

Rice Lake Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
Lake District Survey
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October 18, 2008 (to date: 332 surveys tabulated)

Section #1: Residency

#1. The area of the District you rent/own property.

Grp Date:	SW	SE	NW	NE	Non Resid	Total	
First entry	1	7	9	1	2	20	
Second Entry	45	43	142	30	12	272	
Third Entry	8	6	19	7	5	45	
	54	56	170	38	19	337	Total Resp
	16%	17%	50%	11%	6%		% of Resp

#2. Type of property.

Prop. Type	Own	Rent	On-Lake	Off-Lake	Total	% of Type
Perm. Res.	258	3	62	159	482	85%
Seasonal	5	0	5		10	2%
Cabin	2		1	1	4	1%
Undv Land	7		5	1	13	2%
Business	23		6	13	42	7%
Other	7	3	4	3	17	3%
	302	6	83	177	568	Total Resp
	53%	1%	15%	31%		% of Resp

#3. How many months are you at the property?

0<3 Months	3<6 Months	6<9 Months	9-12 months	Totals:
3	3	9	234	249
1%	1%	4%	94%	%

#4. How long have you lived here?

<1 Year	1-5 Years	6-10 Years	11-20 Years	>20 Years	Total Resp
9	55	54	68	110	296
3%	19%	18%	23%	37%	%

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Section #2: Lake Use & Lake Issues

#1. Activities that you do on the lake.

Grp Date:	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Pontoon	Swimming	Rest/relax	Hunting	Walk/Bike	Skig/T ubing	Scuba	Canoe/Kayak	Rec Boating	Wild Life	Sailing	Jetski	Other	None	Total:
	10	10	3	5	10	1	6	4		1	7	9	1	1	5	1	74
	119	145	50	43	124	9	120	46	2	51	65	104	3	4	21	47	953
	20	25	15	11	25	4	24	10		13	17	23	1	1	3	4	196
																	0
Total:	149	180	68	59	159	14	150	60	2	65	89	136	5	6	29	52	1223

Grand Total

#2. Three most used activities.

Rating:	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Pontoon	Swimming	Rest/relax	Hunting	Walk/Bike	Skig/T ubing	Scuba	Canoe/Kayak	Rec Boating	Wild Life	Sailing	Jetski	Other	None	Total:
Most	36	60	24		24	1	56	3		4	9	28	1	1	7	5	259
Second	33	39	20	6	36	1	29	11		10	18	21		1	3		228
Third	15	27	3	12	37	3	22	7		12	14	34			1	3	190
Total Resp:	84	126	47	18	97	5	107	21	0	26	41	83	1	2	11	8	677
%	12%	19%	7%	3%	14%	1%	16%	3%	0%	4%	6%	12%	0%	0%	2%	1%	

Grand Total

#3. Negative Issues:

Issue:	Responses:
Poor Fishing	45
Public Use	10
Overdevel.	53
Poor Access	28
Low Water	30
Odors	69
Debris	52
Excess Sking	19
Aquatic Plant	117
Wildlife:	70
>Weed Growth	220
<Weed Growth	
Green Water	173
Lighting	5
Swim Itch	95
Float Veg	120
Other	19
None	9
Total:	1134

#4. Most Concern Issue:

Issue:	Responses:
Poor Fishing	7
Public Use	1
Overdevel.	12
Poor Access	1
Low Water	5
Odors	2
Debris	1
Excess Sking	5
Aquatic Plant	13
Wildlife:	12
>Weed Growth	135
<Weed Growth	
Green Water	31
Lighting	
Swim Itch	20
Float Veg	6
Other	6
None	1
Total:	258

#5. Do you own a boat/watercraft?

Yes	No	Totals:
205	85	

#6. What types of watercraft?

Type:	Total Resp.	%
Fish Boat <50hp	116	33%
Fish Boat >50hp	43	12%
Ski Boat	24	7%
Pontoon	49	14%
Jetski	10	3%
Canoe/Kayak	73	21%
Paddle Boat	25	7%
Sailboat	8	2%
Other	2	1%
Grand Total:	350	

#7. How often do you use launch sites?

	Responses:
Never	65
Only spr/fall	66
Several/month	89
Several/week	
More Often	
Total:	220

#8. How often do you use the lake?

Comments:

Usage:	Total Resp.
5 days/week	13
2-4 Times/week	42
2-4 Times/month	94
2-4 Times/season	88
None	56
Grand Total:	293

#9. How often do you visit the parks?

Usage:	Total Resp.
5 days/week	5
2-4 Times/week	23
2-4 Times/month	62
2-4 Times/season	166
None	69
Grand Total:	325

#10. Which parks so you visit?

Park:	Total Resp.
Hiawatha	36
City	176
Narrows	152
Veterans	125
Indian Mounds	75
Knapp-Stout	10
FFA	1
Other	7
Grand Total:	582

#11. How important is it to have a swimming beach?

Rank:	Total Resp.
Very Important	68
Somewhat	93
Not too	80
Not at all	82
Grand Total:	323

#12. What one thing would most increase your use of the lake?

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Section #3: Aquatix Plant Growth

#1. The amount of plant growth.

Rating:	Total Responses:	%
Increased	194	62%
Decreased	4	1%
Stayed Same	45	14%
Unsure	70	22%
Grand Total:	313	

#2. How much of a problem is the weed growth?

Rating:	Total:	%
Large	172	35%
Moderate	257	52%
Small	9	2%
Unsure	50	10%
None	7	1%
Grand Total:	495	

#3. Has plant growth kept you from activities?

Activity:	Never:	Rarely:	Sometimes:	Often:	Totals:	% responses
Swimming	33	11	58	127	229	20%
Snorkeling	47	8	5	29	89	8%
Shore Fishing	40	14	76	57	187	16%
Boat Fishing	47	25	86	45	203	17%
Watersking/Jet	51	13	23	21	108	9%
Sailing	59	8	5	10	84	7%
Canoe/Kayak	65	17	23	21	126	11%
Wildlife	82	13	26	21	142	12%
Other	0			1	1	0%
Subtotals:	424	109	302	332	1169	Grand Total:
% of Rating:	36%	9%	26%	28%		

We just stay out of those areas.

#4. Do you think that control is necessary?

Response:	Total:	%
Definitely	233	74%
Probably	64	20%
Probably not	5	2%
Definitely not	3	1%
Unsure	10	3%
Grand Total:	315	

#5. Can you tell the difference between native/non-native plants?

Response:	Total:	%
Definitely	11	3%
Probably	32	10%
Probably not	136	42%
Definitely not	76	24%
Unsure	66	21%
Grand Total:	321	

#6. Have tried to remove/control plants?

Response:	Total:	%
Yes	43	13%
No	69	21%
Hired	14	4%
don't have prop.	201	61%
Grand Total:	327	

#7. What method did you use for removal of plants?

Method:	Responses:	Permit/Yes	Permit/No	Permit/?
Hand-pull	53		1	0
Personal Appl.	2		1	1
Mechanical	3	1		2
Other	9			
Total:	67	1	2	3
Permit %'s		1%	3%	4%

#8. Have the harvesters removed plants by you?

Response:	Totals	%
Yes	76	64%
No	16	14%
Unsure:	26	22%
Grand Total:	118	

#9. Who's responsible for plant growth on your shore property?

Responsibility:	Response:	%
City of Rice Lake	71	19%
Town of Rice Lake	50	14%
Barron County	43	12%
WI DNR	75	20%
RL Lake District	81	22%
Land Owner	27	7%
Mother Nature	5	1%
Don't Know	16	4%
Other:	2	1%
Grand Total:	370	

#10. Who's responsible for the plant growth in Rice Lake?

Responsibility:	Response:	%
City of Rice Lake	162	19%
Town of Rice Lake	122	14%
Barron County	107	13%
WI DNR	185	22%
RL Lake District	151	18%
Land Owner	58	7%
Mother Nature	18	2%
Don't Know	40	5%
Other:	6	1%
Grand Total:	849	

#11. What time of the year is the greatest plant growth?

Time Period:	Responses:	%
April-June	36	11%
July-September	168	52%
October-December	1	0%
Don't Know	73	23%
Equally bad	40	12%
Not to Bad	5	2%
Grand Total:	323	

#12. Has green water prevented you from using Rice Lake?

Effect:	Total:	%
Never	57	19%
Rarely	49	16%
Sometimes	120	39%
Often	78	26%
Grand Total:	304	

#13. How often do you use fertilizer?

Frequency:	Total:	%
Once a week		0%
Once a month	23	7%
Once a Season	116	37%
Not at all	130	41%
Don't have any	45	14%
Grand Total:	314	

#14. Do you use phosphorous free?

Response	Total:	%
Yes	65	45%
No	18	13%
Don't Know	60	42%
Grand Total:	143	

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Section #4: Aquatic Invasive Species in Rice LaKE

Curley Leaf Pondweed

#1. Did you know that CLP was in Rice Lake?

Response	Total	%
Yes	148	46%
No	170	53%
Not sure	3	1%
Grand Total	321	

#2. How much do you know about CLP and the problems it can cause?

Response	Total:	%
Read About	135	42%
Very Little	135	42%
Some	43	13%
A lot	6	2%
Grand Total:	319	

#3. Can you distinguish CLP from other aquatic plants?

Response	Total:	%
Definitely Yes	12	4%
Probably Yes	44	14%
Probably Not	107	34%
Definitely Not	98	31%
Unsure	57	18%
Grand Total:	318	

Prevention

#4. Are you Familiar with the 'Clean Boats, Clean Waters' program?

Response:	Total:	%
Very Familiar	116	35%
Somewhat Familiar	141	43%
Not Too Familiar	51	15%
Not at all Familiar	23	7%
Grand Total:	331	

#5. Have you seen/heard of Inspect, Remove, and Drain?

Response	Total	%
Yes	289	90%
No	24	7%
Don't Remember	8	2%
Grand Total	321	

#6. How often do you help prevent invasive species when launching/removing your boat?

Response:	Total:	%
Always	153	50%
Most of the Time	28	9%
Sometimes	12	4%
Hardly ever	4	1%
Never	7	2%
Don't know the steps	6	2%
Don't have a boat	98	32%
Grand Total:	308	

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Section #5: Aquatic Plant Management

#1. Do feel that management is necessary to deal with CLP?

Response	Total:	%
Definitely Yes	164	51%
Probably Yes	98	31%
Probably Not	6	2%
Definitely Not	2	1%
Unsure	49	15%
Grand Total:	319	

#2. Do you feel that management is necessary to deal with other aquatic plants?

Response	Total:	%
Definitely Yes	153	48%
Probably Yes	112	35%
Probably Not	5	2%
Definitely Not	2	1%
Unsure	49	15%
Grand Total:	321	

#3. What methods should be used?

Method:	First Choice	Second Choice	Total:	%
No management	5	1	6	1%
Hand-pulling	16	6	22	4%
<10 Acre Chem	9	20	29	6%
>10 Acre Chem	50	27	77	16%
Harvesting	48	25	73	15%
Drawdown	24	19	43	9%
Dredging	34	40	74	15%
Biology	12	20	32	6%
Need Info	110	24	134	27%
None of Above	2	3	5	1%
Grand Totals:	310	185	495	

#4. What would you consider to be acceptable outcomes for plant Management?

Outcome:	Total:	%
CLP Eradicated	98	25%
As Needed Control	160	40%
All Plants Removed	17	4%
Seasonal Reduction	115	11%
Other:	10	3%
Grand Total:	400	

#5. Other suggestions for control on the lake.