

2013 Bone Lake Survey Responses from Bone Lake Management District

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Survey: 48% of properties could be used year-round (12% here full time, 7% snowbirds, and 29% used mainly on weekends). 50% seasonal only (9% here from months at a time). Average longevity is 23 years with 95% satisfaction level on owning Bone Lake property

Response:

- With approximately 28% of properties used full time during summer months, could do more social events during summer
- Need to better educate people on volunteer activities as more people available to volunteer (38% said they were interested in learning more about volunteer activities)
- Develop information packet for new property owners telling them of key resource and helpful information.

Survey: Number one concern is new invasive species entering the lake

Response:

- Install landing camera at South Landing in 2013.
- Continue Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) activities.
- Continue lake monitoring for new AIS.
- Support county wide efforts on education and enforcement.

Survey: Number two concern is excessive aquatic plant growth

Response:

- Spray an additional 15 acres of CLP in 2013 (for a total of 31 acres)

Survey: Number three concern is lack of water clarity

Response:

- Continue programs to install waterfront runoff practices
- Continue programs to reduce phosphorus runoff from Bone Lake streams
- Continue to offer incentives to upgrade non-conforming septic systems
- Provide additional education on how these waterfront runoff practices can improve water clarity which may encourage more people to install such practices
- With a high percentage of owners preferring to own and view cabins/lake homes that blend into the environment, provide additional education about the benefits of these type of properties

Survey: Number four concern is unsafe boat or personal water craft safety

Response:

- Hire County deputy sheriffs for more water patrols.
- Include article in newsletter each year on boating regulations.
- Also have snowmobile club mark the route in winter for snowmobiles

Survey: Number five concern is our decreasing Muskie population and concern with bass fisheries

Response:

- DNR will be at Aug 10 , 2013 annual meeting to further discuss findings and possible actions

Survey: Number six concern is the noise on the lake

Response:

- Include articles in newsletter on reminders about noise control and make people more aware
- Establish a handout for resorts to give visitors on helpful Bone Lake tips and would include reminder about noise

Survey: 25% of property owners forget the date and time of the annual meeting

Response:

- Send out a post card and an email prior to meeting with agenda and meeting date/time/location
- Try to keep meeting time to two hours

Survey: Newsletter is preferred method of receiving information. Many owners unaware of Bone Lake e-mails. Website use is increasing

Response:

- Include bone lake history and property improvement articles
- Include some property value improvement articles
- Consider adding a summer newsletter

- Each newsletter will communicate information on how to enroll in Bone Lake email
- Send more emails out throughout the year to communicate Bone Lake happenings.
- Include more updates on website about current events – snow depth, ice thickness, special happenings
- Keep the website more up to date

Survey: Majority of owners want to keep Bone Lake sponsored fireworks and to help pay for it.

Response:

- There are sometimes two major fireworks displays – the Bone Lake Mgmt. District at the north end and the private display at the south end. The District receives about \$9000 in donations and the private display asks for donations and receives approximately \$8000. More discussions are needed if we wish to keep this approach and/or combine efforts.