

Public Input – Goals from the May 20, 2017 Public Meeting

1. Clean up Stump Bay in Birch Lake (algae, big layer of muck, sludge in the bay)
2. Monitoring of Boats
3. Put better signs at the boat landings
4. Public presentation of the original lake management plan
5. Balance of fishing with recreation use on Birch and Little Birch Lakes
6. Reduce blue-green algae bloom days
7. Representation of a Birch Lake resident on the Committee and Association
8. Improve water quality through phosphorus reduction by 25% in 5 years
9. Harvesting
10. Diverse committee with different perspectives
11. Reduce the curly-leaf pondweed
12. Determine and publicize what is considered “normal” for these lakes
13. Add policing to our lakes at least on weekend (jetskis, skiing, etc)
14. Zero herbicide used to control CLP
15. Intermittent use of herbicides
16. 25 mph limit on Big Chetac
17. Restore native plants
18. Preserve the fisheries
19. Get a grant to treat the phosphorus
20. No bass tournaments during spawning periods (panfish/bass)
21. Slow down and take our time monitor and learn
22. Educate landowners on importance of maintaining septic systems
23. Include Birch Lakes
24. Form a Fisheries Committee in the Association
25. Do baseline study on zero aged fish (young-of-the-year) and aquatic insects
26. Look at purchasing a harvester (as it is on Rice Lake)
27. Address coontail – consideration of native plants
28. Keep navigation routes open
29. Need real science to tests and monitor results (data collection and analysis)
30. Alum treatment – need more data
31. Understand health effects of treatments/herbicides
32. Increase communications among property owners – people have been here for 40 plus years and never contacted
33. Incorporate civic governance (use Dunn County Model)

Additional Goals from Cards

- 1) Have a public meeting and educational event on shoreland survey and practices. Invite a speaker on where this has been done before.
- 2) Let nature take care of itself, so make the goals reflect this sentiment
- 3) Maintain proper respect for fishermen and the fishing community

- 4) Protect the shoreline
- 5) Enforce no wake in the channel
- 6) Be respectful of multi-use on the system. Be mindful of how those uses affect the lake.
- 7) Set "term or date" to assess how the lake changes due to management (good or bad) and modify the plan accordingly and as necessary
- 8) Identify all factors that contribute to lake quality and use (ex: plan fishing tournaments around the spawning period so as not to negatively affect it)
- 9) Review problems with past data collection, collect new data on the tributaries, make sure Birch Lake methods are valid