LSDS Depth (ft):	3.0
Weather:	100% clouds, breezy, light snow, 30°F	LSDB Depth (ft):	15.0
Ent:	TWH	Secchi Depth (ft):	2.9
Verf:			

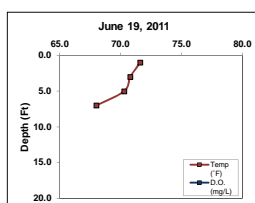
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Parameter	LSDS	LSDB
Total P (µg/L)	39.00	37.00
Dissolved P (µg/L)	3.00	2.00
Chl-a (µg/L)	6.05	
TKN (µg/L)	480.00	580.00
NO <sub>3</sub> -N (µg/L)	151.00	150.00
NH <sub>4</sub> -N (µg/L)	16.00	15.00
Total N (µg/L)	480.00	580.00
Lab Cond. (µg/cm)	49.00	49.00
Lab pH	6.95	7.04
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	16.90	
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)	3.00	3.00
Calcium (mg/L)	5.70	

Data collected by TWH (Onterra)

Date: 06-19-11  
Time:  
Weather:  
Ent: TWH

Max Depth (ft):  
LSDS Depth (ft): 0-6  
LSDb Depth (ft):  
Secchi Depth (ft): 2.5

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Parameter	LSDS	LSDB
Total P (µg/L)	43.00	
Dissolved P (µg/L)		
Chl-a (µg/L)	10.10	
TKN (µg/L)	980.00	
NO <sub>3</sub> -N (µg/L)	24.00	
NH <sub>4</sub> -N (µg/L)	25.00	
Total N (µg/L)	980.00	
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)		
Lab pH		
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )		
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)		
Calcium (mg/L)		

Data collected by CLMN

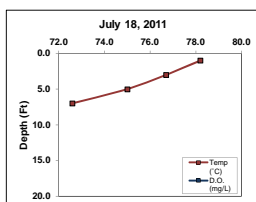
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Date: 07-18-11  
Time:  
Weather:  
Ent: TWH

Max Depth (ft):  
LSDS Depth (ft): 0-6  
LSDB Depth (ft):  
Secchi Depth (ft):

2.5

Depth (ft)	Temp (°C)	D.O. (mg/L)	pH	Sp. Cond. (µS/cm)
1.0	78.2			
3.0	76.7			
6.0	75.0			
9.0	72.6			



Parameter	LSDS	LSDB
Total P (µg/L)	51.00	
Dissolved P (µg/L)		
Chl-a (µg/L)	25.70	
TRN (µg/L)	880.00	
NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> -N (µg/L)	ND	
NH <sub>4</sub> -N (µg/L)	26.00	
Total N (µg/L)	880.00	
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)		
Lab pH		
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )		
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)		
Calcium (mg/L)		

Data collected by CLMN

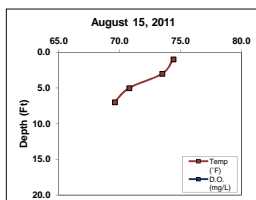
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Date: 08-15-11  
Time:  
Weather:  
Ent: TWH

Max Depth (ft):  
LSDS Depth (ft): 0-6  
LSDB Depth (ft):  
Secchi Depth (ft):

2.5

Depth (ft)	Temp (°F)	D.O. (mg/L)	pH	Sp. Cond. (µS/cm)
1.0	74.4			
3.0	73.5			
6.0	70.8			
9.0	69.6			



Parameter	LSDS	LSDB
Total P (µg/L)	59.00	
Dissolved P (µg/L)		
Chl-a (µg/L)	19.80	
TRN (µg/L)	1180.00	
NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> -N (µg/L)	30.00	
NH <sub>4</sub> -N (µg/L)	16.00	
Total N (µg/L)	1180.00	
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)		
Lab pH		
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )		
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)		
Calcium (mg/L)		

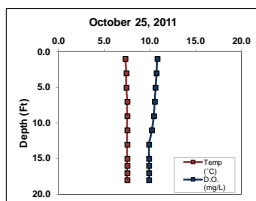
Data collected by CLMN

## Lac Sault Dore

Date: 10-25-11  
Time: 8:30  
Weather: 100% clouds, breezy, 42°F  
Ent: TWH Verif:

Max Depth (ft): 18.7  
LSDS Depth (ft): 3.0  
LSDB Depth (ft): 16.0  
Secchi Depth (ft): 3.1

Depth (ft)	Temp (°C)	D.O. (mg/L)	pH	Sp. Cond. (µS/cm)
1.0	7.3	10.8		
3.0	7.4	10.7		
5.0	7.4	10.8		
7.0	7.5	10.5		
9.0	7.5	10.4		
11.0	7.5	10.2		
13.0	7.5	9.9		
15.0	7.5	9.9		
16.0	7.5	9.9		
17.0	7.5	9.9		
18.0	7.5	9.9		



Parameter	LSDS	LSDB
Total P (µg/L)	56.00	60.00
Dissolved P (µg/L)		
Chl-a (µg/L)	5.70	
TRN (µg/L)	600.00	
NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> -N (µg/L)	156.00	
NH <sub>4</sub> -N (µg/L)	ND	
Total N (µg/L)	600.00	
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)		
Lab pH		
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )		
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)	2.00	4.00
Calcium (mg/L)		

Data collected by TWH (Ontario)



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### Watershed Analysis WiLMS Results



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**Date: 4/9/2012      Scenario: Lac Sault Dore Current**

Lake Id: Lac Sault Dore

Watershed Id: 0

**Hydrologic and Morphometric Data**

Tributary Drainage Area: 37399.0 acre

Total Unit Runoff: 12.5 in.

Annual Runoff Volume: 38957.3 acre-ft

Lake Surface Area <As>: 599 acre

Lake Volume <V>: 3089 acre-ft

Lake Mean Depth <z>: 5.2 ft

Precipitation - Evaporation: 4.7 in.

Hydraulic Loading: 172148.8 acre-ft/year

Areal Water Load <qs>: 287.4 ft/year

Lake Flushing Rate <p>: 55.73 1/year

Water Residence Time: 0.02 year

Observed spring overturn total phosphorus (SPO): 39 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Observed growing season mean phosphorus (GSM): 48.2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

% NPS Change: 0%

% PS Change: 0%

**NON-POINT SOURCE DATA**

Land Use	Acre	Low	Most Likely	High	Loading %	Low	Most Likely	High
	(ac)	----	Loading (kg/ha-year)	----		-----	Loading (kg/year)	----
Row Crop AG	4034	0.50	1.00	3.00	16.2	816	1633	4898
Mixed AG	0.0	0.30	0.80	1.40	0.0	0	0	0
Pasture/Grass	2181	0.10	0.30	0.50	2.6	88	265	441
HD Urban (1/8 Ac)	1	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.0	0	1	1
MD Urban (1/4 Ac)	3	0.30	0.50	0.80	0.0	0	1	1
Rural Res (>1 Ac)	71	0.05	0.10	0.25	0.0	1	3	7
Wetlands	14388	0.10	0.10	0.10	5.8	582	582	582
Forest	16721	0.05	0.09	0.18	6.1	338	609	1218
Lake Surface	599.0	0.10	0.30	1.00	0.7	24	73	242

**POINT SOURCE DATA**

Point Sources	Water Load	Low	Most Likely	High	Loading %
	(m <sup>3</sup> /year)	(kg/year)	(kg/year)	(kg/year)	=
Phillips Chain WS	164000000	0.0	6898	0.0	68.5

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**SEPTIC TANK DATA**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Most Likely</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Loading %</b>
Septic Tank Output (kg/capita-year)	0.3	0.5	0.8	
# capita-years	0.0			
% Phosphorus Retained by Soil	98	90	80	
Septic Tank Loading (kg/year)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0

**TOTALS DATA**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Most Likely</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Loading %</b>
Total Loading (lb)	4082.1	22185.9	16293.6	100.0
Total Loading (kg)	1851.6	10063.5	7390.7	100.0
Areal Loading (lb/ac-year)	6.81	37.04	27.20	0.0
Areal Loading (mg/m <sup>2</sup> -year)	763.85	4151.49	3048.89	0.0
Total PS Loading (lb)	0.0	15207.3	0.0	68.5
Total PS Loading (kg)	0.0	6898.0	0.0	68.5
Total NPS Loading (lb)	4028.6	6818.3	15759.2	31.5
Total NPS Loading (kg)	1827.4	3092.8	7148.3	31.5

**Phosphorus Prediction and Uncertainty Analysis Module**

Date: 4/9/2012 Scenario: 39

Observed spring overturn total phosphorus (SPO): 39.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Observed growing season mean phosphorus (GSM): 48.2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Back calculation for SPO total phosphorus: 0.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Back calculation GSM phosphorus: 0.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

% Confidence Range: 70%

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

<b>Lake Phosphorus Model</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Most Likely</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Predicted</b>	<b>% Dif.</b>
	Total P	Total P	Total P	-Observed	
	(mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	(mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	(mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	(mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	
Walker, 1987 Reservoir	8	43	31	-5	-10
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Natural Lake	8	43	32	-5	-10
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Artificial Lake	8	39	30	-9	-19
Rechow, 1979 General	7	36	26	-12	-25
Rechow, 1977 Anoxic	8	42	31	-6	-12
Rechow, 1977 water load<50m/year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rechow, 1977 water load>50m/year	7	39	29	-9	-19
Walker, 1977 General	8	42	31	3	8
Vollenweider, 1982 Combined OECD	8	33	26	-11	-25
Dillon-Rigler-Kirchner	7	36	26	-3	-8
Vollenweider, 1982 Shallow Lake/Res.	6	27	21	-17	-39

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Larsen-Mercier, 1976	8	42	31	3	8
Nurnberg, 1984 Oxid	7	41	30	-7	-15

Lake Phosphorus Model	Confidence	Confidence	Parameter	Back	Model
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Fit?	Calculation (kg/year)	Type
Walker, 1987 Reservoir	19	60	Tw	0	GSM
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Natural Lake	13	124	FIT	1	GSM
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Artificial Lake	12	112	FIT	1	GSM
Rechow, 1979 General	15	52	FIT	0	GSM
Rechow, 1977 Anoxic	19	58	FIT	0	GSM
Rechow, 1977 water load<50m/year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rechow, 1977 water load>50m/year	20	45	FIT	0	GSM
Walker, 1977 General	15	68	FIT	0	SPO
Vollenweider, 1982 Combined OECD	12	56	FIT	0	ANN
Dillon-Rigler-Kirchner	16	50	P L	0	SPO
Vollenweider, 1982 Shallow Lake/Res.	10	45	FIT	0	ANN
Larsen-Mercier, 1976	19	56	P Pin p	0	SPO
Nurnberg, 1984 Oxid	15	63	L	0	ANN

### Water and Nutrient Outflow Module

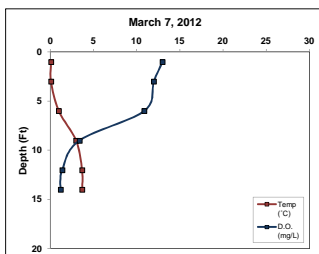
Date: 4/9/2012 Scenario: 28

Average Annual Surface Total Phosphorus: 48.2mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Annual Discharge: 1.72E+005 AF => 2.12E+008 m<sup>3</sup>

Annual Outflow Loading: 21536.3 LB => 9768.8 kg

Date:	3/7/2012	Max Depth:	14.8
Time:	13:40	LSDS Depth (ft):	3
Weather:	100% clouds, light rain, foggy	LSDB Depth (ft):	11
Entry:	TWH	Secchi Depth (ft):	4.1

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Parameter	LSDS	LSDB
Total P (µg/L)		
Dissolved P (µg/L)		
Chl-a (µg/L)		
TKN (µg/L)		
NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> -N (µg/L)		
NH <sub>4</sub> -N (µg/L)		
Total N (µg/L)		
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)		
Lab pH		
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )		
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)		
Calcium (mg/L)		

Data collected by TAH and TWH (Onterra)  
Ice depth 1.9ft

2010-2012 Parameter	Water Quality Data			
	Surface		Bottom	
	Count	Mean	Count	Mean
Secchi Depth (feet)	10	2.7	NA	NA
Total P (µg/L)	9.00	64.7	3.00	52.0
Dissolved P (µg/L)	2.00	2.5	2	2.5
Chl a (µg/L)	9.00	12.4	0	NA
TSS (µg/L)	9.00	1101.1	2	790.0
NO3-N+NO2-N (µg/L)	9.00	105.8	2	150.0
NO3-N (µg/L)	9.00	52.7	2	15.0
Total N (µg/L)	9.00	1101.1	2	790.0
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)	2.00	79.0	2	79.5
Lab pH	2.00	7.3	2	7.1
Alkal (mg/L CaCO3)	2.00	29.0	1	40.0
Calcium (mg/L)	3.00	3.0	3	4.7
Calcium (µg/L)	2	9.1	0	NA

Morphological / Geographical Data	
Parameter	Value
Acreage	599
Volume (acre-feet)	10.89
Perimeter (miles)	3.5
Shoreland Complexity	20.4
Maximum Depth (feet)	21
County	Price
W/BIC	2236800
Lillie Mason Region (1983)	NLF Ecoregion
Nichols Ecoregion (1999)	NI FI

<b>WILMS Class</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>kg/yr</b>	<b>lbs/yr</b>
Phillips Chain Watershed	127,981	6,898	15,207
Forest	16,721	609	1,343
Wetlands	14,388	582	1,283
Pasture/Grass	2,181	255	564
Row Crops	4,034	1,633	3,600
Rural Residential	71	3	7
High-Density Urban	1	1	2
Medium-Density Urban	3	1	2
Lac Sault Ste. Marie Surface	599	73	161
Watershed to Lake Area	276:1		

Trophic State Index (WTSI)			
Year	TP	Chl-a	Secchi
1990			60.3
1991			63.4
1992			58.9
1993			58.9
1994	60.3	61.0	56.8
1995	57.7	49.4	61.3
1996	61.5	63.1	61.9
1997	64.6	65.8	64.9
1998	65.0	66.0	62.1
1999	63.5	64.3	64.8
2000	63.1	56.6	60.0
2001	64.2	64.3	63.1
2002	60.8	59.9	61.5
2003	58.0	59.2	57.5
2004	57.0	59.7	57.8
2005	53.7	55.2	56.5
2006	57.3	55.5	56.5
2007	55.8	59.3	56.5
2008	56.0	56.0	59.1
2009	65.4	56.6	60.1
2010	70.3	54.1	66.8
2011	60.8	59.7	63.7
All Years (Weighted)	62.0	60.1	60.0
Low, Lowland Drainage L	54.6	52.6	52.4
High, Upland Drainage L	67.5	47.5	67.5

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
1990	17	3.1	9	3.2								
1991	24	3.0	14	2.6								
1992	20	3.8	10	3.5								
1993	37	2.0	12	3.5	2	24.7	0		2	49.0	0.0	
1994	31	3.7	16	4.1	4	17.5	3	22.1	4	59.0	3.0	49.0
1995	19	3.2	13	3.0	3	9.0	1	6.8	3	53.0	2.0	41.0
1996	3	3.0	3	2.9	4	22.3	3	27.3	4	53.5	3.0	53.3
1997	5	2.4	2	2.3	4	24.8	2	36.1	5	69.0	3.0	66.3
1998	22	3.0	15	2.8	4	39.3	3	37.0	5	85.4	3.0	87.0
1999	22	2.6	16	2.3	3	23.6	2	30.9	5	52.6	3.0	61.3
2000	21	3.5	15	3.3	5	12.4	4	14.1	6	54.0	4.0	59.5
2001	25	2.9	17	2.6	4	25.2	3	30.9	5	56.0	3.0	64.3
2002	21	3.0	13	3.0	4	15.5	3	19.7	5	52.2	3.0	50.7
2003	26	17	3.9	3.7	4	15.0	3	18.4	5	42.8	3.0	42.8
2004	27	4.1	16	3.7	4	15.1	3	19.4	5	37.0	3.0	39.0
2005	25	4.3	14	4.2	4	11.0	3	12.2	5	36.6	3.0	31.0
2006	26	4.3	17	4.2	4	11.5	3	12.6	5	41.2	3.0	40.0
2007	23	4.1	12	4.2	2	18.7	2	18.7	4	39.0	3.0	36.0
2008	10	4.6	4	3.5	3	13.3	3	13.3	4	63.8	3.0	70.0
2009	23	4.5	12	3.6	3	14.1	3	14.1	4	45.8	3.0	46.3
2010	19	2.7	10	2.1	4	11.1	3	11.0	5	76.4	3.0	98.0
2011	25	2.8	14	2.5	5	14.1	3	19.5	6	48.2	3.0	51.0
All Years (Weighted)		3.5		3.3		17.6		20.1		53.6		55.2
Shallow, Lowland												
Drainage Lakes												33.0
NLF Ecoregion				5.6				9.4				21.0

Summer 2011 N:	604.0
Summer 2011 P:	52.5
Summer 2011 N:P	12 :1

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### Aquatic Plant Survey Data





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POINT NUMBER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	DEPTH (FT)	SEDIMENT	POLE ROPE	COMMENTS	TOTAL BAKE-FULNESS	Brasenia schreberi	Ceratophyllum demersum	Chara spp.	Elodea acicularis	Elodea canadensis	Elodea nuttallii	Flamnetious algae	Freshwater sponge	Lemna trisulca	Lemna turionifera	Megadontia beckii	Myriophyllum heterophyllum	Myriophyllum sibiricum	Myriophyllum spicatum	Najas flexilis	Najas spp.	Najas variegata	Nymphaea odorata	Potamogeton nodosus	Potamogeton pectinatus	Potamogeton foliosus	Potamogeton filifolius	Potamogeton nodosus	Potamogeton pectinatus	Potamogeton rostratus	Potamogeton spiralis	Potamogeton stridifolius	Potamogeton vasyi	Potamogeton zosterifolius	Sagittaria rigida	Sparganium angustifolium	Sparganium fluctuans	Sagittaria polytricha	Utricularia intermedia	Utricularia vulgaris	Vallisneria spiralis		
1	45.703121	-90.582775	7	Rock	Pole		0																																						
2	45.703620	-90.582074	5	Rock	Pole		0																																						
3	45.703125	-90.582069	11	Rock	Pole		0																																						
4	45.702630	-90.582064	10	Rock	Pole		0																																						
5	45.702135	-90.582059	5	Sand	Pole		0																																						
6	45.703128	-90.581362	2	Sand	Pole		2			1		1										1						1																	1
7	45.702633	-90.581357	10	Rock	Pole		0																																						
8	45.702138	-90.581352	8	Sand	Pole		0																																						
9	45.702637	-90.580651	2	Sand	Pole		3		1			2										1			1			1																	
10	45.702142	-90.580646	9	Rock	Pole		0																																						
11	45.701647	-90.580641	5	Muck	Pole		0																																						
12	45.702145	-90.579939	5	Rock	Pole		0																																						
13	45.701650	-90.579934	10	Rock	Pole		0																																						
14	45.701654	-90.579228	8	Muck	Pole		0																																						
15	45.701159	-90.579222	9	Rock	Pole		0																																						
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23	45.702156	-90.577820	5	Rock	Pole		0																																						
24	45.701661	-90.577815	6	Sand	Pole		0																																						
25	45.701166	-90.577810	5	Muck	Pole		1																																						
26	45.700176	-90.577799	8	Rock	Pole		0																																						
27	45.699681	-90.577794	4	Muck	Pole		1																																						
28	45.699186	-90.577789	5	Muck	Pole		1																																						
29	45.698691	-90.577784	4	Sand	Pole		3		1																																				
30	45.702655	-90.577118	4	Muck	Pole		3						1									3						1																	
31	45.702160	-90.577113	3	Muck	Pole		1																																						
32	45.701665	-90.577108	3	Muck	Pole		1						1																																
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41	45.703157	-90.575710	4	Muck	Pole		3		1			3																																	
42	45.702662	-90.575705	0			NONNAVIGABLE (PLANTS)																																							
43	45.700682	-90.575685	0			NONNAVIGABLE (PLANTS)																																							
44	45.700187	-90.575680	1	Sand	Pole		2			1		1										1	1																						
45	45.699692	-90.575675	3	Sand	Pole		2						1															2																	
46	45.699197	-90.575670	9	Rock	Pole		0																																						
47	45.698702	-90.575665	0			TEMPORARY OBSTACLE																																							
48	45.698207	-90.575660	4	Muck	Pole		1																																						
49	45.697712	-90.575655	6	Muck	Pole		0																																						
50	45.697217	-90.575649	0			TERRESTRIAL																																							
51	45.703655	-90.575009	2	Muck	Pole		2																																						
52	45.703160	-90.575004	0			NONNAVIGABLE (PLANTS)																																							
53	45.700190	-90.574973	4	Muck	Pole		1																																						
54	45.699200	-90.574963	5	Sand	Pole		0																																						
55	45.698705	-90.574958	10	Rock	Pole		0</																																						

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69	45.703663	-90.573596	0			NONNAVIGABLE (PLANTS)																																					
70	45.703167	-90.573591	0			NONNAVIGABLE (PLANTS)																																					
71	45.699702	-90.573556	0			NONNAVIGABLE (PLANTS)																																					
72	45.699207	-90.573550	6	Muck	Pole		0																																				
73	45.698712	-90.573545	9	Muck	Pole		0																																				
74	45.698217	-90.573540	8	Muck	Pole		0																																				
75	45.697722	-90.573535	7	Muck	Pole		0																																				
76	45.697227	-90.573530	9	Sand	Pole		0																																				
77	45.696732	-90.573525	0			DEEP																																					
78	45.696237	-90.573520	8	Sand	Pole		0																																				
79	45.695742	-90.573515	5	Sand	Pole		1																																				
80	45.695247	-90.573510	5	Sand	Pole		0																																				
81	45.704656	-90.572900	5	Muck	Pole		3																																				
82	45.704161	-90.572895	0			NONNAVIGABLE (PLANTS)																																					
83	45.703666	-90.572890	0			NONNAVIGABLE (PLANTS)																																					
84	45.699211	-90.572844	6	Muck	Pole		0																																				
85	45.698716	-90.572839	9	Muck	Pole		0																																				
86	45.698221	-90.572834	9	Muck	Pole		0																																				
87	45.697726	-90.572829	8	Muck	Pole		0																																				
88	45.697231	-90.572824	8	Muck	Pole		0																																				
89	45.696736	-90.572819	9	Sand	Pole		0																																				
90	45.696241	-90.572814	8	Rock	Pole		0																																				
91	45.695746	-90.572809	4	Sand	Pole		0																																				
92	45.694756	-90.572799	0			TERRESTRIAL																																					
93	45.704660	-90.572193	3	Muck	Pole		3		1				1																														
94	45.704165	-90.572188	0			NONNAVIGABLE (PLANTS)																																					
95	45.698224	-90.572127	5	Sand	Pole		1					1																															
96	45.697729	-90.572122	7	Muck	Pole		0																																				
97	45.697234	-90.572117	2	Sand	Pole		0																																				
98	45.696244	-90.572107	6	Sand	Pole		0																																				
99	45.695749	-90.572102	9	Rock	Pole		0																																				
100	45.705158	-90.571492	4	Muck	Pole		1		1																																		
101	45.704663	-90.571487	3	Muck	Pole		3		1				3					1																									
102	45.700208	-90.571441	2	Muck	Pole		0																																				
103	45.698723	-90.571426	4	Muck	Pole		1		1				1																														
104	45.696743	-90.571406	5	Muck	Pole		0																																				
105	45.696248	-90.571401	5	Muck	Pole		1																																				
106	45.695753	-90.571396	9	Rock	Pole		0																																				
107	45.695258	-90.571391	1	Sand	Pole		0																																				
108	45.706152	-90.570795	5	Muck	Pole		3																																				
109	45.705657	-90.570790	4	Muck	Pole		3		1				1																														
110	45.705162	-90.570785	3	Muck	Pole		2		1																																		
111	45.701697	-90.570750	3	Muck	Pole		1		V																																		
112	45.701202	-90.570745	0			NONNAVIGABLE (PLANTS)																																					
113	45.700212	-90.570735	3	Sand	Pole		2						1																														
114	45.699717	-90.570730	3	Muck	Pole		1		1																																		
115	45.699221	-90.570725	4	Muck	Pole		1																																				
116	45.698726	-90.570720	4	Muck	Pole		2		1																																		
117	45.698231	-90.570715	0			TERRESTRIAL																																					
118	45.697736	-90.570710	3	Sand	Pole		2		1																																		
119	45.697241	-90.570705	5	Muck	Pole		1		1																																		
120	45.696746	-90.570700	6	Muck	Pole		1																																				
121	45.696251	-90.570694	0			TERRESTRIAL																																					
122	45.695756	-90.570689	8	Sand	Pole		0																																				
123	45.695261	-90.570684	9	Rock	Pole		0																																				
124	45.694766	-90.570679	6	Muck	Pole		0																																				

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343	45.704203	-90.564416	8	Sand	Pole		0																																									
344	45.703708	-90.564412	9	Muck	Pole		0																																									
345	45.703213	-90.564407	10	Muck	Pole		0																																									
346	45.702718	-90.564402	10	Muck	Pole		0																																									
347	45.702223	-90.564397	10	Muck	Pole		0																																									
348	45.701728	-90.564392	9	Sand	Pole		0																																									
349	45.701233	-90.564387	11	Sand	Pole		0																																									
350	45.700738	-90.564382	11	Muck	Pole		0																																									
351	45.700243	-90.564377	11	Muck	Pole		0																																									
352	45.699748	-90.564372	9	Muck	Pole		0																																									
353	45.699253	-90.564367	8	Sand	Pole		0																																									
354	45.698758	-90.564362	5	Sand	Pole		0																																									
355	45.698263	-90.564357	2	Sand	Pole		2					1										2																										
356	45.691333	-90.564287	2	Muck	Pole		2	2							1	1																																
357	45.690838	-90.564282	3	Sand	Pole		2	1							1	1		1																														
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359	45.710642	-90.563775	4	Muck	Pole		2	1																																								
360	45.710147	-90.56377	5	Muck	Pole		1	1																																								
361	45.709652	-90.563765	4	Muck	Pole		1																																									
362	45.709157	-90.56376	4	Muck	Pole		1																																									
363	45.708662	-90.563755	5	Muck	Pole		0																																									
364	45.708167	-90.56375	5	Muck	Pole		0																																									
365	45.707672	-90.563745	5	Muck	Pole		0																																									
366	45.707177	-90.56374	5	Muck	Pole		0																																									
367	45.706682	-90.563735	4	Rock	Pole		0																																									
368	45.706187	-90.56373	3	Sand	Pole		0																																									
369	45.705692	-90.563725	5	Muck	Pole		1																																									
370	45.705197	-90.56372	7	Muck	Pole		0																																									
371	45.704702	-90.563715	8	Muck	Pole		0																																									
372	45.704207	-90.56371	11	Muck	Pole		0																																									
373	45.703712	-90.563705	10	Muck	Pole		0																																									
374	45.703217	-90.5637	10	Muck	Pole		0																																									
375	45.702722	-90.563695	10	Muck	Pole		0																																									
376	45.702227	-90.56369	10	Muck	Pole		0																																									
377	45.701732	-90.563685	9	Muck	Pole		0																																									
378	45.701237	-90.56368	4	Sand	Pole		1																																									
379	45.700742	-90.563675	3	Sand	Pole		1															1																										
380	45.700247	-90.56367	0			TERRESTRIAL																																										
381	45.690841	-90.563676	0			NONNAVIGABLE (PLANTS)																																										
382	45.710646	-90.563068	4	Muck	Pole		1																																									
383	45.71015	-90.563063	5	Muck	Pole		1																																									
384	45.709655	-90.563058	4	Muck	Pole		0																																									
385	45.70916	-90.563053	5	Muck	Pole		0																																									
386	45.708665	-90.563048	6	Muck	Pole		0																																									
387	45.70817	-90.563043	5	Muck	Pole		0																																									
388	45.707675	-90.563038	6	Muck	Pole		0																																									
389	45.70718	-90.563033	6	Sand	Pole		0																																									
390	45.706685	-90.563028	5	Rock	Pole		0																																									
391	45.70619	-90.563023	6	Sand	Pole		0																																									
392	45.705695	-90.563018	7	Muck	Pole		0																																									

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409	45.707184	-90.562327	6	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
410	45.706889	-90.562322	6	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
411	45.706194	-90.562317	6	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
412	45.705699	-90.562312	8	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
413	45.705204	-90.562307	10	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
414	45.704709	-90.562302	10	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
415	45.704214	-90.562297	9	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
416	45.703719	-90.562292	10	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
417	45.703224	-90.562287	9	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
418	45.702729	-90.562282	8	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
419	45.702234	-90.562277	8	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
420	45.701739	-90.562272	6	Sand	Pole		0																																																	
421	45.711147	-90.56166	4	Muck	Pole		2																																																	
422	45.710652	-90.561655	4	Muck	Pole		0								1																																									
423	45.710157	-90.56165	5	Muck	Pole		1																																																	
424	45.709662	-90.561645	5	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
425	45.709167	-90.56164	6	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
426	45.708672	-90.561635	6	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
427	45.708177	-90.56163	6	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
428	45.707682	-90.561625	6	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
429	45.707187	-90.56162	6	Sand	Pole		0																																																	
430	45.706692	-90.561615	6	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
431	45.706197	-90.56161	7	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
432	45.705702	-90.561605	9	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
433	45.705207	-90.5616	10	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
434	45.704712	-90.561595	10	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
435	45.704217	-90.56159	9	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
436	45.703722	-90.561586	8	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
437	45.703227	-90.561581	6	Sand	Pole		0																																																	
438	45.702732	-90.561576	6	Sand	Pole		0																																																	
439	45.702237	-90.561571	6	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
440	45.711151	-90.560953	4	Muck	Pole		2		1																																															
441	45.710656	-90.560948	4	Muck	Pole		1		1																																															
442	45.710161	-90.560943	5	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
443	45.709666	-90.560938	6	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
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445	45.708676	-90.560929	5	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
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447	45.707686	-90.560919	6	Sand	Pole		0																																																	
448	45.707191	-90.560914	6	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
449	45.706696	-90.560909	7	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
450	45.706201	-90.560904	8	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
451	45.705706	-90.560899	9	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
452	45.705211	-90.560894	10	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
453	45.704716	-90.560889	11	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
454	45.704221	-90.560884	10	Muck	Pole		0																																																	
455	45.703726	-90.560879	7	Muck	Pole		0																																																	

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## APPENDIX F

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### Aquatic Plant Management Strategy – WDNR Northern Region



# **AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

**Northern Region WDNR  
Summer, 2007**

## AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY Northern Region WDNR

### ISSUES

- Protect desirable native aquatic plants.
- Reduce the risk that invasive species replace desirable native aquatic plants.
- Promote “whole lake” management plans
- Limit the number of permits to control native aquatic plants.

### BACKGROUND

As a general rule, the Northern Region has historically taken a protective approach to allow removal of native aquatic plants by harvesting or by chemical herbicide treatment. This approach has prevented lakes in the Northern Wisconsin from large-scale loss of native aquatic plants that represent naturally occurring high quality vegetation. Naturally occurring native plants provide a *diversity of habitat* that *helps maintain water quality*, helps *sustain the fishing* quality known for Northern Wisconsin, supports common lakeshore wildlife from loons to frogs, and helps to provide the *aesthetics* that collectively create the “up-north” appeal of the northwoods lake resources.

In Northern Wisconsin lakes, an inventory of aquatic plants may often find 30 different species or more, whereas a similar survey of a Southern Wisconsin lake may often discover less than half that many species. Historically, similar species diversity was present in Southern Wisconsin, but has been lost gradually over time from stresses brought on by cultural land use changes (such as increased development, and intensive agriculture). Another point to note is that while there may be a greater variety of aquatic vegetation in Northern Wisconsin lakes, the vegetation itself is often *less dense*. This is because northern lakes have not suffered as greatly from nutrients and runoff as have many waters in Southern Wisconsin.

The newest threat to native plants in Northern Wisconsin is from invasive species of aquatic plants. The most common include Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and CurlyLeaf Pondweed (CLP). These species are described as *opportunistic invaders*. This means that these “invaders” benefit where an opening occurs from removal of plants, and without competition from other plants may successfully become established in a lake. Removal of native vegetation not only diminishes the natural qualities of a lake, it *may increase the risk that an invasive species can successfully invade onto the site where native plants have been removed*. There it may more easily establish itself without the native plants to compete against. This concept is easily observed on land where bared soil is quickly taken over by replacement species (often weeds) that crowd in and establish themselves as new occupants of the site. While not a providing a certain guarantee against invasive plants, protecting and allowing the native plants to remain may reduce the success of an invasive species becoming established on a lake. Once established, the invasive species cause far more inconvenience for all lake users, riparian and others included; can change many of the natural features of a lake; and often lead to *expensive annual control plans*. Native vegetation may cause localized concerns to some users, but as a natural feature of lakes, they generally do not cause harm.

To the extent we can maintain the normal growth of native vegetation, Northern Wisconsin lakes can continue to offer the water resource appeal and benefits they've historically provided. A regional position on removal of aquatic plants that carefully recognizes how native aquatic plants benefit lakes in Northern Region can help prevent a gradual decline in the overall quality and recreational benefits that make these lakes attractive to people and still provide abundant fish, wildlife, and northwoods appeal.

### **GOALS OF STRATEGY:**

1. Preserve native species diversity which, in turn, fosters natural habitat for fish and other aquatic species, from frogs to birds.
2. Prevent openings for invasive species to become established in the absence of the native species.
3. Concentrate on a "whole-lake approach" for control of aquatic plants, thereby fostering systematic documentation of conditions and specific targeting of invasive species as they exist.
4. Prohibit removal of wild rice. WDNR – Northern Region will not issue permits to remove wild rice unless a request is subjected to the full consultation process via the Voigt Tribal Task Force. We intend to discourage applications for removal of this ecologically and culturally important native plant.
5. To be consistent with our WDNR Water Division Goals (work reduction/disinvestment), established in 2005, to "not issue permits for chemical or large scale mechanical control of native aquatic plants – develop general permits as appropriate or inform applicants of exempted activities." This process is similar to work done in other WDNR Regions, although not formalized as such.

### **BASIS OF STRATEGY IN STATE STATUTE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

**State Statute 23.24 (2)(c)** states:

"The requirements promulgated under par. (a) 4. may specify any of the following:

1. The **quantity** of aquatic plants that may be managed under an aquatic plant management permit.
2. The **species** of aquatic plants that may be managed under an aquatic plant management permit.
3. The **areas** in which aquatic plants may be managed under an aquatic plant management permit.
4. The **methods** that may be used to manage aquatic plants under an aquatic plant management permit.
5. The **times** during which aquatic plants may be managed under an aquatic plant management permit.
6. The **allowable methods** for disposing or using aquatic

- plants that are removed or controlled under an aquatic plant management permit.
7. The requirements for plans that the department may require under sub. (3) (b). “

**State Statute 23.24(3)(b)** states:

“The department may require that an application for an aquatic plant management permit contain a plan for the department’s approval as to how the aquatic plants will be introduced, removed, or controlled.”

**Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 109.04(3)(a)** states:

“The department may require that an application for an aquatic plant management permit contain an aquatic plant management plan that describes how the aquatic plants will be introduced, controlled, removed or disposed. Requirements for an aquatic plant management plan shall be made in writing stating the reason for the plan requirement. In deciding whether to require a plan, the department shall consider the potential for effects on protection and development of diverse and stable communities of native aquatic plants, for conflict with goals of other written ecological or lake management plans, for cumulative impacts and effect on the ecological values in the body of water, and the long-term sustainability of beneficial water use activities.”

## **AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

### **Northern Region WDNR**

#### **APPROACH**

1. After January 1, 2009\* no individual permits for control of native aquatic plants will be issued. Treatment of native species may be allowed under the auspices of an approved lake management plan, and only if the plan clearly documents “impairment of navigation” and/or “nuisance conditions”. Until January 1, 2009, individual permits will be issued to previous permit holders, only with adequate documentation of “impairment of navigation” and/or “nuisance conditions”. No new individual permits will be issued during the interim.
2. Control of aquatic plants (if allowed) in documented sensitive areas will follow the conditions specified in the report.
3. Invasive species must be controlled under an approved lake management plan, with two exceptions (these exceptions are designed to allow sufficient time for lake associations to form and subsequently submit an approved lake management plan):
  - a. Newly-discovered infestations. If found on a lake with an approved lake management plan, the invasive species can be controlled via an amendment to the approved plan. If found on a lake without an approved management plan, the invasive species can be controlled under the WDNR’s Rapid Response protocol (see definition), and the lake owners will be encouraged to form a lake association and subsequently submit a lake management plan for WDNR review and approval.
  - b. Individuals holding past permits for control of *invasive* aquatic plants and/or “mixed stands” of native and invasive species will be allowed to treat via individual permit until January 1, 2009 if “impairment of navigation” and/or “nuisance conditions” is adequately documented, unless there is an approved lake management plan for the lake in question.
4. Control of invasive species or “mixed stands” of invasive and native plants will follow current best management practices approved by the Department and contain an explanation of the strategy to be used. Established stands of invasive plants will generally use a control strategy based on Spring treatment. (typically, a water temperature of less than 60 degrees Fahrenheit, or approximately May 31st, annually).
5. Manual removal (see attached definition) is allowed (Admin. Code NR 109.06).

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\* *Exceptions to the Jan. 1, 2009 deadline will be considered only on a very limited basis and will be intended to address unique situations that do not fall within the intent of this approach.*

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### **DOCUMENTATION OF IMPAIRED NAVIGATION AND/OR NUISANCE CONDITIONS**

Navigation channels can be of two types:

- Common use navigation channel. This is a common navigation route for the general lake user. It often is off shore and connects areas that boaters commonly would navigate to or across, and should be of public benefit.
- Individual riparian access lane. This is an access lane to shore that normally is used by an individual riparian shore owner.

Severe impairment or nuisance will generally mean vegetation grows thickly and forms mats on the water surface. Before issuance of a permit to use a regulated control method, a riparian will be asked to document the problem and show what efforts or adaptations have been made to use the site. (This is currently required in NR 107 and on the application form, but the following helps provide a specific description of what impairments exist from native plants).

**Documentation of *impairment of navigation*** by native plants must include:

- a. Specific locations of navigation routes (preferably with GPS coordinates)
- b. Specific dimensions in length, width, and depth
- c. Specific times when plants cause the problem and how long the problem persists
- d. Adaptations or alternatives that have been considered by the lake shore user to avoid or lessen the problem
- e. The species of plant or plants creating the nuisance (documented with samples or a from a Site inspection)

**Documentation of the *nuisance*** must include:

- a. Specific periods of time when plants cause the problem, e.g. when does the problem start and when does it go away.
- b. Photos of the nuisance are encouraged to help show what uses are limited and to show the severity of the problem.
- c. Examples of specific activities that would normally be done where native plants occur naturally on a site but can not occur because native plants have become a nuisance.



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#### **DEFINITIONS**

Manual removal:	Removal by hand or hand-held devices without the use or aid of external or auxiliary power. Manual removal cannot exceed 30 ft. in width and can only be done where the shore is being used for a dock or swim raft. The 30 ft. wide removal zone cannot be moved, relocated, or expanded with the intent to gradually increase the area of plants removed. Wild rice may not be removed under this waiver.
Native aquatic plants:	Aquatic plants that are indigenous to the waters of this state.
Invasive aquatic plants:	Non-indigenous species whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.
Sensitive area:	Defined under s. NR 107.05(3)(i) (sensitive areas are areas of aquatic vegetation identified by the department as offering critical or unique fish and wildlife habitat, including seasonal or lifestage requirements, or offering water quality or erosion control benefits to the body of water).
Rapid Response protocol:	This is an internal WDNR document designed to provide guidance for grants awarded under NR 198.30 (Early Detection and Rapid Response Projects). These projects are intended to control pioneer infestations of aquatic invasive species before they become established.