

SUMMARY OF LAKE NEBAGAMON BOAT LAUNCH MONITORING FOR 2012 SEASON

This year we monitored the lake from fishing opener on May 5th through Labor Day, September 3rd. In May we monitored weekends only. On May 29th we began monitoring 6 days per week (Tuesday through Sunday) for 46 hours each week.

Our three monitors from last year all returned for this season. They are, William Cain, Andrew Esselstrom and Lindsey Splinter. They did an exceptional job again this year. They were very thorough in their approach and focused in on all aspects of the boat inspection, but especially the live wells, drain plugs and any vegetation. All three of our monitors were dependable so no shifts at the launch went unattended.

There were 137 work shifts completed by the 3 paid monitors that involved 695 hours (\$8.50 per hour, equaling \$5,907.50 in wages paid). There were 33 ½ donated hours by the monitoring supervisor. Additional costs for workers' compensation, FICA withholding, and 3 monitor T-shirts totaled \$1,075.

We monitored 1,455 total boats, of which 1,142 were entering the lake and 313 were leaving the lake. 165 boats had been in another lake within the previous 5 days and of these, 67 had been in a lake or river identified as having zebra mussels or Eurasian Milfoil problems or both by the Wisconsin DNR or Minnesota DNR. These were screened especially rigorously and the boat owners were advised that the lakes they had been in contained invasive species. We had no violations and the number of people contacted was 3,030 (just over 2 people per boat).