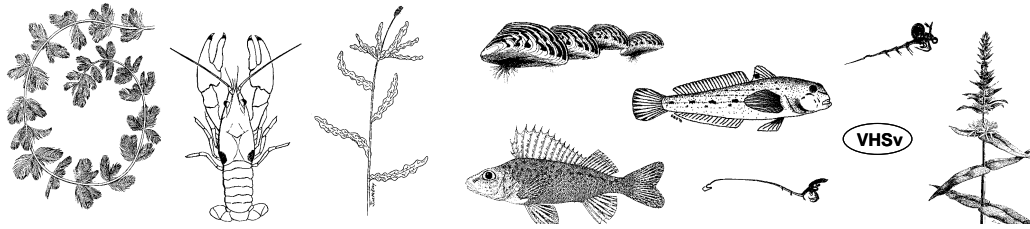


AIS Update

LCC - March 14, 2008 Meeting



Review of WDNR AIS Control Grant – guideline to county AIS activities

Goal A. Create and enhance a network to support and streamline AIS prevention and control efforts in coastal and inland watersheds; develop strategic plan.

Goal B. Document invasive species locations and zones of influence over time.

Goal C: Prevent further spread of AIS through education.

Goal D: Obtain and manage funding to provide support for evolving water quality issues.

Note: AIS Project Coordinator is noted as "PC" in text below.

GOAL A:

A network has been created with solid working relationships. The following are lists of entities the PC works with to enhance and streamline all AIS efforts in the county.

Established Relationships:

Federal, State & Tribal	County and Municipalities	Lake Groups and others
US Forest Service – Washburn District	BC Tourism & Recreation Dept.	Iron River Area Lake Asso.
US Forest Service – Great Divide District	BC Zoning Dept.	Namakagon Lake Asso.
US Fish & Wildlife Service	BC Sheriff’s Dept.	Lake Owen Asso.
National Park Service – Exotic Plant Team	BC UW Extension	Delta Area Lake Asso.
WDNR – Lakes Team	BC AIS Committee	Cable Lakes Asso.
WDNR – Conservation Wardens	Town of Iron River	Long Lake Property Owners Asso.
UW Extension Lakes Program	Town of Barnes	Bayfield County Lakes Forum
Great Lakes Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC)	Town of Delta	Property Owners Asso. Inc., Barnes/Eau Claire Lakes Area
Red Cliff Tribe	Town of Washburn	Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute
Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA)	Other County AIS Coordinators	Northland College
		Chambers of Commerce

Developing Relationships:

Federal and State	County and Municipalities	Lake Groups and others
National Park Service –Apostle Island National Lakeshore	City of Bayfield	Diamond Lake Asso.
	City of Wasburn	Spider Lake Asso.
Rep. Gary Sherman	All other towns	Half Moon Lake Asso.
	Village of Mason	Resorts
		Bait Shops
		School and civic groups

The Final Draft strategic plan will be revised with a few additions to the listed activities gleaned from submitted comments. It is hoped the finalized plan will be adopted by the county board by the end of April 2008.

Goal B: This goal is achieved with extensive collaboration with government agencies and environmental companies who are employed by lake groups. The PC does not have to come up with this information herself, but to seek it out by contacting various entities. Databases exist with GLIFWC and DNR and through communications with these agencies, invasive species populations are documented.

Goal C: Much outreach and education has occurred to various audiences either by the PC herself or presenting in collaboration with others. The table below lists educational outreach and trainings that have occurred in the county.

Event	Type of Forum
Northland College Career Day	General outreach and soliciting for volunteer opportunities
Clean Boats Clean Water Workshops - (2)	Watercraft Inspection training
Citizen Lake Monitoring Workshops - (2)	Water Clarity and AIS Monitoring training
Bay Area Farm & Garden Show	General outreach
Kid's Fishing Day @ NGLVC	General outreach
VHS Workshop - presenter	Educational
Iron River Blueberry Festival	General Outreach
Plant Identification Workshops - (2)	Educational & AIS Monitoring training
Bayfield County Fair	General outreach
Northern Wisconsin Rod & Gun Club	Educational Presentation
Namakagon Lake Asso. Annual Meeting	Educational Presentation and outreach
Lake Owen Asso. Annual Meeting	General Outreach and commented on AIS Control Grants
Cable Lake Asso. Annual Meeting	Introduction of me and county position
Bayfield County Lakes Forum Annual Meeting	Introduction of me and county position
POA, Inc., Barnes Eau Claire Annual Meeting	Educational and training
Long Lake POA June Meeting	Educational Presentation and introduction of me
Mt. T's Bait Shop, Iron River	General outreach
Delta Area Lake Association	Introduction of me and county position

Goal D: The PC has been the primary author of three AIS Control Grants for Education, Prevention and Planning Projects in the Barnes, Iron River and Delta Areas. Through the NCWMA, I have assisted with two other grants that target invasive species management in the county, both aquatic and terrestrial plants. In the AIS Strategic Plan, the PC is slated to write another WDNR AIS Control Grant to continue the county coordinator position to meet the goals of the strategic plan.

Additional AIS products at the county level:

- Establishment of a long-standing AIS Committee
- Creation of a county transport ordinance to prohibit the transfer of AIS from lake to lake