

2019 Lake Association Feedback

1. How did things go on your lake or with this plan in 2019?
 - Inspection successes:
 - Don't decrease inspection hours
 - Inspection education/ outreach
 - They are a huge benefit
 - Keep current mix of inspections and education
 - Inspection missed opportunities:
 - **Upper Mission** highest risk lake to get ZM in the county, had no inspection in 2019. Interested in forming a LID but can the 60% threshold be lower? They want help!
 - Taking inspections off of infested lakes.
 - **Ruth Lake LID** hired Penmac for inspectors and now want to go through the county program? Can they? Saves them money! Milfoil increased this year. Getting more education out there.
 - Flexible with hours
 - Identifying fishing and recreation lakes in the county
 - Ossi Chain of lakes, Kimble and Ossi infested with ZM but uninfested up the creek. Education to boaters on proper steps. How can we keep them off the un infested up stream lakes?
 - 3 lake associations that attend the AIS presentation didn't receive inspections on their lake this year.
 - Increase inspection hours for lakes that don't get any now
 - **Upper South Long** - taking inspections away from lakes that we know are infected.
 - Spread out the inspectors at more landings
2. Decontamination successes/ missed opportunities:
 - Education/outreach on decon not as strong.
 - More information on risk from one lake to another.
 - DNR portable decon look up for future dates.
 - Need more decon locations and availability for people to get their boat to a decon station
3. Education and awareness successes/ missed opportunities:
 - Earlier monitoring AIS prevention
 - High school presentations/ program to get kids involved
 - Information on how EWM treatments affect the fish population
 - LID can't get the \$250 public awareness grant?
 - More Social media
4. Eurasian Watermilfoil successes/ missed opportunities:

- Ruth Lake LID more EWM this year than previous years and can't treat it all.
 - Grants for curly leaf pondweed – why is it milfoil only?
 - More allocated funds for treatments
 - Weevil control on EWM
5. Other successes/ missed opportunities:
- Changing policy on LIDs
 - AIS volunteer program information to lake associations
 - Fishing tournaments education/outreach self-inspect report, proper steps to take to protect our lakes.
 - Scheduling around tournaments
 - More emphasis on treatment
 - More \$\$ on treatment
 - Need help forming LID's
 - Would prefer 50% signature petition to current 60%
 - Need focus on phosphorous
 - May want to consider spot inspectors for more random movement.
 - Meet with Lake Associations before plan goes out for public comment to get their input on the proposed plan first.
 - Can we get towel's (or any handouts) to Pelican and Ruth lakes if they are running their own program? Was brought up that we send them the funding for their program, and they could use some of this money to buy things like the towels.

*DNR is getting a bump in boater registration fee's going to them, from about \$5 to just over \$10. They are hoping to have that passed on to lakes for more treatment grants.