

Lac du Flambeau Town Lakes Committee

Volunteer Appreciation Reception
August 28, 2008

WDNR Grant: AEP-130-08

Program

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Welcome & Introductions

- Francis Charlier, Chair, Lac du Flambeau Town Board
- Dee Mayo, Vice-President, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Ted Ritter, Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator
- TLC Members
- AIS Coordinators: Jane Pfeiler, Nancy Edwards, Mark Walker

TLC Mission

To Protect the Lakes
from
Aquatic Invasive Species

TLC Goals

- ◆ Educate and Communicate
- ◆ Prevent AIS Infestations
- ◆ Manage AIS Infestations
- ◆ Operate Efficiently & Effectively

TLC Activities

Supported by WDNR Grant

- Conduct Waterside Inspections
- Conduct Lake Monitoring
- Host Rally
- Present CBCW/AIS Workshop
- Present Training on Starting a Lake Association
- Participate in Lakes Fest
- Purple Loosestrife Management
- Newsletters, Brochure, Education Packets
- Rapid Response Plan & Strategic Plan
- Support Lake Association Attendance at Workshops

WDNR AIS Grant

- In January 2008, the TLC submitted a grant application to the WDNR requesting funds to combat AIS
- In early April, the Town Board was notified that it would receive \$44,000.00 from the WDNR (matching grant) to sponsor several AIS prevention activities.

Grant Partners

- Lac du Flambeau Town Board
- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Crawling Stone Lakes Association
- Shishobogama-Gunlock Lakes Association
- White Sand Lake Association
- Lake Placid Lakes Association
- Squaw Lake Association
- Ike Walton Lake Association

Grant Supporters

- Roger Breske, State Senator, 12th District
- Dan Meyer, State Representative, 3rd Assembly District
- Victoria Doud, Lake Superior Band of Chippewa Indians
- Ted Ritter, Invasive Species Coordinator, Vilas County
- Sue Drum, Secretary, Vilas County Lakes Association
- Ronald Zimmer, Lac du Flambeau Lions
- Judy Sudbury, Lac du Flambeau Area Improvement Association
- Dr. Tim Kraatz, Director, Trout Lake Station, University of Wisconsin

Grant Targets

- 2000 Hours of Watercraft Inspections
- 700 Hours of Lake Monitoring
- Raise the equivalent of \$14,000 in volunteer time and other donations

Progress

As of August 4, 2008

Watercraft Inspections

Target 2000 Hours Actual 1844 Hours

Lake Monitoring

Target 700 Hours Actual 998 Hours

Dollar Equivalent Donations

Target \$14,000 Actual \$28,340

Survey Results

Do you believe AIS threatens local ecosystems?

Yes	98%
No	1%
DK	0%
NR	1%

Survey Results

Do you believe that the presence of AIS would detract from the attractiveness of lakes in LDF?

Yes	95%
No	2%
DK	2%
NR	1%

Survey Results

Do you support the TLC's effort to stop the spread of AIS?

Yes	98%
No	0%
DK	2%
NR	0%

Survey Results

Have you taken time to conscientiously look for Aquatic Invasive Species in water near your residence?

Yes	72%
No	26%
NR	2%

Survey Results

If AIS like Eurasian water milfoil is found in a lake in Lac du Flambeau, should chemicals be used to manage the infestation?

Yes	45%
No	4%
DK	46%
NR	4%

Survey Results

If AIS like Eurasian water milfoil is found in a lake in Lac du Flambeau, should the plants be removed by hand?

Yes	56%
No	5%
DK	35%
NR	3%

Survey Results

Do you know what to do if you suspect you have found AIS?

Yes	77%
No	12%
DK	11%
NR	0%

Survey Results

Have you heard of a fish disease called viral hemorrhagic septicemia, also called VHS?

Yes	74%
No	24%
DK	1%
NR	1%

Survey Results

Are you aware of the new rules regarding the movement of water and minnows between lakes?

Yes	77%
No	16%
DK	5%
NR	1%

Survey Results

Have the TLC newsletters been effective in informing you about AIS?

Yes	91%
No	2%
DK	3%
NR	3%

Survey Results

Is issuing such newsletters an appropriate use of tax dollars?

Yes	91%
No	0%
DK	6%
NR	2%

Survey Results

Is having watercraft inspectors at landings an effective way to keep AIS from spreading?

Yes	86%
No	1%
DK	13%
NR	0%

Survey Results

Is having watercraft inspectors at landings an effective way to educate the public about AIS?

Yes	92%
No	0%
DK	6%
NR	1%

Survey Results

Is employing individuals to inspect watercraft an appropriate use of tax dollars?

Yes	78%
No	6%
DK	13%
NR	2%

Survey Results

Do you think watercraft inspectors should be paid, unpaid, mix of paid & unpaid?

Paid	11%
Unpaid	10%
Mix	73%
NR	6%

Survey Results

Do you believe consideration should be given to expanding the TLC's focus to include terrestrial invasive species in addition to aquatic invasive species?

Yes	52%
No	9%
DK	34%
NR	5%

Survey Results

How many minutes did it take you to complete the survey?

Minutes	Value	Stamps	Value
993	\$132.34	65	\$29.40

The total value of the minutes & stamps donated (\$161.74) generated \$485 from the WDNR, enough to cover 40 hours of a coordinator's salary.

Focus on the Future

Your Thoughts are Needed!

- ✓ What should the TLC focus on in the future?
- ✓ What is the TLC doing that it **should continue** to do?
- ✓ What is the TLC doing that it **should stop** doing?
- ✓ All things considered, what grade do you give the TLC? A, B, C, D, F?

Please complete the handout and turn it in before you leave



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■ Larry Wawronowicz, Tribal DNR

■ Ted Ritter, Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator

