

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) STRATEGIC PLAN  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Public Agency Center – Room 3224  
West Bend, WI

July 24, 2012  
3:00 p.m.

Members present: John Jung (Chairperson), Ardell Zimmer (Vice Chairperson), Dick Baumann, Kenneth Hebbe, Bill Hilgendorf, Mark Rodenkirch

Absent: None

Excused: Deb Sielski-Deputy Administrator, David Berganini-AIS Member

Staff present: Paul Sebo-County Conservationist, Paul Klein-AIS Coordinator, Joshua Glass-Planner, Fay Fitts-Administrative Secretary, Erin Brault-Planning Intern

Also present: Ralph Dornacker-Land Conservation Committee, Melvin Ewert-Washington County Board Supervisor, Tod Maclay-Big Cedar Lake POA<sup>1</sup>

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER / REVIEW AGENDA – JOHN JUNG**

Mr. Jung called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The agenda was reviewed. Mr. Glass requested that agenda items 5 & 8 and also 6 & 7 be combined to improve discussions. The Committee agreed to the request.

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING – JOHN JUNG**

Mr. Jung read the affidavit of posting.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL – MINUTES 05/31/12 – JOHN JUNG**

The meeting minutes had been previously emailed to all members. Some members noted that they either did not receive an email with meeting materials or were not able to open the document files electronically. Committee members and staff decided to mail hard copies of meeting materials in the future instead of relying only on email.

**Motion by Mr. Hilgendorf; seconded by Mr. Zimmer to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections. Motion carried unanimously.**

**REVIEW REVISIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT CHAPTER 1 – JOSHUA GLASS**

Mr. Glass presented and reviewed the changes made to the second draft of Chapter 1 since the chapter was originally presented at the July meeting and noted that all additions are underlined and deletions are struck through. Mr. Glass also noted a footnote referencing Appendix A - AIS Identification & Response Guide had been added. Mr. Glass reviewed all edits and confirmed that all changes requested by the Committee and as listed in the minutes have been addressed and a few other minor edits deemed appropriate by staff have also been made. Mr. Glass then opened the discussion to additional comments and requested preliminary approval of the Committee. Mr. Glass explained that preliminary approval would allow staff to post the chapter

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<sup>1</sup> Tod Maclay (Big Cedar Lake Property Owners Association) is not a member of the Committee but will be reviewing draft chapters as they are developed and providing recommendations.

on the County website and make it available for public review. Changes can still be made to the chapter at any time until the plan is formally adopted in its entirety.

**Motion by Mr. Baumann; seconded by Mr. Hebbe to preliminarily approve draft Chapter 1 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**(Items V & VIII on the agenda were combined.) REVIEW REVISIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT CHAPTER 2 – JOSHUA GLASS and DISCUSSION REGARDING USE OF DNR BOAT LICENSE AND FISHING LICENSE LISTS – PAUL SEBO**

Mr. Glass presented and reviewed the changes made to the second draft of Chapter 2 since the chapter was originally presented at the July meeting. Glass explained that Map II-2 was a new addition to the chapter depicting all “major” lakes (50 acres and larger) and significant “other” waterbodies (smaller than 50 acres) and indicating if an AIS has been identified in the waterbody. Numbered triangles correspond to information listed in Tables II-1 and II-2. Mr. Glass also noted that throughout the course of developing the strategic plan, the lake maps will continue to be updated as information is collected.

Mr. Glass stated that based upon the Committee’s recommendation at the last meeting to obtain the WDNR data depicting registered boats and fishing licenses in Washington County, another map had been created. Mr. Sebo presented the new map and related chapter text. Mr. Sebo reviewed how the data was acquired, merged and mapped to identify registered boats and fishing licenses. The map depicts ~3077 registered boats and ~4036 fishing licenses from Washington County. The additional language presented was considered for incorporation into draft Chapter 2. He noted that the lists were not all inclusive stating that many people opt off of the DNR mailing list and are not represented on the map.

Mr. Glass highlighted a correlation between the information shown on the map and where some of the County’s biggest AIS concerns are concentrated. Mr. Sebo agreed and stated that the new data collected could also be utilized in the future for AIS mailing lists and educational purposes.

Mr. Maclay felt the fishing license numbers were very low wondering how many people had opted off the mailing list and if that information could be obtained from the WDNR. Mr. Sebo indicated that he would research the request.

Mr. Hilgendorf noted the following correction should be made to the note on Map II-8: “Positive identification of Rusty Crayfish have occurred throughout the ~~pond~~lake”.

Mr. Sebo recommended moving Table II-2 so it immediately follows Table II-I in the chapter rather than having many maps separating them. This will make it easier to make references between the tables and maps. Mr. Sebo also recommended including language in Chapter II to reflect that seasonal occurrences of AIS may occur throughout the lakes. The Committee concurred with the suggestions.

There being no further discussion or recommendations, Mr. Jung entertained a motion to preliminarily approve draft Chapter II with the changes that were discussed.

**Motion by Mr. Rodenkirch; seconded by Mr. Hebbe to preliminarily approve draft Chapter 2 along with the changes that were discussed. Motion carried unanimously.**

**(Items VI & VII on the agenda were combined.) OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENT OUTCOMES - CRITICAL ISSUES - JOSHUA GLASS / PAUL KLEIN and REVIEW DRAFT CHAPTER 3 - JOSHUA GLASS**

Mr. Glass presented and reviewed draft Chapter 3 in its entirety. Mr. Glass reviewed Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) Program and Watercraft Inspection information noting that much of the information derived from WDNR documents. He noted that a blank watercraft inspection report form was included as Appendix B.

Mr. Hildendorf suggested that on Page III-2 and Page III-3 the word “susceptible” be replaced with “amenable”. The Committee concurred and staff will make the change.

Mr. Glass reviewed the informational workshop survey results and noted that more information regarding the survey can be found in Appendices C & D. Mr. Glass noted that attendance at the workshops was low (38 people total), but attendees were very engaged in AIS discussion and had many questions and comments during the presentation. Mr. Jung and other members stated that, despite the low turnout, the workshops were very informative, engaging and well done, stating that Mr. Klein did a very good job presenting the information.

Mr. Jung commented on a survey question, noting that many riparian landowners put their boats in the water in the spring and take them out in the fall; rarely ever launching at another location. Mr. Glass agreed that this is important to keep in mind and stated that he would take note of this comment for the next time an AIS or boat-related survey was conducted.

Mr. Glass noted that survey respondents’ AIS knowledge increased by 2.9 points which indicates that public informational workshops can be a very effective educational tool as long as people attend. Members asked if there would be more workshops in the future. Mr. Glass stated that educational workshops could be discussed as planned actions during review of Chapter 4 at the next meeting as part of the educational component.

Mr. Jung suggested that boater safety classes were one avenue to explore for disseminating AIS information. Mr. Klein stated that he does provide AIS literature to the boater safety personnel to distribute to their classes.

Mr. Glass analyzed information obtained through the CBCW Program and Watercraft Inspection Data, informational workshops and brainstorming activities and identified critical AIS issues apparent through each. These critical issues are listed in Part III of the chapter and will serve as a starting point for developing draft Chapter 4.

It was noted that long-term funding was a key component to sustaining AIS combat efforts. Mr. Rodenkirch requested that the last bullet on Page III-7 be considered a high priority and be moved to the top of the list. Mr. Rodenkirch also emphasized that *obtaining assistance with grant writing and application* is also a critical issue that should be listed in Chapter 3 and addressed in Chapter 4. Glass replied that it will be added to the chapters.

Mr. Hebbe suggested that a portion of boat registration sticker revenue should be allocated for AIS. It was noted that some State revenues obtained from fishing licenses and the gasoline tax are retained for funding State AIS programs. Discussion ensued regarding federal funds, State revenues and program allocations. It was recommended that Heidi Bunk (WDNR) be contacted to clarify how these funding sources are being utilized, allocated and distributed.

Staff requested that if AC members thought of any suggested changes to draft Chapter 3 after today's meeting, to please contact them with suggestions. It was noted that draft Chapter 4 will be mailed out to each member approximately one week in advance of the next meeting. If members do not receive the meeting information in the mail, they should contact the department.

Enclosed in the meeting packets were two letters from the WDNR and information regarding regulated aquatic and terrestrial invasive species to possibly include in the plan. The Committee reviewed the materials and the consensus was not to incorporate the materials into the plan and to retain the website link as currently noted on Page I-3.

Preliminary approval was not requested from the Committee at this time. Mr. Glass noted that a revised draft of Chapter 3 will be presented for the Committee to review and consider for preliminary approval at the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING UPCOMING MEETING AGENDAS AND DATES – PAUL SEBO**

The next meeting of Committee was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in Room 3224 of the Washington County Public Agency Center.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Jung presented a photo of a WDNR AIS sign noting that such signs are mounted at all public boat launches. He stated that he would like to discuss ways on how to improve the signage at the next meeting. He suggested possibly including additional signage that is more visible, especially highlighting the penalties involved when breaking the law. He wanted the committee members to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Hildendorf; seconded by Rodenkirch; to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

Debora Sielski  
Deputy Planning and Parks Administrator

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
John Jung, Chairperson

Date \_\_\_\_\_