

WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA COOPERATIVE WEED AND PEST MANAGEMENT AREA MEETING

Ottawa National Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan
April 23, 2007

Meeting notes

Attendance

1	Dave Anderson	Flintsteel Restoration
2	Ruth Bozdech	Langford Lake
3	Will Buergey	Dinner Lake
4	Arny Domanus	Long Lake
5	Peter Djupe	Hagerman Lake
6	Fred Duerkop	Duck Lake
7	Barb Gajewski	Watersmeet ANS program
8	George Holm	Friends of Ice Lake
9	Ann Hruska	Dickinson Conservation District
10	Joe LoMastro	Duck Lake
11	Lisa Niemi	The Nature Conservancy
12	Ian Shackelford	Ottawa National Forest
13	Conrad Skinner	Golden Lake
14	Susan Trull	Ottawa National Forest
15	Dara Olson	GLIFWC

Ann Hruska, Watershed Project Manager, Dickinson Conservation District, spoke about their aquatic invasive species work. Some items of particular interest:

- They have worked with local schools to get invasive species in the curriculum
- In 2006 and 2007 MDEQ hosted a children's poster contest for Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week (in May).
- Michigan has a Clean Boats Clean Waters program, like Wisconsin.
<http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/cbcw/index.html> The Dickinson Conservation District is hosting a training on May 23.
- They hire a volunteer coordinator for the summer, at a cost of about \$2500.
- Try to get a "Lake Captain" for each lake.
- Sawyer Lake is using the milfoil weevil *Euhrychiopsis lecontei*. They get weevils every year from EnviroScience Inc. in Ohio (<http://www.enviroscienceinc.com/>). They have spent \$120,000. 2006 was year 4, and no milfoil made it to the surface of the lake. EnviroScience comes every spring and scuba divers twist-tie weevil-laden milfoil stems underwater in the milfoil beds.
- A lake association on Carney Lake has applied Navigate themselves. You do not need a pesticide applicators license to apply Navigate in Michigan. You only need the MDEQ permit, which Carney Lake received. They have liability insurance. Their agent is Paul Dziek, with the Holmberg General Agency in Norway, Michigan.
- They have paid for an AIS billboard.
- They had blue Clean Boats Clean Waters license plates made (\$2 a piece). They have also printed bait labels and litter bags with AIS info.
- For more information, visit <http://www.dickinsoncd.org>

Lisa Niemi, (Conservation Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy, Upper Peninsula Program Office) gave an update on Nature Conservancy / University of Notre Dame boat washing study.

We reviewed infested lakes. According to MDEQ, there have been only four applications for permits to treat AIS within our CWMA: Clearwater, Duck, Langford, and Lindsley. None in Iron County. Any plans for Bass, Buck, Chicagon, Ice, Iron, Paint Pond, or Prickett? Some lakes were planning to send in permit applications soon.

Ian Shackleford asked for help if specific infested lakes had been posted with the new Exotic Species Alert signs: Bond Falls Flowage (3 sites), Cisco Lake, Clearwater Lake, Duck Lake, Ice Lake, Lake Gogebic (four sites), Prickett Lake, Tamarack Lake, and Thousand Island Lake.

Ian reviewed the two grant applications members of the CWPMA applied for. Iron County Conservation District applied for \$43,040 from the Pulling Together Initiative (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation). Chicagon Lake applied for \$5,708 from the MDEQ Water Quality Monitoring "Emerging Issue" grant program. Specific activities by CWPMA members was listed as in-kind work for both application. [Both applications were rejected.] We should write a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers requesting Section 206 help.

In 2006 the US Forest Service (Ottawa National Forest) can offer \$4000 for CWPMA work. There was discussion on how to use the money. Those in attendance voted in favor of supporting...

1. \$1500 for Duck Lake Nuisance Aquatics for EW milfoil control
2. \$1500 for Chicagon Lake Association for EW milfoil control
3. \$200 for Long Lake Association for Japanese barberry control
4. \$500 for the ONF to print Clean Boats Clean Waters brochures for the CWPMA.

Bob Gussert is leaving the Iron County Conservation District, but said he would still be willing help with surveys and could remain the treasurer.