

EWM Rapid Response Plan for Rice Lake, WI

Monitoring

Continual monitoring of the lake and the public access points for the presence of EWM will be completed by trained Lake District employees, Citizen Lake Monitoring Network volunteers, watercraft inspectors, and other volunteers. Lake District employees will patrol the shoreline of Rice Lake at least once every two months. In-lake inspection at all public access sites will occur once a month by Lake District employees, and continually be trained lake volunteers. Lake District employees and volunteers will collect suspicious plants and document where they were found. Suspicious plants will be submitted to Lake District personnel, this consultant, Barron County, or the WDNR for vouchering

Specimen Vouchering

Volunteers and District employees are asked to collect at least two samples of the suspicious plant including roots if possible and place them in a zip-lock baggie marked with the date, time, and location in the lake that it was found. The samples should be kept refrigerated until they can be submitted to one of the following appropriate personnel.

Lake District

Doug Pitts, RLPRD Board Member
Dave Blumer, Lake Consultant
Dan Graff, Rice Lake High School
?, BMP Summer Intern
?, Watercraft Inspection Coordinator
Tom Flaskamp or Krista Byrnes, CLMN
Volunteers
Jack Nedland, National Lumbering Hall of
Fame Board Member

Barron County Soil and Water Conservation Department

Tyler Gruetzmacher

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Jim Cahow, Water Resources Biologist-
Barron
Kris Larsen, AIS Specialist-Spooner
Pamela Toshner, Lakes Coordinator-
Spooner

Positive Identification

In the event, EWM is positively identified in Rice Lake, the WDNR and Lake District employees will install EWM warning signs at all access points. All harvesting in the area where EWM was identified will immediately cease until arrangements can be made for the completion of a larger, more intensive search of the immediate area that EWM was found. If a sizable area of EWM is identified, EWM buoy markers will be placed in the lake to keep boaters out of the infested area until management can be undertaken.

APM Plan Modification

The following activities will be completed in order to modify existing plant management plan to include the treatment EWM. An evaluation will be completed to determine and then implement the most effective short-term management option. If necessary, a WDNR AIS Early Detection and Response grant will be applied for to help implement recommendations made in the modified plan. Either in the same year or the year immediately following the new identification a larger whole-lake plant survey to look for EWM will be completed. A complete EWM control plan will be completed in the next installment of the existing APM Plan.

AIS Activity Funding

The Lake District created a new AIS Management/Control Account in 2009, to begin with 2010 Lake District Budget. Initially, \$300.00 a year placed in this budget item for support of invasive

species monitoring, identification, and management projects. The amount placed in this budget item will be increased as needed.