

2008 Post Lakes Study

Recommended Aquatic Plant Management Implementation Plan Active Goals

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The recommended action plan includes actions for Upper and Lower Post Lake based on the Aquatic Plant Manipulation Alternatives listed in Section 6.2, but incorporates many maintenance alternatives. The District president has approved the following active goals. It will be up to residents of Upper and Lower Post Lake and the District to determine the actions, find the funding, and gather the individuals needed to implement the active goals.

1. Active Goal: To provide education and information to District property owners regarding how native aquatic plant protection and shoreline management can slow the spread of invasive plants, improve the lake fishery, improve wildlife habitat and affect the quality of the water in the lake.

2. Active Goal: To support the identification and preservation of critical species and critical habitat lands and wetlands within the watershed (These are areas with rare vegetation, important habitat for wildlife or important spawning areas).

3. Active Goal: To encourage the incorporation of water quality protection measures in the design, construction and maintenance of all lake access sites on Upper and Lower Post Lakes (e.g., storm water control, site drainage control, appropriate plant matter disposal and watercraft wash-down facilities if such facilities prove to be helpful).

4. Active Goal: To use the District's web page and newsletter to provide property owners with educational information regarding the potential impact their activities, and the activities of their guests, have on Upper and Lower Post Lakes' water quality, the local wildlife and its habitat and the possibility of introducing aquatic invasive species.

5. Active Goal: To continue the WDNR Clean Boats/Clean Waters monitoring program on Upper and Lower Post Lakes and pursue the purchase of an Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor (I-LIDS) system.

6. Active Goal: To continue and expand the WDNR Citizen Lake Monitoring Network's comprehensive water quality monitoring on Upper and Lower Post Lakes, and include water clarity monitoring, which could eventually expand to cover all forms of water chemistry monitoring.

7. Active Goal: To implement and maintain an aquatic invasive species monitoring program (monitor their location and the extent of population spread or decline) that will survey for Curly-leaf pondweed and other aquatic invasive species.

8. Active Goal: To carry out the mechanical plant harvesting program that allows District members and lake visitors to have free and unencumbered access to Upper and Lower Post Lakes.

9. Active Goal: To work in concert with the WDNR staff and representatives of fishing related businesses to evaluate Upper and Lower Post Lake's fish management practices and develop goals in order to maintain and enhance family sport fishery.

10. Active Goal: To meet on a regular basis with local government agencies and representatives of the District, to identify essential and new lake management issues and determine collaborative solutions.

11. Active Goal: To research and conduct a comprehensive study to be able to explain the cause of frequent algae blooms in the Post Lakes System.

12. Active Goal: To assess the feasibility of removing or compressing sediment in order to deepen the lake and limit phosphorus recycling.

13. Active Goal: To enforce Wisconsin's 100 ft (200ft Personal Watercraft [PWC]) no-wake rule (from shoreline) in order to minimize recreational impacts on the plant community, shoreline habitats and to promote safe boating/water safety.

14. Active Goal: To begin a dialog within the District and with the WDNR regarding a curfew for water skiing and other powered water sports.

15. Active Goal: Convince the public that large horse power motors and shallow lakes do not go together.

16. Active Goal: Continue the use of the harvester to maintain recreational access on Lower Post Lake.