



# Lake Management Planning

## Winnebago Waterways Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Conference Call

Facilitator: Korin Doering, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, [korin@fwwa.org](mailto:korin@fwwa.org), (920) 851-0948

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## Meeting Agenda:

### 10:00am - Introductions

- Brief introduction of attendees
  - Names and organizations
- Updates from around the system
  - Keith Marquardt (WDNR)
    - Upper Fox Wolf TMDL update: on Wednesday (12/12/18), WDNR conducted the public hearing on the Draft UFW TMDL Report, in which 57 people attended, of which 2 provided oral comments. Written comments will be accepted until Jan 18, 2019.
    - He thanks everyone for their work, and hopes you all have a Merry Christmas.
  - Winnebago County
    - Starting design work on breakwalls; year-end paperwork
    - Plans to be a partner in new demo farm network in UFW
  - Fond du Lac County
    - Working to establish farmer led group in Fond du Lac. They want to host winter/spring workshop for farmers to attend. Plan to bring in speaker from Iowa to talk about economics and cover cropping. Likely to take place in March
    - Working with neighboring counties to establish demo farm network
      - In beginning stages in Upper Fox/Wolf – not quite sure what it will look like yet. May have eight farms. Possibly split into northern and southern units (4 farms in each unit). Meeting coming up (12/20/18) to discuss what it might look like.
      - Any staffing assistance? FDL not currently looking for staffing assistance
      - Demo farms require a match for counties that are participating.
    - Year-end work
  - LWQIA
    - Registered for the FDL agriculture showcase coming up in Feb or March (date?). They will have a booth

### 10:20am – Project Updates

- Lake management plan – draft outline
  - Korin will send a link to the Steering Committee for the draft outline

- The group reviewed the draft outline and asked questions/discussed the arrangement of topics for the document.
- Management topics/tech team updates:
  - Habitat
    - Korin held a conference call with three mussel experts from the WDNR. During the conversation, the group drafted a management recommendation for the LMP:
      - *Baseline survey should be done followed by long-term monitoring at index sites*
        - *Monitoring for mussels would help provide a more complete picture of lake water quality and ecosystem health.*
        - *Mussels are a very good indicator of water quality and presence of toxins in the system.*
        - *This would be a recommendation in the lake management plan for future work.*
  - Water Quality
    - We received a draft monitoring plan from the DNR Friday morning. We will review the draft and provide comments.
    - We began analyzing water quality data and will soon begin drafting the water quality report for the LMP
  - Watershed Management
    - Jessica – provided overview of draft format for HUC12 reports
    - We have been collecting background information for each of the HUC12s
  - Water Levels
    - The water level team met again on 11/29/18.
      - Korin provided an overview of a draft table that lists pros/cons of targets and risks of under- and overshooting targets
      - ACOE plans to send recommendations to the public and provide a two-week public comment period. They will then hold a public meeting in January.
      - Korin will let the Steering Committee know when the Army Corps makes those recommendations public.
    - Team is reviewing outreach document
      - Korin provided an overview of a draft outreach document intended to educate the public on the connections between blue-green algae, water quality, aquatic plants, and water levels.
      - Once a final draft is complete, Korin will send it to the Steering Committee for review.
    - Next steps:
      - Finalize note from the last water level meeting (waiting to hear back from work group members)
      - Finalize outreach document (in the process of editing draft)
      - Begin forming committee of stakeholders that will review basin and lake conditions and provide input to the ACOE going forward
  - Recreation
    - Recreation surveys are open. Number of responses we've received so far:
      - Boating: 339
      - Paddling: 72
    - Links to the surveys can be found by visiting: <http://www.winnebago-waterways.org/>
  - Shoreline Practices

- Student continue to work on report that summarizes the shoreline inventories for the lakes
      - The final (round 3) mailing for the Lake Butte des Morts property owner surveys went out Monday morning. We will begin analyzing results and drafting the report in two weeks.
        - Responses so far: 518 out of 1250 (~41% response rate)
    - Aquatic Plant Management
      - We received an updated report from Cason and plan to review their report on Monday (12/17)
    - Aquatic Invasive Species
      - *Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan Update*
      - ✓ *Transport vectors section draft complete*
      - ✓ *Existing AIS Efforts Section draft complete*
      - ✓ *Description, NR40, LMP Process complete*
      - ✓ *Background and Purpose and Introduction complete*
      - ✓ *AIS Species in WW and Threatening AIS draft complete*
      - *Management Strategies and Plan Updates to be completed by the end of December: In process of formatting Strategic Plan to match overall LMP Plan*
    - Community Engagement
      - Community Engagement team was formed over the last month
        - The team will likely meet in the second quarter of 2019
        - Current members:
 

Samara	Hamze	UW-Oshkosh	samara.hamze@gmail.com
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Kelly	Reyer	FWWA	kelly@fwwa.org
  - Organization questionnaire
    - 16 responses so far
    - Working to increase that number because there are plenty more organization in the system
- Project Outreach, Engagement, and Communications
  - Events/meetings planned, attended, or hosted
    - Planned Outreach:
      - 1/05/19 – Fox Cities Roller Derby
      - 1/04 – 1/06/19 - Fox Valley Home and Outdoor Show
      - 1/19/19 - Wild One’s Toward Harmony with Nature
      - 2/2/19 - Otter Street Fisheree
      - 2/7/2019 - CBCW Open House, Winneconne Town Hall. This event is designed for people to come find out more about AIS and the Clean Boats Clean Waters Program. The intent is to get people interested in volunteering to help with CBCW or even AIS Monitoring. I will talk with folks about the CBCW program and what volunteers would do. In addition, everyone that comes will take home packets with flyers and AIS ID cards so even if they aren't interested in volunteering, they will get AIS information. Interested volunteers will work with Chris to find a time to do a formal CBCW training. This will be Fox-Wolf's first

CBCW Open House. Please let Chris know if you are interested in hosting a CBCW Open House. This will also serve a secondary purpose of getting people familiar with Water Hyacinth and be on the lookout for that plant. This is opportune given the belief that it is being dumped into the lake illegally by party/parties unknown in Winneconne. <http://fwwa.org/2018/10/30/water-hyacinth-found-again-near-lake-winneconne-park-illegal-plant-dumping-might-be-cause/>

- 2/10/19 - Sturgeon Spectacular
- 2/23/19 - Battle on Bago
- 2/22 - 2/24/19 - Wisconsin Fishing Expo (Madison): Winnebago Waterways and FWWA to be highlighted at AIS booth being operated by River Alliance of Wisconsin
- 3/1-3/3/19 - 2019 NE WI Fishing Expo
- Hosted Outreach:
  - Winnebago on Tap! – Presenter: Kendall Kamke
    - 11/29/18 at Becket's in Oshkosh
      - Attendees: 34
    - 12/6/18 at The Bar in Appleton
      - Attendees: 47
- Attended Meetings/Events
  - 12/05/18 - Friendship Fishing Club-introduced club to LMP; 15 contacts
  - 12/12/18 - Battle on Bago 2019 Annual Meeting –presented LMP to group; 60 contacts
  - 11/13-11/14/18 - Fall Statewide AIS Partnership Meeting; 43 contacts
- E-newsletter
  - Faucet Snail AIS Spotlight in Wisconsin Waterfowl Association November Newsletter
  - Winnebago on Tap! Flyer
  - Round Goby AIS Spotlight
  - No Till? Yes Please.
  - LMP Planning Update
  - Steering Committee Notes
  - Upper Fox TMDL Public Review
  - FWWA Clothing article
- Social Media
  - AIS articles shared on social media:
    - 12/7/18 AIS Spotlight- Round Goby
    - 12/3/18 New Zealand Mud Snail Found in Two New Streams
    - 11/28/18 Waterfowl Hunters Help Protect Waterways from AIS
    - 11/21/18 Nineteen Pets Rehomed Instead of Potentially Released
  - FB - Satellite ice formation, FB Live for Winnebago on Tap!, 1930s Oshkosh, Winnebago on Tap! advertising, Wildfire's effect on h2o quality, New Holstein Dairy Farmer Leopold Award, Winnebago System boat races, KFIZ article about FDL winter events, Walk Across Winnebago 2019, Wild Rice efforts in GB
  - Instagram – Winnebago on Tap!, No Till Post

	1/2/2018	6/4/2018	7/12/2018	8/9/2018	9/24/2018	10/12/2018	11/8/2018	12/13/2018
Facebook	253	376	394	400	425	434	446	452
Instagram	---	30	51	61	91	101	107	111
Twitter	65	77	80	81	84	83	84	86
Newsletter	863	898	896	796	870	832	882	1107

- o Other
      - Bait Shop Initiative - Contacted bait shops to give AIS information. In exchange, press release with bait shop names sent out to advertise the educational initiative these bait shops are taking.
      - Waterfowl Hunters Outreach Follow Up - Asked to be a part of group to give input and suggestions for waterfowl hunters AIS outreach
      - Hardcopy newsletter mailing
      - ECWRPC mailing
      - Organizational survey outreach

### 11:50am – Public Comment

No members of the public were present during the conference call.

### 11:55am – Meeting wrap-up

- Other updates, events, trainings, and/or workshops?
- Upcoming Steering Committee meetings:
  - o ~~Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 12pm (in-person – location TBD)~~
    - Change to shorter meeting following the Executive Committee meeting on Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019
    - Short conference call on Jan 4<sup>th</sup> to help set agenda for EC meeting
  - o Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 12pm (conference call)
  - o Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 12pm (in-person – location TBD)
- Executive Committee meeting
  - o Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30pm to 3:00pm

### 12:00pm – Meeting close