

Lake Owen Association Lake Manager Activities Report Board Update June 17, 2020

North Landing Clean Boats, Clean Waters

CBCW inspectors started working at the North Outlet Landing on May 22 and at the Two Lakes Campground June 12. The North Outlet Landing is staffed seven days per week and the campground landing is staffed three days per week (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). We have two returning inspectors: Zach Derosiers and Gary Gustafson and are seeking additional staff.

We are operating according to safety guidance (masks, social distancing, no handouts) from the WI DNR which is required by the USFS volunteer agreement.

North Landing, Decontamination Station

We have not pursued updated permission for, or the development of, the decontamination station for 2020. The Forest Ranger is back as of June 15, so that could be pursued if desired. Staffing may be an issue. Clint assisted with updating the forms, so those are ready to go.

Web Site Recommendations

Ed Ronkowski has completed most of the updates to the web site. There is substantially more information under the "Lake Issues" pages. Check it out and thank Ed if you see him!

Is the board interested in having their photos and contact information on the web site?

Shoreland Restoration

The web site includes an offer of free consultations (paid for by the lake protection grant) in late June and/or early July. Cheryl has four people on a list to schedule so far.

Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response

An AIS Rapid Response Plan is a deliverable for the lake protection grant and a task in the strategic plan. A draft is available.

Considerations for discussion:

Maintain a permanent contingency fund for rapid response to Eurasian Water Milfoil, Zebra Mussels, and other invasive species.

Contact for potential invasive species identification: is there a volunteer on the lake, or should concerns be directed to lake managers?

What board contact should be listed for AIS response?

Lake Owen Data Collection Update (from Steve Schieffer)

Water Clarity Study

Steve and Jake met on June 16 to review groundwater model data collection which will be underway this year.

AIS Activities

Yellow iris will be checked next week (week of June 22) to assess effectiveness of 2019 herbicide and to check for other potential new sites for control. The AIS meander survey to check the whole lake for potential AIS will be conducted at that time.