

2022 Six-County Northwoods Lakes Meeting

Pressure Rising: Our Crowded Lakes

July 15th, 2022

Oneida County Staff in Attendance: Madeline Hetland and Stephanie Boismenu

Report by: Madeline Hetland, AIS Project Assistant

Today was the sixth annual Six-County Northwoods Lakes Meeting. It took place at the Lakeside Center at Nicolet College. The AIS team, Stephanie, Aubrey, and Madeline, put together a display board and set up a booth at the event. The display board included information and pictures showing what we do and what species we work with. We highlighted zebra mussels and spiny water fleas as those are major threats to the six surrounding counties. We set out specimens of invasive mussels, snails, crayfish, milfoil, and plants for people to observe. We provided other educational materials including brochures, quick guides, identification sheets, wild cards, and stickers they could take with them to share at lake association meetings. People who attended were all from different lake associations across the northeastern part of the state, and each county was well represented. Presentations included topics of lakes policy, wakeboat impacts, tourist rooming housing issues, and AIS programs. The agenda, including the speakers and topics of interest, is below.

8:30	Refreshments/Exhibits	
9:00	Welcome/Updates	<i>Patrick Goggin, Lakes Specialist- UW-EX Lakes</i>
9:10	Policy Picture Lake Carrying Capacity	<i>Mike Engleson, Executive director- Wisconsin Lakes</i>
9:30	Wakeboats: Impacts/Remedies	<i>Chuck Becker, SafeWakes Minnesota Lakes Jeff Meessmann, Last Wilderness Alliance</i>
9:55	Tourist Rooming Houses Access and Viewing Corridors	<i>Bob Thome, Oneida County Supervisor</i>
10:15	Visit Exhibits	
10:30	AIS: Shoreline Inspection	<i>Joe Steinhage, Two Sisters Lake</i>
10:45	AIS: Full-Time CBCW	<i>Keith Montgomery, Black Oak Lake</i>
11:00	Attendee Comments/Feedback	<i>Patrick Goggin, Lakes Specialist- UW-EX Lakes</i>
11:30	County-wide meetings	
12:30	Adjourn	