

**Final Report for Long Lake AIS Monitoring & Education Project
Project Number AEPP-104-08**

Summary of Clean Boats/Clean Water and AIS Education Activities

Beginning in May 2008 through October 2008, Long Lake volunteers staffed our public boat landing on most weekends, Friday through Sunday. Three paid staff members who had received CBCW training were the main core of inspectors with additional assistance coming from volunteers throughout the season. We checked more than 200 boats and spoke with more than 500 people. Our grant money was used to help pay for many of those hours, focusing on paying student helpers to provide some summer employment. This effort not only provided some summer jobs, but educates young people about protecting the beautiful lake that we enjoy.

Members of our Lake Association went door to door to homeowners around the lake in a fund raising effort. They educated our local lake residents about the landing monitoring efforts and the threat of AIS to our lake, and asked for donations to help finance the monitoring effort.

In August, several of our volunteers helped staff the county AIS Outreach booth at the Bayfield County Fair organized by Bayfield County's AIS Coordinator, Stefania Strzalkowska. We contacted many people, educating those contacts through displays, handouts and discussions about AIS and local efforts working to protect our lakes.

Our Lake Association was represented at the NW Lake Conference held in Cable and also at the WAL Lake Convention held in Green Bay during 2008. One of our members participated in the Wisconsin Lake Leader training held during 2008. Our local commitment to training is demonstrated through our participation and sharing of the knowledge gained in the information gathered at these well organized events.

AIS Monitoring and Management

The threat of Eurasian milfoil is very real to Long Lake as many of our boaters come from nearby infected waters. The majority of the people that were contacted at the landing were familiar with the threat. In addition, we have many residents on the lake that watch for possible AIS including any suspicious fish kills. One such kill was reported to the DNR this fall. Without the focus on AIS at our monthly summer meetings for our local Lake Association, this monitoring would not necessarily be happening. We've had speakers share up to date information on what is happening across Wisconsin.

Our landing monitors have also worked with the owners and visitors of two private landings on Long Lake. Tri-Lake Timbers Resort and Campground is made up of 4 cabins, 60 seasonal camping spots, and a lodge with bar facilities. Their private landing is used by all the guests. Bethany Baptist Church out of Benoit has the other private landing, and it is used frequently throughout the season. AIS educational materials are

provided by our Lake Association to these owners for their guests, as well as receiving updates on rules, prevention steps, and any other AIS news.

AIS Related Materials Generated or Paid For

The most significant expenditure during 2008 was a large sandwich board sign (picture attached) placed on the road approaching our boat landing that alerts visitors that boat inspections are occurring. The sign is well developed, very visible to all passer-bys and demonstrates the commitment to CBCW on Long Lake. We used this sign at the Fair, too.

Our Lake Association budget for each summer is very small and without the additional support of grant money our monitoring program would not be as successful as we were in 2008. We are appreciative of the DNR's commitment to education and lake protection, and the coordination provided by Bayfield County through Stefania.