



Summary to Pearl Lake

CBCW Program 2014

Pearl Lake contracted for a minimum of 60 hrs of CBCW inspections at the boat landing. Previously, only sporadic inspections were performed by Golden Sands RC&D's regional AIS program, or by other volunteers. In 2014, GSRC&D did not receive grant funding for CBCW LTEs, and would not have provided any CBCW inspections at Pearl Lake, were it not for this direct contract. Below is a summary of 2014 services provided and results, as well as some comparison to previous years:

Total hours spent at boat landing

<u>2009</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	2	42*	61

*32.5 of these hrs were GSRC&D staff, 9.5 hrs were logged by a volunteer from Pearl Lake

Total boats inspected

<u>2009</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	4	40	75

Total people contacted during CBCW inspections

<u>2009</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
2	8	104	194

41% of people had seen another inspector previously in the season (either here or at another landing).

20% of people had used their boat on another lake or river in the past 5 days: Alpine Lake, White River Flowage, Napowan, Como, White River Marsh, Long Lake

A majority of the individuals who use the public landing at Pearl Lake are often from the nearby area. Through conversation, our inspectors found that most individuals live either in Redgranite, Wild Rose, or Wautoma. Others were camping in the area. Nearly all launches were for fishing, with very few recreational boaters.

Our staff noted that most people were already pretty knowledgeable about AIS concepts and quite receptive to talking with our inspectors. 92% of boaters were categorized as understanding the concepts well or very well.

We recommend the continuation of boater education at Pearl Lake. Staff or volunteers should be well-trained and knowledgeable about CBCW concepts and what boaters can do to prevent spreading invasive species. Inspectors who merely act as a "policeman" may have a negative impact on boater behavior, but well-trained inspectors can become a resource for boaters, fostering a positive conservation ethic.