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APPENDIX D

Stakeholder Survey Results

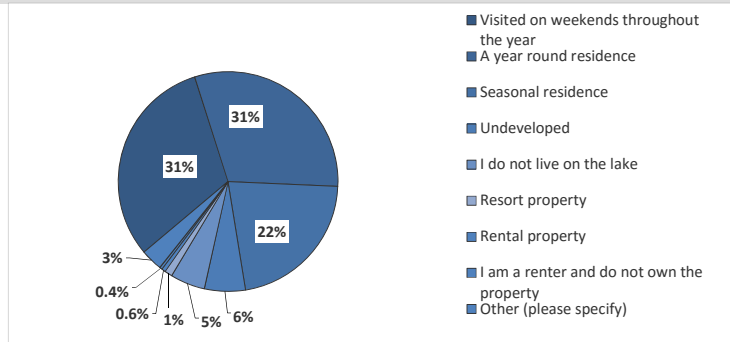
Lake Puckaway - Anonymous Stakeholder Survey

Surveys Distributed: 850
 Surveys Returned: 533
 Response Rate: 63%

Lake Puckaway Property

1. How is your property on or near Lake Puckaway utilized?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Visited on weekends throughout the year	31.2%	165
A year round residence	30.6%	162
Seasonal residence	21.7%	115
Undeveloped	6.0%	32
I do not live on the lake	5.1%	27
Resort property	1.1%	6
Rental property	0.6%	3
I am a renter and do not own the property	0.4%	2
Other (please specify)	3.2%	17
answered question		529
skipped question		4

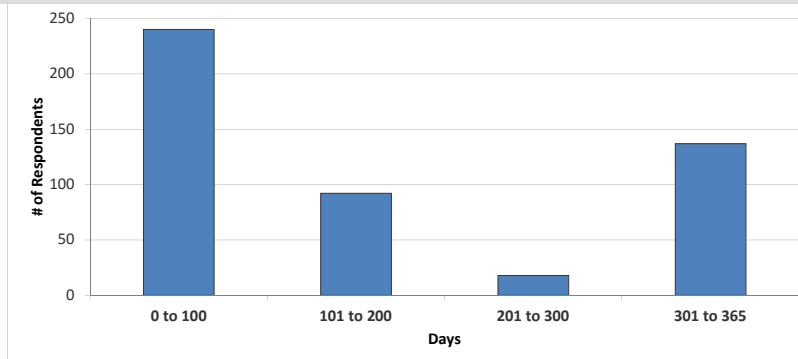


Number	Other (please specify)
1	Weekends plus 2-3 full weeks
2	Seasonal in the Village of Marquette. Boathouse only
3	April thru Nov.
4	visit as often as possible
5	HUNTING ONLY
6	RESTAURANT
7	3 SEASON RESIDENCE
8	spring to fall, when we can to tolerate the campground crowds near our
9	maybe once a month
10	I do not live on the lake have no private access and am forced to pay
11	Don't own lake property and shouldn't be paying a dime as it doesn't
12	utilize residence throughout year; some weekends and some weekdays
13	I have a year around home just off the lake. We have been in this area
14	Year around home with in the District but not on the lake shore. In the
15	Recreation land campsite weekend
16	All summer, all December, all holidays and weekends throughout the
17	Recreation land

2. How many days each year is your property used by you or others?

Answer Options	Response Count
	487
<i>answered question</i>	487
<i>skipped question</i>	46

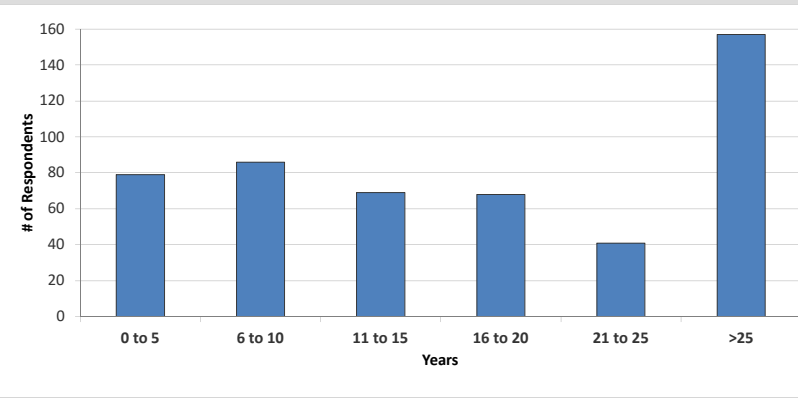
Category (# of days)	Responses	
0 to 100	240	49%
101 to 200	92	19%
201 to 300	18	4%
301 to 365	137	28%



3. How long have you owned or rented your property on Lake Puckaway?

Answer Options	Response Count
	500
<i>answered question</i>	500
<i>skipped question</i>	33

Category (# of years)	Responses	% Response
0 to 5	79	16%
6 to 10	86	17%
11 to 15	69	14%
16 to 20	68	14%
21 to 25	41	8%
>25	157	31%

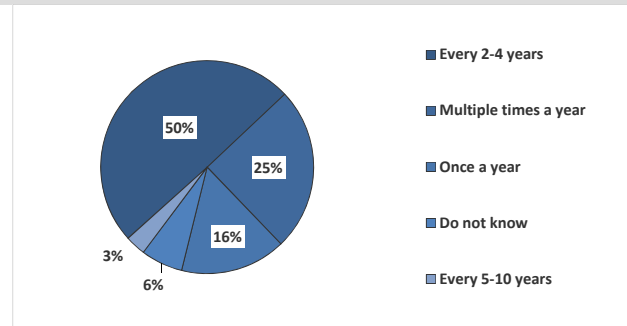


4. What type of septic system does your property utilize?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Holding tank	41.0%	206
Conventional system	30.2%	152
Mound	15.9%	80
No septic system	8.5%	43
Advanced treatment system	2.6%	13
Do not know	1.6%	8
Municipal sewer	0.2%	1
answered question		503
skipped question		30

5. How often is the septic system on your property pumped?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Every 2-4 years	49.7%	226
Multiple times a year	24.8%	113
Once a year	16.0%	73
Do not know	6.4%	29
Every 5-10 years	3.1%	14
answered question		455
skipped question		78

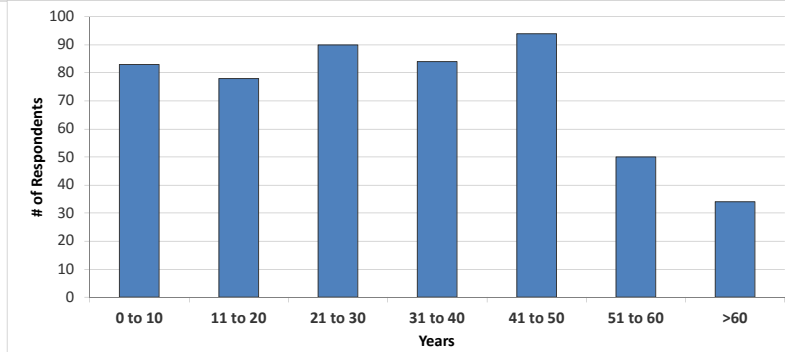


Recreational Activity on Lake Puckaway

6. How many years ago did you first visit Lake Puckaway?

Answer Options	Response Count
	513
<i>answered question</i>	513
<i>skipped question</i>	20

Category (# of days)	Responses	% Response
0 to 10	83	16%
11 to 20	78	15%
21 to 30	90	18%
31 to 40	84	16%
41 to 50	94	18%
51 to 60	50	10%
>60	34	7%



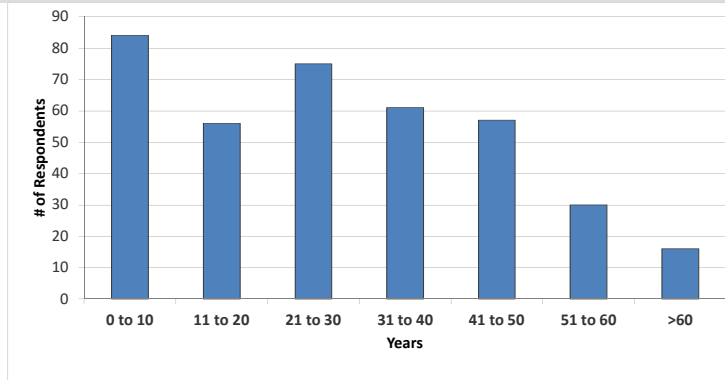
7. Have you personally fished on Lake Puckaway in the past three years?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	73.4%	386
No	26.6%	140
<i>answered question</i>		526
<i>skipped question</i>		7

8. For how many years have you fished Lake Puckaway?

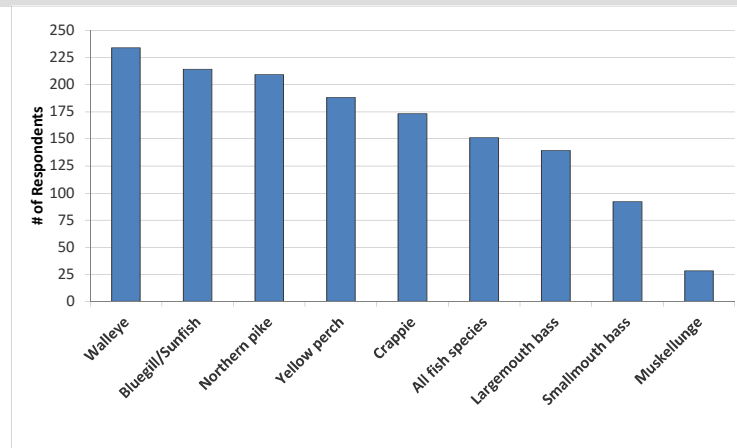
Answer Options	Response Count
	379
<i>answered question</i>	379
<i>skipped question</i>	154

Category (# of years)	Responses	% Response
0 to 10	84	22%
11 to 20	56	15%
21 to 30	75	20%
31 to 40	61	16%
41 to 50	57	15%
51 to 60	30	8%
>60	16	4%



9. What species of fish do you like to catch on Lake Puckaway?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Walleye	60.8%	234
Bluegill/Sunfish	55.6%	214
Northern pike	54.3%	209
Yellow perch	48.8%	188
Crappie	44.9%	173
All fish species	39.2%	151
Largemouth bass	36.1%	139
Smallmouth bass	23.9%	92
Muskellunge	7.3%	28
Other (please specify)	10.1%	39
<i>answered question</i>		385
<i>skipped question</i>		148



Number Other (please specify)

- 1 catfish
- 2 Haven't caught any species
- 3 i like to fish for all but the damn DNR got this lake so screwed up its terrible and the lake district is no better
- 4 walleye northern

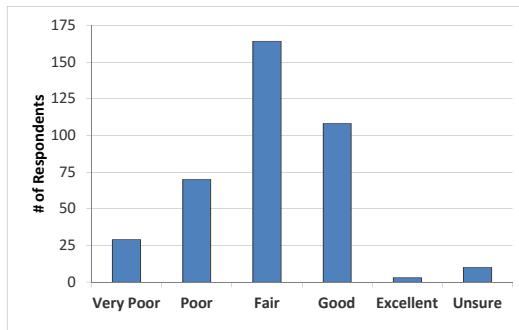
- 5 catfish
- 6 Bullheads, Catfish
- 7 Fish occasionally
- 8 catfish, whitebass
- 9 Catfish
- 10 Catfish
- 11 Catfish
- 12 Catfish
- 13 Catfish
- 14 Catfish, Sheepheads
- 15 Catfish
- 16 Catfish

- 17 Catfish
- 18 Any Fish
- 19 Flat heads
- 20 Catfish
- 21 White Bass
- 22 Cats
- 23 Bullheads many years ago
- 24 Catfish
- 25 Catfish
- 26 CATFISH
- 27 TUNA
- 28 CATFISH

- 29 CATFISH
- 30 CATFISH
- 31 CATFISH
- 32 NOT CARP
- 33 CATFISH
- 34 CATFISH/CARP
- 35 CATFISH
- 36 CATFISH
- 37 CATFISH
- 38 bullheads and catfish
- 39 Catfish, Drum, Dogfish

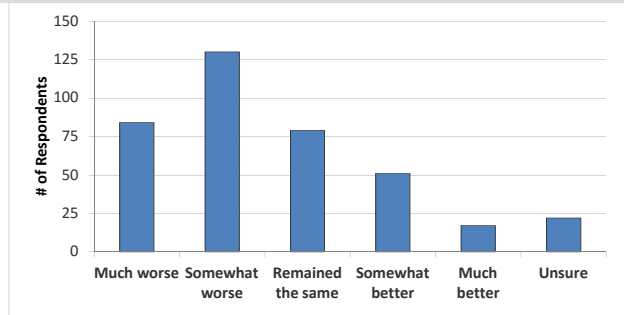
10. How would you describe the current quality of fishing on Lake Puckaway?

Answer Options	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Unsure	Response Count
	29	70	164	108	3	10	384
	<i>answered question</i>						384
	<i>skipped question</i>						149



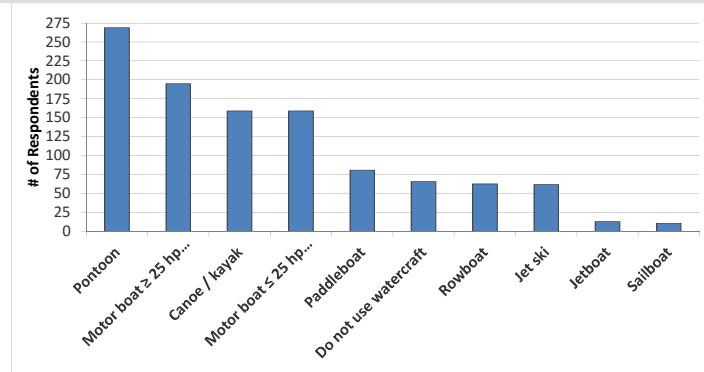
11. How has the quality of fishing changed on Lake Puckaway since you have started fishing the lake?

Answer Options	Much worse	Somewhat worse	Remained the same	Somewhat better	Much better	Unsure	Response Count
	84	130	79	51	17	22	383
	<i>answered question</i>						383
	<i>skipped question</i>						150



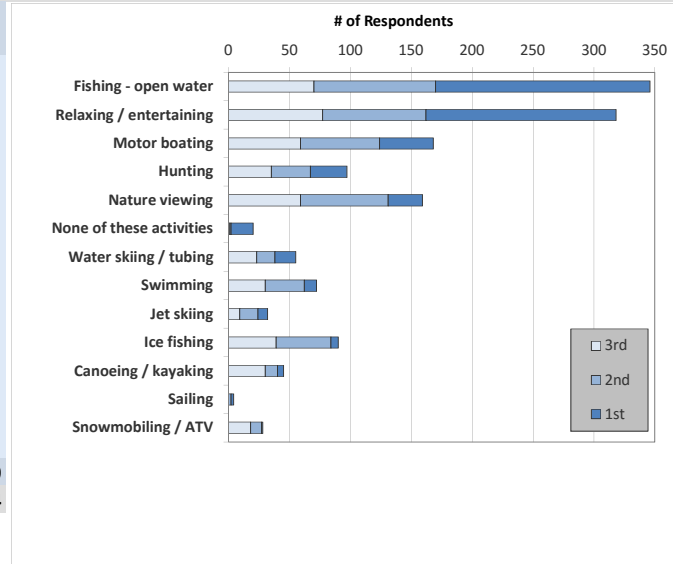
12. What types of watercraft do you currently use on Lake Puckaway?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Pontoon	51.4%	269
Motor boat ≥ 25 hp motor	37.3%	195
Canoe / kayak	30.4%	159
Motor boat ≤ 25 hp motor	30.4%	159
Paddleboat	15.5%	81
Do not use watercraft	12.6%	66
Rowboat	12.0%	63
Jet ski	11.9%	62
Jetboat	2.5%	13
Sailboat	2.1%	11
	<i>answered question</i>	523
	<i>skipped question</i>	10



13. For the list below, rank your top three activities that are important reasons for owning or renting your property on or near Lake Puckaway, with 1 being the most important activity.

Answer Options	1st	2nd	3rd	Rating Average	Response Count
Fishing - open water	176	100	70	1.71	346
Relaxing / entertaining	156	85	77	1.75	318
Motor boating	44	65	59	2.15	168
Hunting	30	32	35	1.96	97
Nature viewing	28	72	59	2.09	159
None of these activities	18	1	1	0.74	20
Water skiing / tubing	17	15	23	2.02	55
Swimming	10	32	30	2.30	72
Jet skiing	8	15	9	2.05	32
Ice fishing	6	45	39	2.41	90
Canoeing / kayaking	5	10	30	2.49	45
Sailing	2	2	0	0.50	4
Snowmobiling / ATV	1	9	18	2.62	28
Other (please specify below)	11	4	9	2.21	24
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answered question					519
skipped question					14



Number "Other" responses

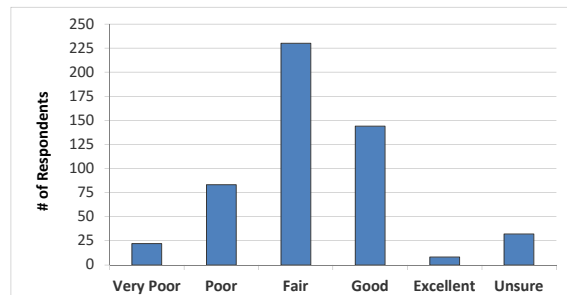
- 1 Duck hunting
- 2 we also fish off our pier, utv on ice, view nature & animals all year, pontooning to entertain & fish & take grandkids tubing
- 3 Kayaking
- 4 Peace & Quite
- 5 County living
- 6 Family
- 7 Family
- 8 Its home
- 9 Cutting Marsh thoy. Stop high horse power boats and go debils. limit areas of activity to encourage plant growth in Puck hunting areas to promote plant growth!!! Boat traffic kills plants!!
- 10 Water skiing/tubing---4th
- 11 Nature Viewing---4th
- 12 Family-- 1st
- 13 Flea Market Princeton--2nd
- 14 Do NOT want anything else built on Marquette Village side that will block my view. Those condos that were built were the worst possible thing ever! Not only are they ugly and don't fit in the atmosphere of our village, but they block the view of the property owners who were there first.
- 15 Shore fishing
- 16 a Fondable -- 1st
- 17 Pasturing Cattle-- 1st
- 18 Pasturing-- 1st
- 19 Put pets

- 20 FAMILY MEMORIES
- 21 PONTOONING
- 22 WILDLIFE HABITAT
- 23 RETIRED HERE
- 24 REGULATED AND CLEAN WATER
- 25 OWN A BUSSINESS
- 26 BIKE RIDING
- 27 FAMILY HOME
- 28 Family Owned Property for Years
- 29 Privacy
- 30 Relaxing, water skiing and tubing with grand kids.
- 31 trapping
- 32 Family summer home
- 33 Pontooning
- 34 water is so low in summer cant even get pontoon off lift
- 35 the key here is I don't own property on or near the lake how ever last i checked every person in the USA owns these lakes not the DNR or the lake district
- 36 disabled
- 37 wildlife habitat
- 38 handicap
- 39 Golf
- 40 waterfowl hunting
- 41 Access & Ability to Boat up River to River's Bend

Lake Puckaway Current and Historic Condition, Health and Management

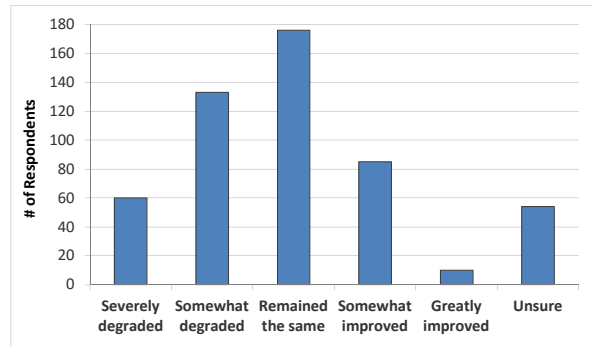
14. How would you describe the current water quality of Lake Puckaway?

Answer Options	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Unsure	Response Count
	22	83	230	144	8	32	519
	<i>answered question</i>						519
	<i>skipped question</i>						14



15. How has the current water quality changed in Lake Puckaway since you first visited the lake?

Answer Options	Severely degraded	Somewhat degraded	Remained the same	Somewhat improved	Greatly improved	Unsure	Response Count
	60	133	176	85	10	54	518
	<i>answered question</i>						518
	<i>skipped question</i>						15



16. Before reading the statement above, had you ever heard of aquatic invasive species?

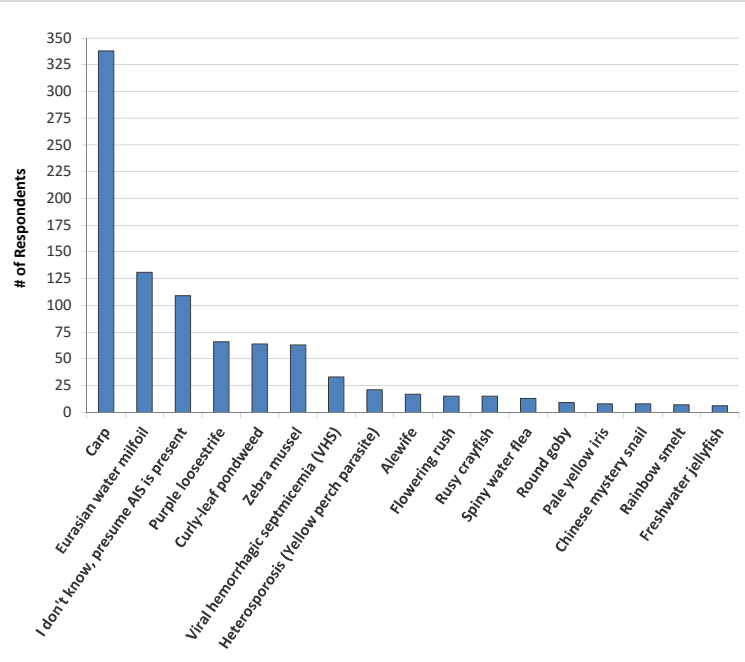
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	90.9%	470
No	9.1%	47
	<i>answered question</i>	
	517	
	<i>skipped question</i>	
	16	

17. Do you believe aquatic invasive species are present within Lake Puckaway?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	87.0%	395
No	13.0%	59
	<i>answered question</i>	
	454	
	<i>skipped question</i>	
	79	

18. Which aquatic invasive species do you believe are in Lake Puckaway?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Carp	83.7%	338
Eurasian water milfoil	32.4%	131
I don't know, presume AIS is present	27.0%	109
Purple loosestrife	16.3%	66
Curly-leaf pondweed	15.8%	64
Zebra mussel	15.6%	63
Viral hemorrhagic septemicemia (VHS)	8.2%	33
Heterosporosis (Yellow perch parasite)	5.2%	21
Alewife	4.2%	17
Flowering rush	3.7%	15
Rusy crayfish	3.7%	15
Spiny water flea	3.2%	13
Round goby	2.2%	9
Pale yellow iris	2.0%	8
Chinese mystery snail	2.0%	8
Rainbow smelt	1.7%	7
Freshwater jellyfish	1.5%	6
Other (please specify)	3.7%	15
answered question		404
skipped question		129

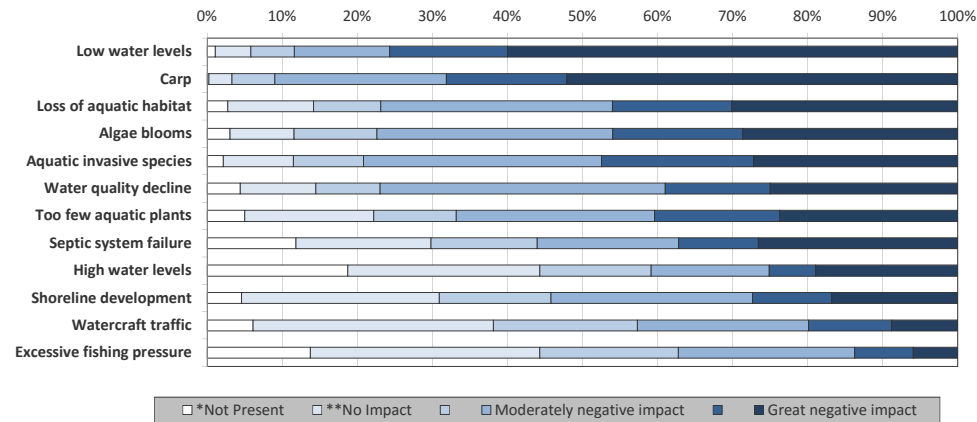


Number "Other" responses

- 1 Overall Pollution
- 2 fishing has gone downhill since they started netting the carp and raised the size limit on the northernns
- 3 I am unsure of the name of the weeds that grow now by the shore
- 4 it muddys the water
- 5 Weeds
- 6 narrow Eurasian cattails
- 7 Very weedy along shore hard to swim.
- 8 Something that make my legs itch
- 9 Do not know plant names
- 10 Sheephead
- 11 NO CONTROL NEED DAM
- 12 WHAT EVER YOU FOLKS PLANT
- 13 NOT SURE
- 14 shad
- 15 dogfish

19. To what level do you believe each of the following factors may currently be negatively impacting Lake Puckaway?
 * Not Present means that you believe the issue does not exist on Lake Puckaway.
 ** No Impact means that the issue may exist on Lake Puckaway but it is not negatively impacting the lake.

Answer Options	*Not Present	**No Impact	Moderately negative impact			Great negative impact	Unsure: Need more information	Rating Average	Response Count	
Low water levels	5	22	27	59	73	279	36	3.02	500	
Carp	1	14	26	104	73	237	43	2.99	498	
Loss of aquatic habitat	11	46	36	124	64	121	77	1.99	479	
Algae blooms	12	34	44	125	69	114	72	2.13	468	
Aquatic invasive species	8	35	35	119	76	102	91	1.95	466	
Water quality decline	18	41	35	155	57	102	79	1.86	487	
Too few aquatic plants	20	69	44	106	67	95	79	1.78	480	
Septic system failure	40	61	48	64	36	90	134	1.35	472	
High water levels	82	112	65	69	27	83	38	1.35	476	
Shoreline development	19	110	62	112	44	70	54	1.40	470	
Watercraft traffic	27	142	85	101	49	39	40	1.26	481	
Excessive fishing pressure	58	129	78	99	33	25	55	0.96	477	
Other (please specify)									60	
									answered question	508
									skipped question	25

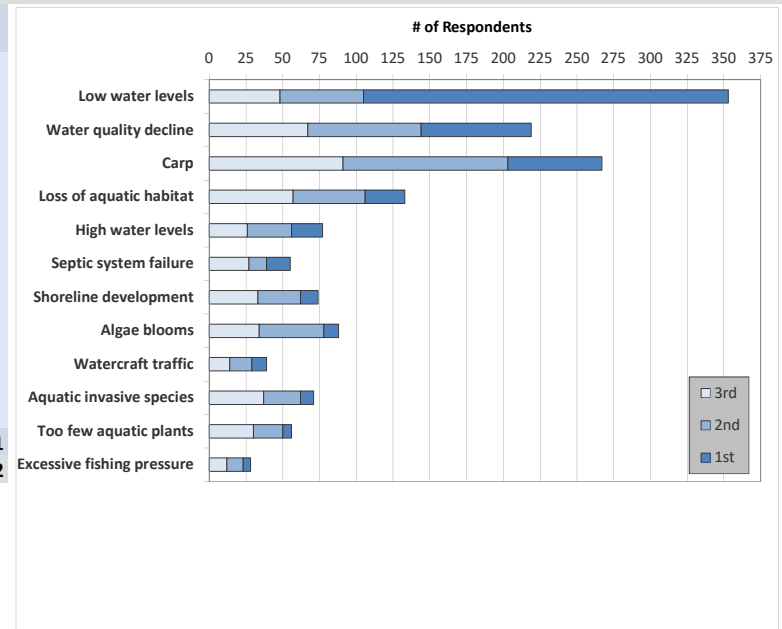


Number	Other (please specify)
1	Longstanding Pollution by Consistent Overuse of a Shallow Lake
2	Concerned about cows grazing on south shore and the activities of Gary Cahoon emptying his septic into the lake.
3	birds eating fish and contributing to water quality decline
4	cormorants, sea gulls and the DNR are destroying the lake
5	draining the ponds and dredging the ditches to drain the run-off into the lake
6	burning & pollution
7	years ago lots of wild rice and bullrushes. allowing large motors on this shallow of a lake is destroying the plant growth
8	keep the water level up year round you wouldn't have a problem
9	wonder about all the grandfather systems of homes and trailer resorts camps etc
10	snowplowing to lake from roads
11	Low water levels is a grave issue on Puckaway this lake could be a gem for the area!! High water levels could bring huge revenue to the area. Montello would benefit greatly, Lake Arrowhead would benefit greatly all areas around the lake would benefit greatly!
12	Grand River Marsh Dam - Great Impact? (Historic)
13	Other Great negative impact: Wildlife disturbance,
14	field run off
15	Shoreline erosion/pier usage
16	the original plan called for removal of the lock and dam not adding to it
17	we need a dam to keep the water level stable and higher
18	Water levels need to be better maintained!!!
19	Shoreline erosion, excessive boat traffic, high horsepower boats, Silt is a major problem with it's issue with loss of aquatic plants, it has 2 feet of silt at the bottom that if removed would dramatically address the health of this body of water. Until silt can be significantly removed, higher water levels are much more effective in terms of improved water quality than the continuous draining. Please get this silt topic added to discussion points as it
20	seems to be a majorly ignored part which is likely the biggest issue with this body of water and it's long term health. Read up on this subject, low impact silt removal should be discussed, silt can possibly be sold as fertilizer
21	Birds that eat all the fish - great negative impact
22	Erosion--- between no impact and moderately negative impact
23	Fertilized farm run off-- between moderately and great negative impact
24	DNR---5
25	Cormorant birds
26	Water is always way low in the Fall and weeds are bad in August
27	inconsistent water level--- great negative impact
28	inconsistent water level--- great negative impact
29	inconsistent water level--- great negative impact
30	inconsistent water level--- great negative impact
31	Water level changes--- great negative impact
32	Too many people that don't respect property owners
33	Farm land runoff-- great negative impact

Number	Other (please specify)
34	No Current through Lake-- Between moderate and great negative impact
35	Resting waterfall in fall need hold over area -- Great negative impact
36	Dredge the channel it is rumored that Gary Cahoon dumps raw sewage from his cabins into the lake during the middle of the night
37	All the sediment from upstream lakes and Grandriver Marsh used to be a sand bottom, its there but you can't find it. (Great Negative Impact)
38	Comorants-- Great Negative Impact
39	Need dam/ control
40	Not respecting no wake zones--- (between moderate and great negative impact)
41	Very poor water level management--- Great negative impact
42	Not respecting no wake zones--- (between moderate and great negative impact)
43	Overpopulation and pollution of small shallow lake--Great Negative Impact
44	Farmers Run Off---Great Negative Impact
45	INCONSISTANT MGT OF WATER LEVELS
46	SILT UP TO 2 FEET HURTING AQUATIC HABITAT
47	FARM RUN OFF DRAINAGE DITCHES INTO LAKE
48	FEW PEOPLE CAN TRULY ANSWER THE ABOVE? RESULTS ARE QUESTIONABLE
49	CHANGING WATER LEVELS
50	FARMING
51	BIRDS
52	MUD BOTTOM
53	NOT INSTALLING DAM BOARDS ON TIME
54	EXTREMELY LARGE MOTORS ON BOATS
55	POOP/WASTE FROM GROWING NUMBER OF CATTLE BROUGHT OVER TO ZACHARY ISLAND FROM NEIGHBORHOOD FARMS
56	FISH MANAGEMENT WDNR 4
57	Open drainage ditches running into the lake with farm run off. This is by far the biggest problem on lake Puckaway
58	control water levels!
59	need the water level to remain steady as it is currently
60	Low water level

20. From the list below, please rank your top three concerns regarding Lake Puckaway, with 1 being your greatest concern.

Answer Options	1st	2nd	3rd	Response Count
Low water levels	248	57	48	353
Water quality decline	75	77	67	219
Carp	64	112	91	267
Loss of aquatic habitat	27	49	57	133
High water levels	21	30	26	77
Septic system failure	16	12	27	55
Shoreline development	12	29	33	74
Algae blooms	10	44	34	88
Watercraft traffic	10	15	14	39
Aquatic invasive species	9	25	37	71
Too few aquatic plants	6	20	30	56
Excessive fishing pressure	5	11	12	28
Other (please specify)	5	5	5	15
Please specify "Other" response here				29
answered question				511
skipped question				22



Number "Other" responses

- 1 Too many disrespectful people
- 2 Low Water Levels
- 3 Carp-- 4th
- 4 Too Many Weeds--3rd
- 5 dam needed
- 6 Appears unclean
- 7 Low water level--Big Problem
- 8 CORMORANTS
- 9 TRESPASSING/ENCROACHMENT
- 10 TOO MANY FISHING CONTESTS ALL YEAR--NEED FAR LESS CONTESTS
- 11 no opinion
- 12 Longstanding Pollution by Consistent Overuse of Shallow Lake
- 13 too many birds
- 14 the lake needs a set water level. not up and down.
- 15 cormorants sea gulss DNR
- 16 the agricultural run-off and pond drainage from city has greatly affected all aspects of the lake
- 17 The size limit on Northern is too large
- 18 Spring flooding dangers.
- 19 There is rumor that the lake is going to be drained due to work at the dam. This will be devastating to the lake--there are other ways to get this accomplished without draining the lake.
- 20 Fluctuating Water Levels
- 21 Decline in multiple Fish Species, Not just stocking walleye
- 22 chemical field run off
- 23 water levels not stable septic systems of resorts and homes not code old systems
- 24 weeds

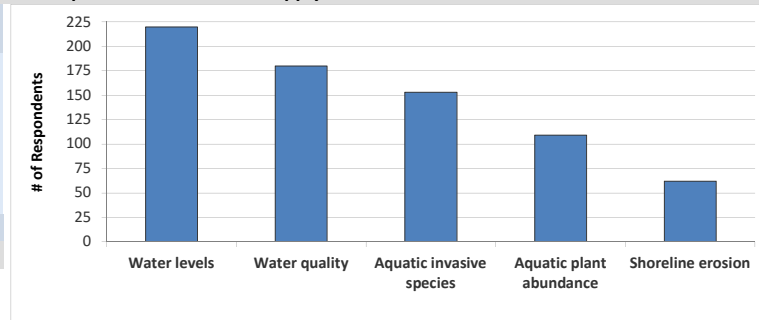
- 25 A problem with the lake is loose sand sediment an wave action look at the depth deviation of early studies compared to current . Forget putting more water in let current residence dig boat channels to the deeper water areas.
- 26 remove silt to improve water quality for long term aquatic improvement
- 27 Drainage ditches farm run off
- 28 Continueing discussion about dam removal
- 29 Dam Control, we need to maintain a higher water level.

21. Do you believe the management of Buffalo Lake impacts various aspects of the Lake Puckaway ecosystem? Please select one answer.

Answer Options	Response	Response
	Percent	Count
Yes	61.2%	316
No	5.0%	26
Unsure	33.7%	174
answered question		516
skipped question		17

22. If you responded "yes" to Question #21, indicate below what aspects you believe are impacted. Select all that apply.

Answer Options	Response	Response
	Percent	Count
Water levels	70.1%	220
Water quality	57.3%	180
Aquatic invasive species	48.7%	153
Aquatic plant abundance	34.7%	109
Shoreline erosion	19.7%	62
Other (please specify)	5.1%	16
answered question		314
skipped question		219



Number "Other" responses

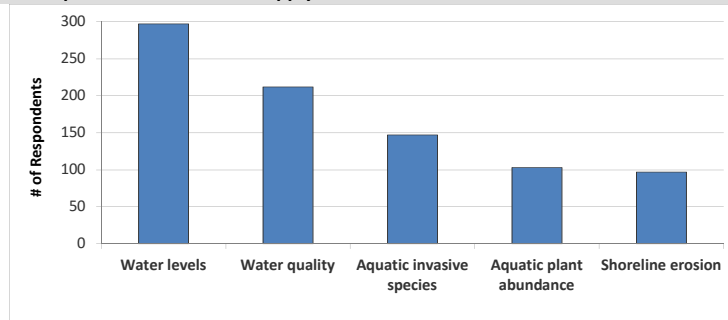
- 1 not entirely sure as B Lake was not in it's normal condition in recent year:
- 2 when they cut weeds they come down the river and end up on our shore and lake for us to clean up.
- 3 DNR removes all the damns ,opens gates to the marsh ,floods where you think all this sediments go
- 4 all waters run together everyone needs to manage
- 5 It provides a source of cleaner water then the direct farm run off and failed septic tanks
- 6 The addition of a Fish ladder to the dam in Montello now allows easy movement of Carp and other Invasive Species between the two lakes. This will allow carp to run freely into buffalo and hide nicely in the weeds where siening is impossible. The negatives of Puckaway are now the negatives for Buffalo and vice versa.
- 7 cut weeds floating
- 8 Cat plants drift into lake
- 9 Fish Ramp to Buffalo lake
- 10 Sediment. Do dredging and you will have a quality lake system once agair
- 11 Fish migration and reproduction
- 12 LOSS OF FISH DUE TO FISH LADDER
- 13 SEPTIC SYSTEM FAILURE
- 14 Water Quality; Aquatic invasive species; water levels
- 15 all of the above
- 16 all of the above

23. Do you believe the management of Lake Puckaway impacts various aspects of the Fox River downstream of Lake Puckaway? Please select one answer.

Answer Options	Response	Response
	Percent	Count
Yes	70.4%	362
Unsure	22.0%	113
No	7.6%	39
answered question		514
skipped question		19

24. If you responded "yes" to Question #21, indicate below what aspects you believe are impacted. Select all that apply.

Answer Options	Response	Response
	Percent	Count
Water levels	81.6%	297
Water quality	58.2%	212
Aquatic invasive species	40.4%	147
Aquatic plant abundance	28.3%	103
Shoreline erosion	26.6%	97
Other (please specify)	3.8%	14
answered question		364
skipped question		169

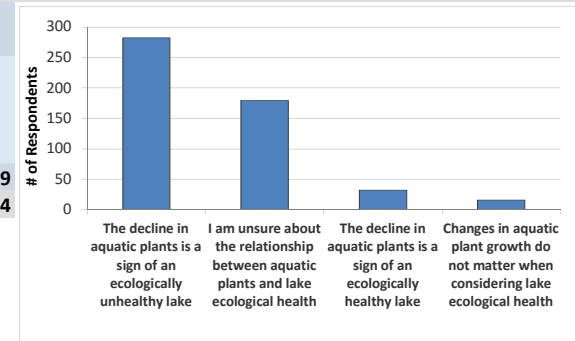


Number "Other" responses

- 1 fewer weeds
- 2 Fish
- 3 once the lake can't handle any more sediment it will head downstream
- 4 Dam control
- 5 THINGS GO DOWN STREAM
- 6 soon puck away will be filled in with all this sediment you will just have a river running through it start dredging
- 7 anything that happens up stream runs down stream
- 8 Anything that runs down hill affects the next system
- 9 Fish Diseases
- 10 may not be a negative impact
- 11 Lake Puckaway's Fish Hatchery spawns fish for downstream lakes and rivers
- 12 water quality; water levels (temporarily)
- 13 all of above and this will not allow more than one answer again
- 14 all of the above

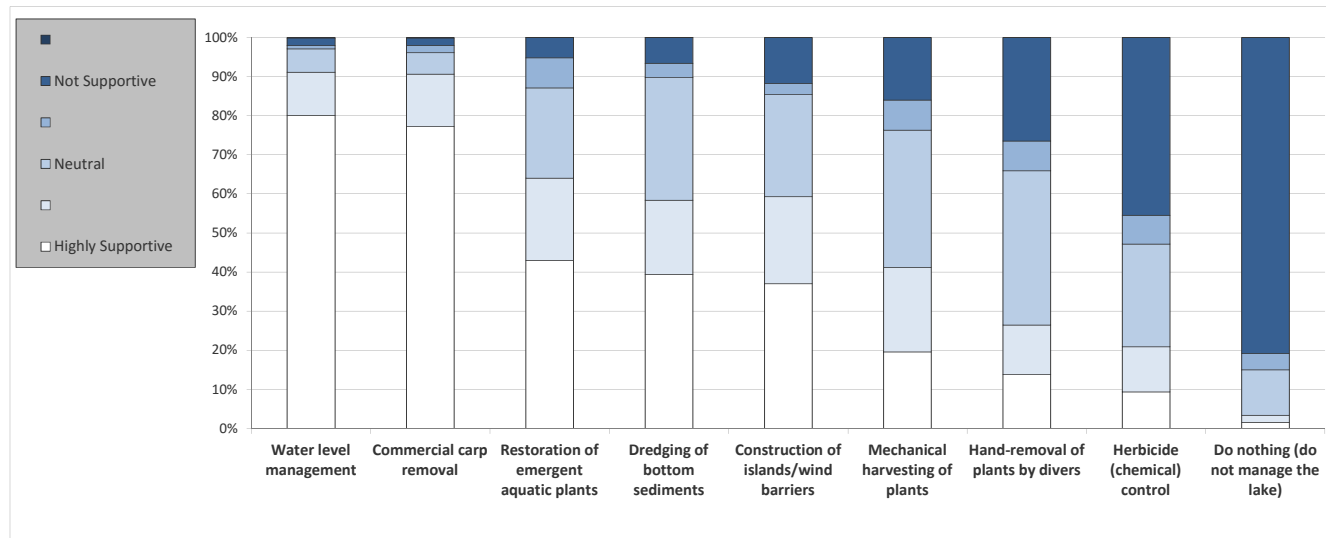
25. Aquatic plants form the foundation of a lake ecosystem and contribute to healthy lakes by reducing erosion and providing habitat for a number of aquatic animals. It has been noted in past lake management reports that Lake Puckaway currently holds fewer aquatic plants than the lake did prior to the 1960's. Do you believe the decline in aquatic plant abundance has had a healthy or unhealthy impact on Lake Puckaway? Please select one response below.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
The decline in aquatic plants is a sign of an ecologically unhealthy lake	55.4%	282
I am unsure about the relationship between aquatic plants and lake ecological health	35.2%	179
The decline in aquatic plants is a sign of an ecologically healthy lake	6.3%	32
Changes in aquatic plant growth do not matter when considering lake ecological health	3.1%	16
answered question		509
skipped question		24



26. There are many techniques that can be used to manage aspects of a lake. Please indicate your level of support for the responsible use of the following techniques to increase the ecological health of Lake Puckaway. Please select one option for each management technique. If you require more information to respond, indicate "U" for Unsure.

Answer Options	Not Supportive	Neutral	Highly Supportive	Unsure: Need more information	Rating Average	Response Count		
Water level management	9	4	28	52	376	34	3.36	503
Commercial carp removal	9	9	26	64	367	27	3.49	502
Restoration of emergent aquatic plants	22	33	99	90	184	58	2.29	486
Dredging of bottom sediments	27	15	129	78	162	77	2.18	488
Construction of islands/wind barriers	45	11	100	85	142	89	1.96	472
Mechanical harvesting of plants	62	30	136	84	76	82	1.51	470
Hand-removal of plants by divers	98	28	146	47	51	104	1.06	474
Herbicide (chemical) control	185	30	107	47	38	74	1.20	481
Do nothing (do not manage the lake)	307	16	44	7	6	49	0.92	429
						answered question	515	
						skipped question	18	

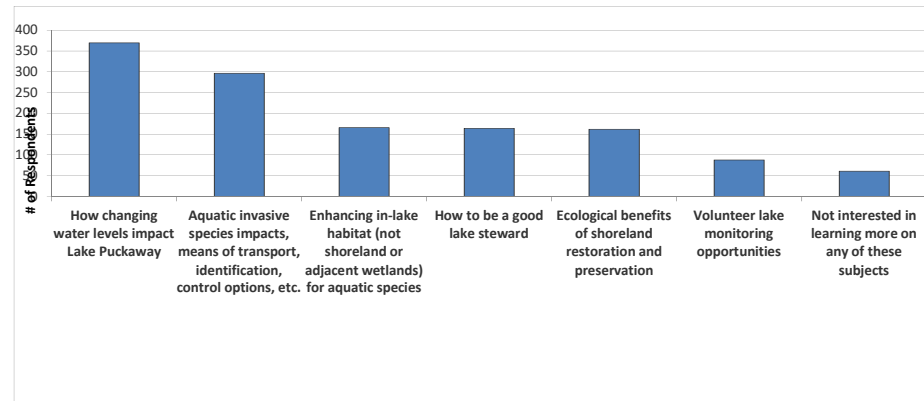


27. Stakeholder education is an important component of every lake management planning effort. Which of these subjects would you like to learn more about? Please select all that apply.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
How changing water levels impact Lake Puckaway	74.6%	370
Aquatic invasive species impacts, means of transport, identification, control options, etc.	59.9%	297
Enhancing in-lake habitat (not shoreland or adjacent wetlands) for aquatic species	33.5%	166
How to be a good lake steward	33.1%	164
Ecological benefits of shoreland restoration and preservation	32.7%	162
Volunteer lake monitoring opportunities	17.7%	88
Not interested in learning more on any of these subjects	12.3%	61
Other (please specify)	5.2%	26
answered question		496
skipped question		37

Number "Other" responses

- 1 The balance between lake home shoreline and non-human habitat of shoreline
- 2 How to stop disrespectful people that have more rights than owners
- 3 Why are we looking at draining the lake for dam repair?
- 4 Just Dredge
- 5 DAM
- 6 "Quit wasting time and get something done"
- 7 STUDY ON SILT REMOVAL FOR LAKE HEALTH
- 8 FILL IN DITCHES THAT RUN INTO PUCKAWAY
- 9 INTEREST-YES-CONSERVED-NOT SO MUCH
- 10 WHY DO DNR OR CTY NEED PERMITS TO PUT ROCKS ON SHRELINE?
- 11 WHEN WILL THE DNR ADMIT THAT WE HAVE MORE WEEDS IN HIGH WATER (DRAW DOWNS DON'T WORK)
- 12 FISH POPULATIONS-PERCH, WALLEYE ECT.
- 13 LAKE HISTORY
- 14 lake level is to low, constantly ruining propellers, landings suck, not enough of them
- 15 How to Stop Pollution casued by overuse that leads to destruction of healty lake
- 16 controlling access due to uncontrolled and unregulated campground and similar situations growth
- 17 Construction of a dam to keep water levels at an acceptable level.
- 18 seems lake has more weeds
- 19 disabled
- 20 #26 - we are not supportive if water level management refers to lowering levels.
- 21 Get rid of comeran
- 22 why cant all of the debri be removed from the river dead tree branches and such
- 23 What is the DNR doing
- 24 HOW TO plant on my shoreline and WHAT TO plant
- 25 How can we maintain a higher lake level
- 26 Cormorant removal!!!! They are eating the fish.



28-1. Princeton Dam Operation and Impact on Lake Puckaway Water Levels

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Ineffective at maintaining adequate water levels in Lake Puckaway	70.1%	356
No knowledge / Unsure of impact on Lake Puckaway water levels	15.6%	79
Effective at maintaining adequate water levels in Lake Puckaway	14.4%	73
answered question		508
skipped question		25

28-2. Princeton Dam Operation and Impact on Lake Puckaway Emergent and Other Aquatic Vegetation

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No knowledge / Unsure of impact on emergent and other aquatic vegetation	49.4%	251
Ineffective at maintaining emergent and other aquatic vegetation in Lake Puckaway	40.6%	206
Effective at maintaining emergent and other aquatic vegetation in Lake Puckaway	10.0%	51
answered question		508
skipped question		25

28-3. Princeton Dam Operation and Impact on Lake Puckaway Dam Safety

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No knowledge / Unsure of impact on dam safety	53.5%	272
Has provided unsafe dam conditions for maintenance crews and others	30.3%	154
Has provided safe dam conditions for maintenance crews and others	16.1%	82
answered question		508
skipped question		25

28-4. Princeton Dam Operation and Impact on Downstream Water Levels

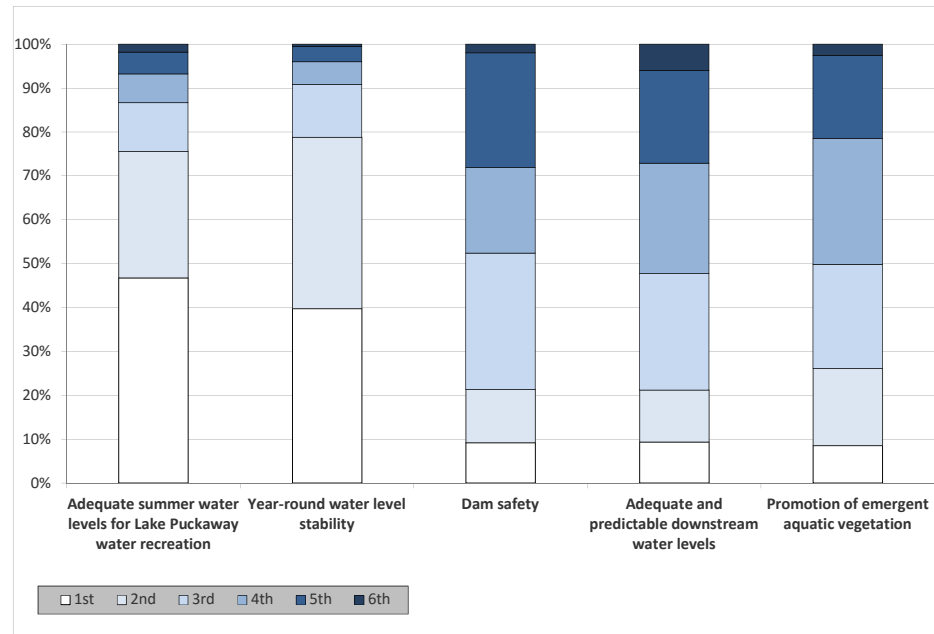
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No knowledge / Unsure of impact on downstream water levels	48.4%	245
Has provided inadequate and / or unpredictable downstream water levels	39.5%	200
Has provided adequate and / or predictable downstream water levels	12.1%	61
answered question		506
skipped question		27

29. Which of the following factors would you like to see addressed in construction of a new dam in Princeton (downstream from Lake Puckaway)? Please select as many factors as you would like, with "1" being your top factor, "2" being your second rated factor, etc.

Answer Options	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Response Count
Adequate summer water levels for Lake Puckaway water recreation	207	128	49	29	22	8	443
Year-round water level stability	182	179	55	24	16	2	458
Dam safety	34	45	115	72	97	7	370
Adequate and predictable downstream water levels	33	42	94	89	75	21	354
Promotion of emergent aquatic vegetation	31	64	86	104	69	9	363
Other (please specify)	4	8	7	2	9	21	51
Please specify "Other" response here							40
answered question							496
skipped question							37

Number "Other" responses

- 1 Unsure
- 2 Stop summer water recreation in areas when plant life would return if there is no activity
- 3 Fish
- 4 Maintain the recreational quality of Puckaway during Dam reconstruction
- 5 Good luck
- 6 Water Quality
- 7 a new dam will accelerate the decline water quality
- 8 Constant overpopulation = pollution of small shallow lake!
- 9 Low water level big problem
- 10 PROVIDE FISH ACCESS
- 11 CLOSE DITCHES
- 12 ABILITY TO LOWER WATER LEVELS
- 13 ALLOW LAKE LEVEL CONTROL FOR PURPOSES OF IMPROVING HABITAT
- 14 DAM SAFETY SHOULD NOT BE CONTROLLED BY THE DNR
- 15 HIGHER CONSTANT WATER LEVELS
- 16 CARP REMOVAL
- 17 STABLE FISH POPULATIONS
- 18 FISH LADDER
- 19 SHORE LINE DAMAGE FROM WINTER ICE
- 20 Stop illegal & failing septic systems
- 21 keep vegetation off the lake
- 22 Adequate lake management board, educated and effective. This is currently not so, nor has been for years.
- 23 maintain adequate navigable water level until end of waterfowl season
- 24 set the water level for puckaway and leave it alone
Water level has not been satisfactory due to too late installation of the dam boards. It's my opinion that if you are trying to
- 25 keep something "full" don't let it go "empty" in the first place. A new dam will not help if the same people are calling the shots concerning water levels.
- 26 construct a new dam and maintain that level year round no removing boards



- 27 manage all the floating and submerged tree and crab
- 28 Higher levels equate to more visitors which equates to more revenue!
- 29 The district has been talking about this issue for years. I wish something would be done so we can move forward.
- 30 Ability to effectively lower water levels
- 31 no opinion
- 32 reduce weeds
- 33 Meet the current clean water standards for everyone. Prepare for the cost to the district when the water system fails the future clean water standards and the down stream community hands the lake Puckaway district with the problem.
- 34 Allowing effective water level drawdown
- 35 Lock to go up or down river
- 36 Provide/ maintain water levels on Puckaway during reconstruction by using shoring

- 37 fish passageway
- 38 do not know where hiawatha lake is
- 39 Dam safety must attend any other options
- 40 do the right thing for all

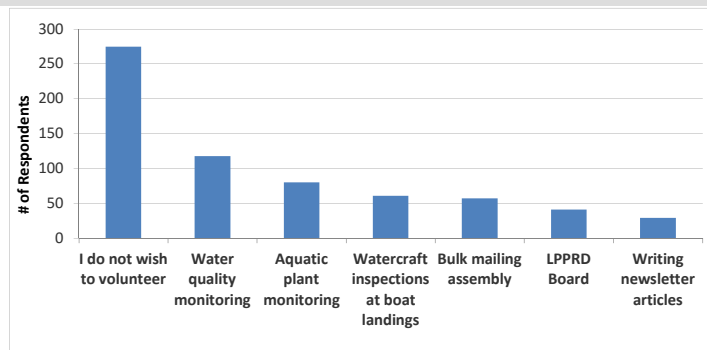
Lake Puckaway Protection and Rehabilitation District (LPPRD)

30. How informed has the LPPRD kept you regarding issues with Lake Puckaway and its management? Please select one choice.

Answer Options	Not at all informed	Not too informed	Unsure	Fairly well informed	Highly informed	Response Count	Response Count
	28	109	93	236	43	2.32	509
	answered question						509
	skipped question						24

31. Please note that because this survey is anonymous, your answer to this question will not be regarded as a commitment to participate, but instead will be used to gauge potential participation of stakeholders in the LPPRD. The effective management of your lake will require the cooperative efforts of numerous volunteers. Please circle the activities you would be willing to participate in if the LPPRD requires additional assistance. Select all that apply.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I do not wish to volunteer	55.8%	275
Water quality monitoring	23.9%	118
Aquatic plant monitoring	16.2%	80
Watercraft inspections at boat landings	12.4%	61
Bulk mailing assembly	11.6%	57
LPPRD Board	8.3%	41
Writing newsletter articles	5.9%	29
Other (please specify)	8.3%	41
	answered question	493
	skipped question	40



Number "Other" responses

- 1 n/a till retirement
- 2 Can't volunteer because of my age!
- 3 not living there full time.
- 4 why do anything--the DNA runs it their way i dont believe the lpprd has any say
- 5 to old to help
- 6 At this time I would be unable to assist in any of the above activities.
- 7 i wish i could go fishing with my children and not have to through every thing you catch back in because it is not big enough this is not a trophy lake nor do we want it to be
- 8 handicap

9 disabled

10 Help gather signatures in protest over constant low water levels.

11 Anything to maintain and improve the lake water quality

12 Willing to help if i can contribute

13 Health reasons

14 I am too old 88

15 I will be leaving the area in the near future

16 [I do not wish to volunteer] at this time

17 [I do not wish to volunteer] at this time

18 [I do not wish to volunteer] due to age

19 Next year I'll be available [for bulk mailing]. [I do not wish to volunteer] at this time

20 Too old

21 I am considering selling my land because of disrespectful people, i want to be left alone, these people have more rights than I do it. Why should I pay taxes so snowmobiles can use my land for free and whatever I do does not stop them, and disrespectful duck hunters that park on top of us

22 Not at this time

23 Not at this time

24 Any way possible

25 [I do not wish to volunteer] at this time but would like to later on

26 Out of state

27 Weed Removal

28 Anything you would do, the DNR would screw up, seen it way too much here (just dredge)

29 Work days

30 Whatever i am capable of doing

31 Water level management

32 Too old to volunteer

33 DONATIONS

34 HABITATE IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES, PLANTING PLANTS; REMOVING INVASIVE; ETC

35 IF IT IS ANONYMOUS HOW DID YOU KNOW WHO TO RESEND THIS TO?

36 DISABLED

37 ANYTHING I CAN DO

38 none

39 tern rafts, walleye hatchery, navigation buoys

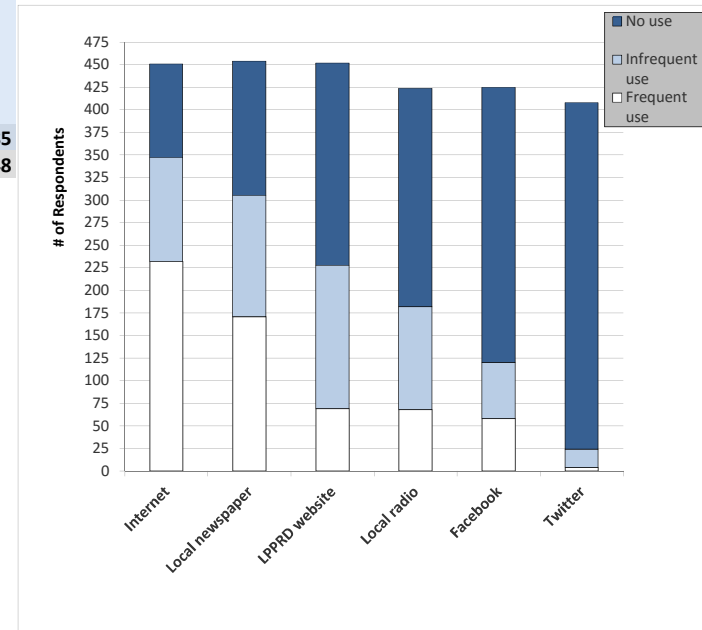
40 not sure what it all entails from the tern rafts to the hatchery etc but i would like to be briefed and attend some meetings to learn. i assume others would also, but we do not know what i needed

41 I can't help at this time

32. Please indicate how frequently you use the following media sources to stay current on local or non-local news, current events, and your interests. Please select one use rating for each media source.

Answer Options	No use	Infrequent use	Frequent use	Response Count	Response Count
Internet	104	115	232	2.37	451
Local newspaper	149	134	171	2.01	454
LPPRD website	224	159	69	1.76	452
Local radio	242	114	68	1.60	424
Facebook	305	62	58	1.47	425
Twitter	384	20	4	1.08	408
Other (please specify)					31
answered question					485
skipped question					48

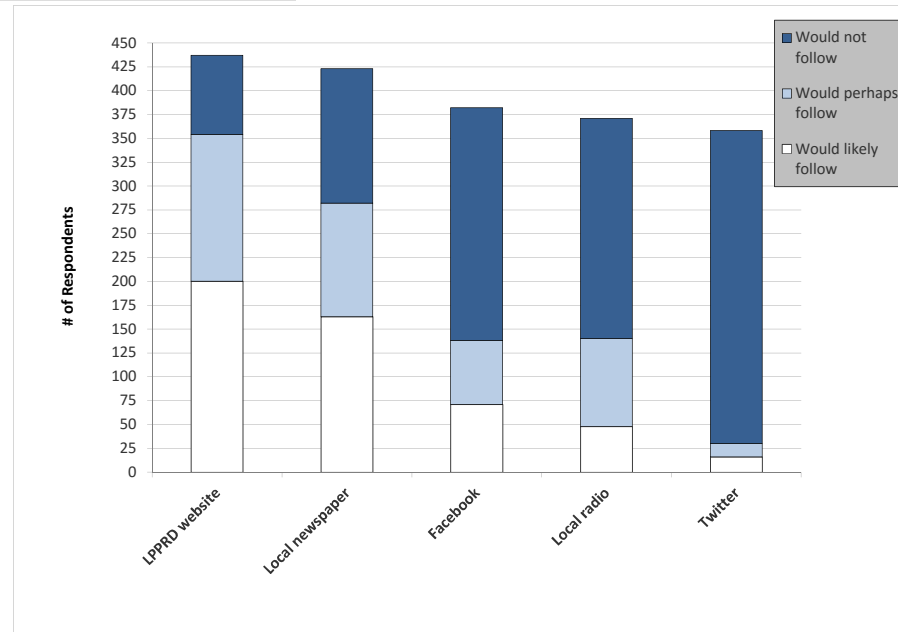
- Number "Other" responses**
- 1 Wisconsin Outdoor News
 - 2 I go on Puckaway Lake-Link daily.
 - 3 TV NEWS
 - 4 green bay tv
 - 5 madison tv
 - 6 Brochure in mail
 - 7 madison TV
 - 8 TV contacting elected officials with questions or talk to neighbors
 - 9 National News, CNN, NYT
 - 10 word of mouth which is usually gossip and wrong
 - 11 (I didn't realize there is a LPPRD website)
 - 12 TV for non local and would prefer email updates or info on a regular basis
 - 13 mailings
 - 14 Mail
 - 15 Neighbors and local people
 - 16 Newsletter
 - 17 TV
 - 18 Television-- Frequent Use
 - 19 Word of mouth
 - 20 Newsletter (frequent use)
 - 21 Newsletter (frequent use)
 - 22 Newsletter (frequent use)
 - 23 WOULD LIKE TO SEE A BLOG ON WEBSITE FOR OPEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - 24 WORD OF MOUTH (NEIGHBORS)
 - 25 RELY ON MAIL
 - 26 OUTDOOR NEWS
 - 27 NEWSLETTER
 - 28 DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD A WEB PAGE
 - 29 TALKING WITH PEOPLE THAT LIVE ON THE LAKE ALL YEAR--NEIGHBORS
 - 30 none other than annual mtg notice



33. Brief updates on the Lake Puckaway management planning project, aspects of the lake's ecology and lake water level management information could be provided through several media sources. Below, please indicate which sources you would follow in order to receive more information about Lake Puckaway. Please select one rating for each media source.

Answer Options	Would not follow	Would perhaps follow	Would likely follow	Response Count	Response Count
LPPRD website	83	154	200	2.38	437
Local newspaper	141	119	163	1.95	423
Facebook	244	67	71	1.57	382
Local radio	231	92	48	1.43	371
Twitter	328	14	16	1.13	358
Other (please specify)					40
answered question					481
skipped question					52

- Number "Other" responses**
- 1 Mailings-- would likely follow
 - 2 Newsletter (would likely follow)
 - 3 Email-- would likely follow
 - 4 Mailing info paper
 - 5 Newsletter
 - 6 Mail
 - 7 Neighbors and local people-- would likely follow
 - 8 Text to view website when changes addede --- would likely follow
 - 9 Mail-- Would likely follow
 - 10 Markesau/ Berlin Weekly
 - 11 Mail-- Would likely follow
 - 12 Newsletter (would likely follow)
 - 13 I have poor or no internet receptiopn at this residence
 - 14 Newsletter
 - 15 Newsletter (would likely follow)
 - 16 DIRECT MAILING
 - 17 LAKE PUCKAWAY WEB SITE
 - 18 MAILINGS & NEWSLETTER
 - 19 MAILINGS
 - 20 MAILINGS & NEWSLETTER
 - 21 NEWSLETTER
 - 22 LAKE LINK
 - 23 EMAIL UPDATE
 - 24 NEWSLETTER
 - 25 LAKE LINK
 - 26 MAILINGS
 - 27 KIOSK POSTINGS
 - 28 MAILINGS



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| 29 Wisconsin Outdoor News | 35 tv green bay |
| 30 post in local public areas | 36 madison tv |
| 31 Newsletter | 37 Brochure in mail |
| 32 Please | 38 FACE TO FACE MEETINGS |
| 33 NEWSLETTER | 39 TV Madison |
| 34 Mailings or newsletters | 40 I am connected buy restoration shore line projects which I am co founding with the Green Lake county |

34. Please feel free to provide written comments concerning Lake Puckaway, its current and/or historic condition and its management.

Answer Options	Response Count
	221
<i>answered question</i>	221
<i>skipped question</i>	312

Number	"Other" responses
1	I don't have a large boat, but I have to drag the boat or paddle out about 100 yards before I can safely start my motor, I am very unhappy about that.
2	Lake Puckaway is beginning to deteriorate at an advanced rate. When the lake was left at a constant level through all seasons it showed great improvement. I feel that the lake draw down is ridiculous and unsafe. We still experience flooding routinely in the spring and that is with boards drawn out. Shoreline erosion is due to the lack of shoreline emergent weeds to protect from wind and waves. We have maintained a buffer belt of natural grasses to assist in deterring erosion and we have a base shoreline that has maintained it's position for over 100 years. Not man on the lake can say that because they have decided back in the late 70's and 80's that pulling bulrushes and natural emergent weeds and then running manicured lawn right down to the lake as being very important. It has come back to hurt those properties and now new owners are in place that are concerned about the disappearing shoreline.
3	You have done a good job,for witch you have had to work with.
4	I'm sure everything here is important 4 lake management, but it is hard 2 answer many of these ?'s when we are seasonal residents. We love the Lake, the area & the people. Please do what is best for the lake & it's users, be they fishermen, boaters, hunters, or plain water recreational users (swimmers). Thanks 4 all u do.
5	The reason we have a decline in healthy aquatic plants is a direct result of longstanding consistent overuse of a shallow lake that was not meant to withstand the stress of overpopulation. Trolling should be banned. No wake periods should be put in place. Too many people look at Lake Puckaway only from a recreational standpoint - they do not care about pollution from overuse or it's long term ecological health. They only want to selfishly use to abuse it for their own personal gain.
6	The LPPRD has done virtually nothing to maintain a consistent and usable water level which is the most important concern.
7	Need to keep the water level up.
8	please increase the lake depth it is annoying for the motor to be stuck in the mud. would like to sail on lake but too shallow for keel.
9	It is clear that the board would like to replace the Princeton dam. It is imperative that this effort be carried out by a temporary dam/water diversion system and not drain down the entire lak as Buffalo was.
10	Don't build anything else n the south shore and watch Gray Cahoon
11	Owner should be allowed to manage their shorelinesto protect against erosion without expensive permits
12	Lake is slowly dying for fishing and recreation and is becoming more of a place to do bird watching
13	I love this Lake!
14	Restoring habitat, cover, and food would have a very positive impact on migrating and local waterfowl. Years ago, Puckaway was a major waterfowl lake. The decline of the above has also contributed to the declining waterfowl.
15	The water levels have been a great concern for all users of the lake! This needs to change immediately to keep people coming back to enjoy the lake!
16	DNR needs to monitor the lake more often. Have heard people say that when the walleyes, gills and crappies are biting, they get their limit, take them to shore and go back out to get more limits,
17	You need to get the good weeds to grow . Like 40 yrs ago bull rushes etc. Drain the lake down to promote . Duck hunting is horrible . No VEGETATION
18	fifty years ago this was a great lake for fishing. today it is a terrible lake-32 inch Northerns--stupidthat's why most people I know fish somewhere else
19	maintain better water levels and drop the size limit on the northerns
20	Stop carp netting May -June.way too much interference during prime fishing times.Public launches blocked to unload carp .Net stretched across lake shuts down any fishing on public water while dragging game Fish all over
21	The lake has really changed the 58 years to the worst.

Number	"Other" responses
22	I think a new Princeton Dam would make a big difference on this lake.
23	Been coming here for the past seven years and we just love the lake and the whole area. The fishing has improved for me but that is a result of learning the system. I hope the lake doesn't have to be drawn down for the dam reconstruction, don't want those forever weeds to form as I am on the north shore.
24	The water level is the worst problem, by August I have to take my boats out of the water! In the last 7 years, it has gotten worse
25	Since we entertain friends and family members via Pontoon, it has been very embarrassing when when bottom out and explain the low water problem. sometimes even having to get off the pontoon....not good publicity for a great area.
26	I would really like to see the building of a new dam and common sense used to maintain an acceptable water level. Letting the lake get so low and then deciding to add the boards or close the dam does not work once the typical dry summer months arrive. Very seldom do we get sufficient rains to recover from the low water levels.
27	I feel the carp removal program has been very successful in recent years and encourage it to continue even if it additional cost to property owners. Carp will never be eliminated do to upstream influence(i.e. Grand River Marsh and Buffalo lake).
28	would like to see a more constant water level maintained if possible and is done with out hurting the lake or the property on and around the lake
29	Lake Puckaway has declined under the current board members. They do not listen and act on the requests of the citizens. They try and evade answering questions presented to them. They have their own agenda. If someone volunteers to help unless they are a friend or good buddy they are turned away. The only time they need you is if they are in a jam. They fail to inform the public and think that an annual meeting is all that's necessary. They seem to think tax dollars are never ending and that its their agenda not the public. I wish the board would disband because very little is being accomplished.
30	I feel that good water stewardship is essential for our survival
31	The biggest problem I see is the water levels to low, not a lot of panfish and a 32 inch size limit on pike.
32	You would only need to visit Lazy Lake Fall River to see what a real dam system should look like. I grew up on this lake 74 years ago. Water control is a joke. Can't remember the last time I caught panfish or bullheads on the lake.
33	This lake has gone down hill for years, all the sediment that has come down from the marsh and removal of dams Buffalo Lake the DNR does absolutely nothing to clean the lake but can come up with excuses, low water levels from the Princeton Dam only hurt the lake. You talk about no vegetation low water levels in the winter ice freezes at that low level and wind and ice flows tear the vegetation from its roots and all this sediment it can't grow, the size limit on the northern is foolish, you caught more and bigger fish when there was no size limit again you can blame the DNR and the individuals who want trophies, fishing is not for kids anymore, all this is how I feel and many others share the same opinion.
34	Keep up the good work. I admit that I am not very knowledgeable regarding the management of the lake, but I have seen newsletters indicating that there are a number of people actively involved with the management of the lake. It is much appreciated.
35	the effort to establish emergent vegetation over the past several years was worthwhile to the extent that we now know that it will not work. The sacrifice on water level during the summer is a high cost to recreational water users as it affects boating, fishing (too warm) and fosters excessive algae blooms in late summer. The new dam should maintain a water level at least 14" higher than the "no boards in" level. 18" higher would be perfect. Lake shore property owners should also be given the opportunity to participate in an emergent vegetation management program adjacent to their shoreline...with plants and instructions (possibly guidance) provided by the LPPRD and/or DNR representative. Let's get people engaged in helping...not just complaining.
36	I have seen the decline of fishing and lake over the years seems like we have more weeds, more floating debris and the cormorants killed off the island and have moved to another location and killing off the trees. Chased the Eagles farther away. People call it the dead sea.
37	lake has rapidly declined over the years. water quality fishing and the growth of algae and weeds
38	Keep up the good work
39	Water quality and clarity is a big issue for trying to swim in late summer. Water levels change too often, making piers, and beach water activities hard at times.
40	We love this lake. It seems to me that ever since the regulation went to the 33 inch slot limit, it has hurt the population of the Northern Pikes. Water levels have impacted our use of the lake which has been disappointing over the years. We just had to replace our septic, which was a financial burden, and welcome any additional info on impact on septic systems. Thank you for taking the time to communicate with stakeholders.
41	See lotus bed restored. Get wild rice back. Get ducks back.
42	Keep water levels at a natural level for this lake. Don't do anything special for recreational uses. Shore line erosion is an issue.
43	Water level stability is a very important issue to me. A boat lift is rendered useless when the water level drops drastically - as it has virtually every year - half-way through the summer.
44	Unhappy at the low water level of the lake in the summer months. We are unable to get our pontoon out on the water when it is so low.

Number	"Other" responses
45	<p>I'm glad to see that the County has done more to clean up the blight areas of the North Shore. It was a great improvement seeing the trash trailers etc removed from the area just to the East of the Good Old Days. Yet there are still some unkept places along the shoreline. The low water levels are the most heard complaints. our lake loses out on vacationers who would rather go elsewhere just because of the levels. There could be so many more advantages getting the levels high and keeping them high. Regarding the work on the dam. Lowering Puckaway would be a disaster and travesty. redirect the water at the dam---but don't drain the lake. If that happens one of the best campgrounds around Lake Arrowhead will suffer the consequences and we wouldn't be able to give our properties away. Let's think about those of us who have had a history here and who love it here....we all pay taxes as well---we should expect a Lake that we can enjoy for swimming, fishing, boating, skiing etc....and should not have to be concerned about how we are going to get our boats in the lake or out---because the levels were lowered. This is the one way you can save our Lake!! raise the levels and keep them raised. generate revenue for the preservation of the Lake by making it the recreational lake that people want to use. I have noticed the duck migration pattern has changed. What is being done to address this if anything? Also, the carp and drum population is out of control and are damaging this lake back to 1970's conditions. Nothing was mentioned about the Grand River Dam in this survey, only Buffalo Lake. Nothing was mentioned about the cormorants unless this was inherent in the invasive</p>
46	<p>species questions. Finally, what can be done to bring back the bull rush population? Take the necessary steps to bring back the lake to life! It is up to all of us to do our part, but it is up to you to lead us. I thank the district for their past and futures efforts.</p>
47	<p>The LPPRD is doing a great job. My only concern is with the proposed Princeton dam construction and the possibility of a draw down, which we need to avoid as much as possible.</p>
48	<p>20 yrs ago the lake was more clearer pan fish were more plentiful, and now at times the water is extremely smelly and dirty. needs to be dredged to promote better plant life</p>
49	<p>We love Lake Puckaway, and we are VERY upset over the current weed conditions...it is almost as bad as Buffalo Lake. We moved from there and don't want to move from Lake Puckaway..Please address the weeds asap</p>
50	<p>The last two or three years we have seen an ever increasing ugly weed increase on the north side of the lake. It is starting to look like Buffalo Lake. This is not why I came to Puckaway to rake weeds off my water surface. I'm very concerned that these weeds are on a rapid increase and no one is doing anything about it. I also can't wait for a permanent solution to the water level with a fixed damn in Princeton will do.</p>
51	<p>I have been using this Lkae for over 50 years and with in the last 15 years or so the water level has been dropping downing the summer so low you can not use your water craft,pontoons and boats „At this time you are unable to fish . Why do you own land on or around the lake if you can not even use the lake for fishing.. or water sports ... Please address this in a news letter to all the owners</p>
52	<p>Keep water levels HIGH . With dropping the water levels you can not use your water craft and the fishing also hurts downing the summer months. With higher water you are able to fish from your piers along with your pontoons. Limit the fishing Tournaments on the lake</p>
53	<p>Please keep the water levels HIGH,It is very disappointing every year when you put your water craft in in the spring „you are unable to use it all year seeing the water levels drop so low you can,t get your boats/ pontoon OFF THE LIFTS. Fishing is much better all around the lake when the levels stay high . We should not have to worrie about An other lake/ I was told Green Lake needs our water . What about the people paying for Lake Puckaway.Please keep monitoring the Carp and removing them as needed . Thank you</p>
54	<p>There is too much focus on summer recreation and not enough on overall lake management. High water does not equal lake health. Part of the District's name is Rehabilitation. Let's rehab this lake to it's historical condition when hunting was great and fishing was record breaking. This lake could be restored to its fishing greatness and break its own northern pike state record. That's when resort business was at its best as well. Take proper care of the lake and the lake will take care of you!</p>
55	<p>It is very important to maintain summer water levels. There is way to much fluctuation</p>
56	<p>VARY CONCERN ABOUT FLOODING AND HIGHWATER LEVELS.</p>
57	<p>Very pleased by the efforts to manage the health of the lake.Interested in information that as a year round south shore "Weekender" what we can do to do our part.</p>
58	<p>Over the years Puckaway has been dying. Fishing of Perch nothing. use to catch 50 per day limit years back in the day ducks were plentiful too</p>
59	<p>Haven't felt anything has really improved since the LPPRD was formed Years people have been asking for stable water levels. Seems too many weeds fishing is very very poor. The lake ha suffered many disasters in the past few years with heat wave, fish dying water levels. No Perch a lot of debri from the high waters</p>
60	<p>The management group has worked very hard anddone a very good job. Applying for dam funds takesa long time.</p>
61	<p>Would like to ease restrictions on creating a more appealing and protective shoreline on owners property. Too restrictive!</p>
62	<p>The low water levels combined with increase in silt levels are of great concern.</p>
63	<p>LAKE PUCKAWAY HAS MANY NICE DESTINATIONS BY BOAT.LOW WATER OFTEN PROHIBITS THERE USE.LAKE IS NOT JUST FOR FISHING</p>
64	<p>We need a dam to keep the water level up at all times</p>
65	<p>Please try to keep water levels up during summer holidays!</p>

Number	"Other" responses
66	The present board has done an excellent job protecting and improving the Lake quality over the years. It is a job that requires dedication and hard work. I am not a board member! I thank all who are and have been board members.
67	More stable water level in the summer
68	It is hard to get off lifts and into lake because of low water and weeds tangle in motors. Lake quality is such that you would not want to swim in it. Stop chasing water levels to pay for someone to purchase a bigger boat. it's about water Quality in the long run. Let rich landowners dig their own boat channel. DNR permit/regulate spoils but tax it as a property improvement \$ c. then Stop putting boards on dam every year. Natural inexpensive solution for water plant and fish improvement. Trade off for the boat channel access
69	program to existing domiciles for low water chance with boards of one in 6 years. The towns and counties are going to need to address the septic issue. The drain fields are saturated with water water during high water periods when the water system floods. They fail. We do not want to get tagged with the responsibility of solving surface water problems for other property tax districts on the Fox river system
70	My biggest concern would be water levels in the open water seasons. Past management of putting boards in/out of dam has been a joke and bunch of poor excuses. This has cast a negative spotlight on the LPPRD board of directors. I know the board does it's best
71	but I don't think a lot of people trust the board members anymore. I hear comments that some board members have their own agendas and that's all that matters to them. Maybe that is why the turn out for the LPPRD meetings is not better. Good luck!
72	The lake is a MESS! I pay a HUGE amount of Taxes to Live on and Enjoy the Lake. Every year the taxes go up and the lake water level goes down!!! If I wanted to sell my property, it would be virtually impossible due the Lakes Condition...I am sick and tired of all the Talk, it's time for some action...If the water level got any lower there would not be any water at all..... A stable water environment has always brought about the best situation for the fish and for the habitat (weed growth). A removal of sediment and recreation of an Island would in turn create
73	a positive response in the lake. By dredging it would actually lower the lake level by increasing the main lakes depth and would then allow the shorelines to grow emergent plants out further in the Lake. One control can benefit much.
74	water level inconsistency and floating weed bogs really a problem I have lived full time on Lake Puckaway for 24 years now. And own two homes on the lake that are full time residences. I have seen this lake go through many changes in my life. Excellent fishing when I was young. The lake died off for many years. (kind of funny the same affect as routine) I have done a study on carp and their control and believe the best control practices is to increase the predators. While the netting of carp is only good public relations. Dose anyone Monitor these netters and what they are doing on a day to day basis!!!!!! Or do they just do
75	what they want. I currently hold a current state of Wisconsin Commercial Aquatic Applicator. I have seen tax payers money wasted for many years on puc. Leaves a bad taste in your mouth. Two districts that could not get along. I do not attend meetings for this reason. It is easy to sit and write this but I should not be able to criticize the district as I do not participate. But you sent the card.
76	You need to get a handle on the water level. Summer levels are very disappointing. The whole area gets a bad name and loses tourist money
77	I support a healthy lake Lake Puckaway conditions are almost worthless. Water is too low, which makes it impossible to get into any boat before walking out 400 ft to run motor. This has caused vacationers to cancel
78	or make this a one-time visit, even with your little 12 ft. boats. No older person wants to do this. Also more could be done to protect the north shore, which washes out at least a foot each year. Thank you for asking.
79	I would like to see the water level management done better.
80	The Lake District must do a better job of informing the public about lake management and activities. Current public information is inadequate. Too many people know too little about decisions made by too few.
81	Over the years, management has done a good job with its limited funding & deaf, slow to respond democratically DNR! Fishing & duck hunting was much better 45 years ago. Let's make Lake Puckaway Great Again! TY Cathy S.
82	Am very concerned about the low water levels and lack of good fishing in this lake. It has steadily declined and continues in a downward direction. There appears that more is being done to attract birds than to improve the lake and its fishing. Would be an economic boon to the area to restore its once great fishing reputation.

Number	"Other" responses
83	The lake level management has been pretty brutal over the last several years. Lowering the lake level has not appeared to help aquatic quality based on what I have seen. The 2' of silt appears to be the biggest issue with this body of water based on 100 years of biological build up on the bottom that is not going anywhere. By removing mass amounts of the silt, it will lower the lake level in the main basin and will certainly help address the issue that the water quality comes into Lake Puckaway fairly clean and leaves dirty. If we really want to address the long term viability of this body of water for both plants and fish species. We have lots of data that has been collected, can we work on trying to get some state/federal grant applications to try and clean up the lake bottom so that it can start to rebuild back to health? It may be good to network with a similar style lake as well for techniques, a similar lake to Puckaway in Michigan is Houghton Lake, I believe it would be very interesting to reach out to their lake management to see what Michigan is doing differently over there or ideas on what has or has not worked for that body of water as another idea as Michigan DNR has been pretty good on lake management over the years over there. Thanks for doing this, it has been nice to be able to communicate out some concerns and ideas, we all want to see Puckaway here as a great family destination for generations to come.
84	A draw down on Puckaway will effect fishing on the Lake for five to seven years. I would hold the lake water level before dam reconstruction. There are a lot of seniors and there families on th lake not very promising for the next five the seven years.
85	Fantastic that LPPRD has the Walleye Hatchery and has released so many fry. Like the work that they are doing with removing of carp, hatchery, aquatic plants, endangered terns, cormoran removal and buoys.
86	Please keep the water levels high - it benefits all the businesses, livelihood of lodging providers and property values of everyone around and upstream from Puckaway. I would like information on how we, as lake-front property owners, could maintain weed and plant-life control along our shoreline so we could swim. I like having plant life further away fo
87	fishing off the piers. We have wonderful sandy beaches which go out as far as waist-high, but plant-life, whether evasive [invasive] or not, is taking over the swimming areas - since I've owned my lake home. It's getting more uncomfortable to swim
88	Spent the winter in Florida that's the reason for delay I know lake link has fishing reports but not really helpful.
89	How about a webcam at Good Ol Days for lake laughs and ice formation. Keep up the good work and thanks.
90	I read all mail
91	Another survey!?! Why the expense? Just review the last 5...nothings changed! Improve/replace the damn dam! Where's the "special" Dam Fund! Dredge silt and create structures with silt!
92	When the Princeton Dam is replaced, you need to find a way to do that without draining the entire lake. Walleyes are coming back. We don't want to lose that momentum. Thank you!
93	In the 9 years since we purchased the property we've seen the lake conditions deteriorate to the point we are selling our property and searching for a cleaner and friendly laki
94	Its current condition is just awful! Its current management stinks!
95	Dam management to keep lake water levels up and consistent. Levels drop over 2 feet between spring and summer. Dredging of North side shoreline and deepening of lake
96	Keep the DNR our of Lake Puckaway. What is the use of the LPPRD when the DNR runs it.
97	Thanks for the survey. FYI your postcard arrived 3 days AFTER on line due date If water levels were stabilized at 12-16 inches higher than recent low levels the past few years, then emergent plants would have a chance to grow along shorelines with proper depth. Bul
98	Bushes and Reeds would also grow. Meanwhile it would meet the satisfaction recreational users. Landowners and others should be given the opportunity to plant and reestablish aquatic plants with LPPRD assistance.
99	It is important to us that the water level is maintained at a useable level for boating and pontooning. When the water level gets too low we can't even get our boats, etc off the lift The lake isn't even pleasurable to look at when the boards are not put in early enough to hold the water in.
100	This lake has gotten worse and soon to be DEAD!!! The drain down will kill it!!
101	great care should be given in preseuy [?] the water level and water quality up the lake to retain property values and if possible revive property value
102	The lake levels are horrible
103	Very nice work! Thank you!
104	Thank you for all your volunteering and work at managing but anonymous - but I received survey?? Really??
105	In our many years problem with consistent water levels is very important. All we ever heard was are the boards on in spring-- answer NO. Water too high. No insurance available. Who is authorized to do this? That question NEVER answered. Some early spring low water level from winter run off. yes no board put on until May.
106	You can tell by the questions that you are trying to increase navigation by controlling water level. The question about vegetation compared to pre 1960 doesn't mention that the lake wa always unusable because of the vegetation at that time
107	Donna Warth died last April. I have not been up there in years. I have family that has.

Number	"Other" responses
108	I believe one of the major decline of vegetation in the lake is due to carp. I have noticed in the last 2 to 3 years we have more vegetation due to the commercial fishermen doing an excellent job. Low water levels in summer with boating activity creates lots of turbulence in the water resulting in less sunlight and which its plant growth
109	I plan on moving next year so I will be more involved at that time My husband and I have spent a good part of our life at Lake Puckaway. Also our four children. First we rented a cottage from Mrs. and Mr. Hopeks. Then we rented a spot for a small trailer from
110	Hank Dopek. and we liked it so much we bought a piece of land from Hank for a bigger trailer. The water was clear for swimming. The fishing was great. The water is not clear anymore. The fishing is not as good anymore. My wish for Lake Puckaway is to have it as we did in our lifetime. Good Luck
111	Keep water level the same year round. In the fall the level is too low
112	The lake was great, as was the fishing until the draw down approximately 20 years ago. Until that time we had vegetation growing in front of our property and I had no problems catching a wide variety of fish. After the drawdown the vegetation disappeared and the quality of the fishing had never been as good.
113	Fix the dam. Keep the carp out. If water levels stay the same the lake will be fine
114	It was a wonderful lake when I was young (40s and 50s). We had a slide and an area to swim. Boating was good.. Fishing and hunting were great. I do not use the lake anymore so I don't keep up with all this. Sorry. Good Luck!! If you get rid of disrespectful people the lake would be better off. Stop the use of GoDeviIs and limit horse power on boats. Stop snowmobiles from trespassing on private property when I put signs up and ribbon they just went around on ran it over. Go Devils will run over wild rice and ruin whatever they want and argue that they are legal. some people will park within 100 yards of my old hunting buddies blind and wont move because they are legal. I call it disrespectful, my buddy has been hunting that corner for over 50 years cant these people leave us some space? There should be a enforceable law on boats parking by blinds!
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116	The current management condition is good
117	Water levels are the only real concern. Fishing is always good. It seems every summer the water is drawn down too low for boating etc. Because I had heard that they lower the level of the lake for the duck hunters which I think is causing all the negative
118	things you hear about this lake. Hopefully this fall the lake will not be lowered because that affects the ice fishing. The last two years I have not went ice fishing. Until I see the water levels stay up I will not use this lake at all for any type of fishing.
119	From when we bought our hunting land (used mainly for duck hunting), there has been a drastic down turn in the ducks that stop over on this lake. I don't know the answer but would sure like the vegetation to come back.
120	Clean the river. Take out tree in the river. ones that are in the middle of the river.
121	Every August we have to pull our boats out and take to Madison because they are sitting on the sand! The water levels are horrible! Never consistent in 6 years.
122	walleye wagon is a good thing. Wood hope it would be bigen. Plant more grass islands.
123	We love the area but is embarrassing when entertaining guest in August in the river/lake levels are so low you bottom out on a pontoon ride as you are showing the great features of the lake Some how there must be a way for both using the water as recreational and fishing.
124	What is the DAM construction going to do/ effect the fishing and hunting on Puckaway. What is the restoration process? How long before we have a lake?
125	I am pleased that the condition of the lake is always being addressed. I would like to see more beaches developed along the lake. Thank you
126	35/40 years ago I purchased an undeveloped piece of property with the thought for recreational use. being 190 miles from Puckaway I have only frequented the property perhaps 5 times in that 35/40 year period. As I'm getting older and retired my thought is to perhaps have one of my children find interest and possibly enjoy it as I have not. It will remain within my family.
127	Water levels need to stay higher.
128	fishing has gone down due to water levels being too high or too low
129	The future for this lake is looking better every year. Keep up the good work. Thomas G Zodrger [?]
130	I am in favor of doing whatever is necessary to the Princeton dam that would maintain a decent water level during summer months. The "boards" are usually put in way too late. My theory is if you're trying to keep something full, don't let it go empty in the first place. I can't believe safety is a legitimate excuse for the boards going in so late.
131	I hate fishing just like to relax and enjoy beautiful sunsets and relax.
132	The fishing has greatly deteriorated over the past 50 years. (I used to fish in the late 1960s until present time The water quality is getting worse as well. It is a beautiful lake in a beautiful setting. I would love to see better fishing and cleaner water for wildlife and water sports.

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133	<p>I don't know if this is the proper place to say this but I am very concerned about the raw sewage that I HEAR is dumped into the lake at night by a certain resort owner. Also concerned about the cattle that are able to "poop" right on the water's edge too.</p> <p>I've lived here all my life, seen the lake go through different stages from great to bad mostly all because of DNR decisions, poisoning the fish with helicopters to kill the carp, but instead killin everything to draining of the marsh, removal of dams upstream and all the sediment that is now in this lake, you could find sand bottoms many areas of the lake now its a struggle to get a boat through, plants won't grow in that environment low water levels in the winter helped to have ice freeze down so far that it either killed the vegetation or was ripped out when ice came off with</p>
134	<p>wind. The size limit on northern was also stupid, was better fishing without that size limit 32" and you could keep 5, I'm to the point I really don't care to fish on this lake anymore. I don't fish for trophies I fish to catch a meal of fish to eat.</p> <p>P.S. If there was dredging done on the lake would improve. And I did fill out this form online, it is too bad that website sucks and didn't get it to you.</p> <p>Prohibit motor trolling anywhere on the lake.</p>
135	<p>Change the daily bag limit on walleye to three and change the size limit to only fish from 15" to 20" and one fish may be over 25"</p> <p>Change size limit on northern to one fish over 26"</p>
136	<p>I believe the overall quality and condition of the lake have declined. I believe the allowance of the Cormorants have wiped out the perch. The removal of the locks/ dam/ spillway between Buffalo Lake and Puckaway was not a good move</p>
137	<p>No ComputerM- 90yrsF-87yrs</p>
138	<p>We bought a condo in Marquette on Lake Puckaway mostly as a weekend and summer getaway retreat. My sons and I have always enjoyed fishing and hunting on the lake and would like to be able to continue to participate in those activities</p>
139	<p>I would like to become more involved in 4 years when I live on Puckaway year round...Sorry I'm sending you this so late!!</p>
140	<p>Love the lake but water levels make it hard to get to business on the lake. So its hard to support local business if you can't get your boat to their docks. Not all people are willing to jump in and walk to piers</p>
141	<p>Need good dam/ fish ladder / good water level / boat launch OAH st Junk! Dredge??</p>
142	<p>Overall doing a good job of improving conditions, Changes of this water the time</p>
143	<p>My main concern is the new dam does not make the spring floods linger into late May. We could potentially lose 100's of acres to high water. Late high water could cause thousands of dollar in losses to our operation.</p>
144	<p>Somebody please read "Andrew Sabai's" Final report!!</p>
145	<p>over the years the interest in Lake Puckaway has improved in maintaining/improving the ecosystem. communication regarding different aspects of the ecosystem and the lake district in general have improved as well.</p>
146	<p>We are in our 80's and do not fish the lake like we did so many years ago but would like to see lake Puckaway stay in good fishing condition along with water quality of the lake. we had many years of been on Lake Puckaway . also love to go down and watch all the birds and beautiful sun sets over the lake. "Best of luck"</p>
147	<p>Lake Puckaway used to be a great lake that my grandfather and I fished all year it was fun. Now I own property on it and I don't use it as much as I would like to mainly because of the quality of the lake and its fishing. Make it a great lake again for me and my grandchildren to be able to use. Thanks</p>
148	<p>Appreciate all that your organization has done to oversee the maintenance of the lake for all of us stakeholders. I am unable to do much to help right now as unable to get up to lake property as much as would like to. Sincerely want the lake to be maintained to be a safe and recreational waterway.</p>
149	<p>Fix the dam already!! STOP giving "bonuses" payments to carp removal fisherman! they are ALREADY paid for the job! These "bonuses" are robbing taxpayers of the funds they contribute to the LLPRD. Also, consistent overpopulation of this small shallow lake equals POLLUTION!! too many people abuse this small shallow lake!! Put "no wake" periods in place and STOP TROLLING!! also do not drain the lake as this would be a waste of all the efforts of the fish hatchery, etc. I believe "more restrictions on the use of the lake" would help the water quality and fish and wildlife and plants.</p>
150	<p>Am very happy LPPRD exists and support your efforts</p>
151	<p>Sorry I didn't respond to your previous mailings. I do not have a computer. That is a luxury I cannot afford. If I didn't have to pay 5,000 a year for taxes I could afford a computer. Lake Puckaway should be called Muckaway because that is what it is by the 4th of July. Last year I could not have my great grand kids go into the lake. It was so stinky and full of algae. Sometimes the smell (like a sewer) is so bad we cannot sit outside. People who have been around many years before I bought my cottage tell me how it used to be and how clear and clean it was. Now I'm paying</p>
152	<p>Zoning regulations seem quite strict if you are wishing to build or improve your property.</p>
153	<p>Need the water level to increase more than 2 feet to provide proper boat usage. Sold pontoon boat because of that water level problem. Unable to enjoy the lake because of that problem.</p> <p>Commercial carp removal needs to continue</p>

Number	"Other" responses
154	My family has been on this lake for better than sixty years. In that time water clarity went from excellent to very poor. Also pan fishing went from excellent to almost non-existent. The reasons I feel for the decline of pan-fishing are: nesting program in the Grand River Marsh to re-introduce The Cormorants to this area, flocks of pelicans on the lake, excessive carp population, lack of vegetation, water clarity, making lake Puckaway a trophy lake for marathoners which resulted in too many Northerners that stunted in growth from 26-28 in
155	IN THE 60'S WHEN I WAS LITTLE I WOULD GO TO VISIT MY GRANDPARENTS ON LAKE PUCKAWAY. I REMEMBER CATCHING SO MANY FISH WITH MY GRANDFATHER & UNCLE. THE WATER WAS CLEANER THEN. CERTAIN TIMES OF YEAR I WOULD SEE THE LILY PADS. NOW THE ONLY FISH MY FAMIL CATCHES IS CARP & MAYBE A BASS. HAVEN'T GOTTEN THE CRAPPIES, PERCH, OR BLUEGILL FOR YEARS. I DON'T SEE THE LILY PDS EITHER.
156	THE SIZE LIMIT FOR NORTHERNS IS 32"; IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT DOWN TO 30".
157	THE LAKE NEEDS A CONSISTANT WATER LEVEL WHICH CAN BE MANAGEABLE WITH A MODERN DAM. BASED ON BSUES ON THIS LAKE DRAWDONS HAVE PROVEN INEFFECTIVE. THE BEST REPAIR FOR PUCKAWAY IS MAJOR SILT REMOVAL IN THE ENTIRE WEST BASIN AREA & DREDGE BANK TO REMOVE 100 YEARS OF ORGANIC BUILD UP. 2 FEET OF SILT IS KEEPING PLANTS FROM PROPERLY ROOTING & IS THE MAIN CAUSE FOR DECLINING LAKE HEALTH. LET'S PLEASE APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR MAJOR SILT REMOVAL. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO! PS SILT REMOVAL ALSO HELPS IMPROVE LAKE DEPTHS WITHOUT CAUSING MORE EROSION. CORMORANT CONTROL—POOR PAN FISHING
158	EMERGENT PLANTS NURSING AREAS SHOULD BE CLOSED TO WATER CRAFT
159	I WOULD LIKE TO SEE DREDGING IN THE OLD CHANNEL TO PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS TO THE RIVER CHANNELS WE INHERITED 3 LOTS AND ARE CONSIDERING SELLING THEM. NEVER SEEN THE LAKE! WATER LEVEL HAS BEEN EXTREMELY MANAGED POORLY TOO MUCH SILT, MUCK
160	DAM NEEDS WORK NO WILD RICE TO HOLD WATERFOWL POOR MANAGEMENT ON REGULATIONS FOR NORTHERN—LOWER SIZE LIMIT ON PIKE NEED IMPROVED LAUNCH SITES & PARKING
161	NOTIFY US WHEN CARP ARE GOING TO BE REMOVED
162	WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A MINIMAL LAKE DRAW DOWN DURING THE DAM PROJECT.
163	LAKE PUCKAWAY WILL NEVER BE LIKE IT WAS IN THE 50'S & 60'S. TOO MUCH HOUSING. BIGGEST PROBLEM IS ALL FARM RUN OFF IN THE LAKE. JUST LOOK AT THE MILES OF DITCHES THAT DRAIN FARM FIELDS AND RUN DIRECTLY IN THE LAKE. THIS SHOULD BE STOPPED DITCHES SHOULD BE FILLED IN. LET THE FARM FIELDS ABSORB THE WATER LIKE THEY ONCE DID. THE LAKE WOULD BE SO MUCH CLEANER. HIGHER WATER LEVELS WOULD STOP ALGE BLOOMS. THIS ALL SHOULD BE A NO BRAINER TO YOU AND THE DNR. QUIT PLAYING AROUND AND PUT IN A FIXED CREST DAM LIKE BUFFALO LAKE. THIS HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT SINCE 1963 THAT I KNOW OF. BEAUTIFUL LAKE--BUT WATER LEVEL VERY INCONSISTENT. CASE IN POINT-DAMAGE OF SHORELINE THIS YEAR ON NORTH SIDE OF LAKE BY ICE. I'VE HEARD THAT IT WAS FAULT OF DAM
164	MANAGEMENT. FORGETTING TO CONTROL DAM. I'VE MY OWNED PROPERTY FOR 30 YEARS NOW AND THEY HAVE BEEN DOING NOTHING BUT TALKING ABOUT THE DAMN DAM. BUT AS FAR AS I CAN SEE THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING.
165	I LOVE LAKE PUCKAWAY AND WOULD LOVE TO DONATE TO FUNDING FOR ITS CARE LAKE PUCKAWAY NEEDS INFORMED, SCIENTIFALLY-BASED MANAGEMENT. TOO MUCH POWER AND DECISIONS IS GIVEN TO A SMALL GROUP OF LOCALS WHO DO NOT BASE DECISIONS SOUNDLY, BIOLOGICAL-BASED INFORMATION. THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS IS FOCUSED ON SUMMER WATERLEVELS FOR RECREATION, NOT FOCUSED ON THE HEALTH OF THE LAKE. A DAM AT PRINCETON HAS IMPACT, BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE THE FOCUS. IN STEAD THE FOCUS SHOULD BE TAKING ON THE TOUGH, BUT NECESSARY, MANAGEMENT STEP NEEDED TO MADE REAL
166	CHANGE FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE LAKE. GET RID OF CARP, RESORE AQUATIC SUBMERSED AND EMERGENT VEGITATION, LOWER LEVELS WHEN THE LONG TERM BENIFIT OUT WEIGHS THE SHORT TERM CHALLANGES, DO ALL THAT IS NECESSARY TO RESTORE WILDLIFE TO HISTORIC LEVELS, LIMIT FISHING AT CRITICAL TIMES FOR CERTIAN SPECIES, TAKE A LOOK AND ACT ON A LONG TERM PLAN TO RESTORE AND PROTECT PUCKAWAY.

Number	"Other" responses
167	<p>I AM DISAPPOINTED BY THE IMPACT THE CURRENT MANAGEMENT LAKE PUCKAWAY HAS HAD. THERE IS TOO MUCH CONCERN ABOUT KEEPING LAKE LEVELS ARTIFICIALLY HIGH. THIS IS A RIVER SYSTEM AND LOW WATER LEVELS ARE NATURAL AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO OCCURE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE HABITATE IMPROVEMENT. THERE SEEMS TO BE TOO MUCH CONCERN ABOUT ECONOMIC IMPACT WITH LOW WATER LEVELS. THERE HAS BEEN GOOD SCIENCE TESTED RECOMMENDATIONS MADE THAT DO NOT SEE IMPLEMENTATION. PLEASE ALLOW SCIENCE BASED PROFESSIONALS TO HAVE GREATER CONTROL OVER IMPROVING THE LAKE. THANK YOU THE LAKE NEEDS A LOT OF IMPROVEMENT--CARP, LOSS OF HABITATE, ARTIFICIALLY, HIGH WATER LEVELS, ALL CONTINUE TO HAVE RESETANCE IMPACTS--AS THEY HAVE FOR YEARS</p> <p>WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE PLANS THAT WERE PRESENTED AT THE MEETINGS YEARS AGO. I RECALL ATTENDING A MEETING AT PRINCETON WITH VARIOUS EXPERTS THERE--WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THOSE PLANS?</p> <p>HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS; 1-PUT INDEPENDENT SCIENCE BASED PROFESSIONAL IN CHARGE OF DECISION MAKING WITH THE HEALTH OF THE LAKE. LAKE SIZE BE GUIDEDANCE FOR THEIR DECISION MAKING VS. WATER LEVELS HIGH (DNR) 2-RAISE ASSESSMENTS AS NEEDED TO ALLOW IMPROVEMENTS TO OCCURE MORE RAPIDLY. 3-MANAGE SPECIFICLY OF THE LAKE FOR SPECIFIC OUT COME. EXP; EAST END QUIETWATER; LOW WATER FOR EMERGENT VEGETATION AND WATER FOW USE. EXMP. WEST END MORE RECREATIONAL USE. 4-MOVE FROM STATUS QUO TO AGGRESSIVE. 5- STOP MAKING--KEEPING THE LAKE LEVES UP-THE PRIMARY DRIVER- MAKE HABITATE AND HEALTH OF THE WHATTHE LAKE SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY DRIVER.</p>
168	I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW WE COULD MAINTAIN A HIGHER WATER LEVEL IN SUMMER IF THAT IS POSSIBLE
169	WATER QUALITY SEEMS OK WATER DEPTH NEEDS BETTER CONTROL-TO SHALLOWMOST OF THE TIME-REDICULOUS
170	THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF GIVING YOU A REPLY
171	DAM AT PRINCETON IS NECESSARY FOR THE EXISTANCE OF LAKE PUCKAWAY IN SUMMER. THE REMOVAL OF DAM NEAR RIVERS BEND PROMOTES HIGHER WATER LEVELS IN SPRING CAUSING MORE SHORE EROSION.
172	EROSIN ISSUES HAVE BEEN VERY COSTLY FOR HOME OWNER. WEEDS IN SHORELINE ARE BAD AND MAKE SWIMMING UNINVITING.
173	DOING A GOOD JOB/DON'T OVER RUN AND MAKE A PROBLEM
174	IN THE LAKES CURRENT CONDITION IT IS FUN TO FISH & BOAT ON. I SOMETIMES BELIEVE WE SHOULD LET NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE.
175	LAKE HAS WENT TO HELL EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE BOY. ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS IN MY OPINION IS THE LARGER MOTORS ON A SHALLOW LAKE. THERE SHOULD BE A LIMIT ON MOTOR SIZE OF 25 HP. WATER LEVELS MAY HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED TO HIGH AND SHORELINE IS ERODING ALONG WITH AQUATIC WEEDS.
176	MY NORTH SHORE SHORELINE RECIEVED SEVERE ICE DAMAGE THIS WINTER. WAS TOLD THE FLOODGATES COULD NOT BE OPENED DUE TO DNR RED TAPE?
177	AS A RESORT OWNER W/315' SHORELINE I LOOSE ALL INTEREST IN IMPROVING WHEN EVERYTHING I WANT TO DO HS A PAPER PRICE TAG (PERMIT) JUST TOO MUCH CONTROL BY PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY LACKING IN KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT I HAVE IN MIND.
177	AS A OWNER-LAKE QUALITY & ENJOYMENT IS # 1 FOR OUR CUSTOMERS- GROWING WEEDS IN SWIMMING AREAS & NOT ALLOWING OWNERS TO CONTROL THIS IS NOT A GOOD BUSINESS PRACTICE.
178	I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR 23 YEARS. THE LAST 5 AT OUR SUMMERTIME RECREATION HOME. WATER LEVELS CONCERN ME THE MOST. IT'S TIME FOR A NEW DAM IN PRINCETON AND PROPERLY CONTROL THE WATER LEVEL.
179	IT WOULD BE NICE IF THEY WOULD HARVEST SHEEPHEAD LIKE THEY DO THE CARP.ALSO LOWER THE SIZE LIMIT ON NORTHERNS BACK TO 26"
180	ALL THE DRAW DOWNS FOR WEED GROWTH HAVE NOT WORKED. WHEN THE WEEDS GROW THE LOW WATER LEVEL WASH OUT THE WEEDS WITH THE WAVE ACTION AND THE ICE EITHER SUFFICATES OR PULL THEM OUT AT ICE OUT. HIGHER WATER LEVELS HERE ARE ONLY 3-5 FEET AND THE WEEDS STILL GROW. THE HIGH SPRING WATER THIS SPRING AND THE WEEDS ARE GROWING AS I SEE WHEN I HAVE BEEN OUT FISHING THIS SPRING. NO MORE DRAW DOWNS WE NEED CONSTANT WATER LEVELS
181	I LIKE TO SEE MORE CARP REMOVAL, IT WOULD HELP RESTORE AQUATIC PLANTS.ALSO HELP FISH REPRODUCTION
182	YOUR FAILED SINCE I PREVIOUSLY FILLED OUT THE SURVEY IN A TIMELY MANNER. BUT THIS LETTER CLAIMES YOU DID NOT RECEIVE IT.
183	THE LOW WATER LEVEL IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN. THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO TO IMPROVE THE LAKE THE SUMMER LEVELS DO NOT ALLOW RECREATIONAL USE TO ITS FULLEST EXTENT. ALSO THE DROP IN WATER LEVELS & HEAT FROM SUMMER HEAT THE LAKE TO UNFAVORABLE
184	CONDITIONS RE: FISH (OXYGEN) & ALLOWS OTHER FACTORS (BACTERIA) IN WATER TO STAY ALIVE. BIRDS AND LARGE ONES CONTINUE TO REDUCE THE FISH & ITS FRY. AS LAKE GOES DOWN IN LEVEL IT ALLOWS FOR WIND TO ERODE THE SHORELINE AS WELL AS ALLOW OTHER WEEDS TO GROW IN SAND WHERE WATER SHOULD BE
185	THE LAKE BOTTOM USED TO BE ALL SAND. WHAT HAPPENED?
186	THE LAKE WILL NEVER REACH THE PLANT LEVELS PRIOR TO THE DAM. AS WE HAVE TOLD THE DNR THE CARP ARE THE BIGGEST PROBLEM ON PUCKAWAY. THE CURRENT PROGRAM IS WORKING. KEEP IT UP. WIND BEARIERS WOULD HELP THE PLANT STATUS.
187	THE LAKE HAS BEEN DRAWN DOWN AND POISONED TO CONTROL INVASIVE SPECIES OVER THE YEARS. AFTER THIS THE FISHING HAS STEADILY DECLINED. THE WORST DISASTER HAS BEEN THE ATTEMPT AT KEEPING THE LAKE LEVELS LOW TO WAIT UNTIL LATE JUNE TO INSTALL THE BOARDS WHICH I BELIEVE IS A COMPLETE DISASTER. DRAWING DOWN THE LAKE AFTER ALL THE STOCKING OF FRY OR POISONING THE LAKE IS PROBABLY THE STUPIDEST IDEA SOMEONE EVER CONCEIVED.

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188	THE FISHING HAS GOTTEN WORSE SINCE THE DRAINING THE LAKE AROUND 1972 TO SUPPOSE OF RID OF CARP. WHICH DID NOT HAPPEN. ONLY THING THAT DID WAS RUN OFF THE ABUNDANT OF YELLOW PERCH, WHICH COULD CATCH WAY BACK 20 TO 25 TO A HOME TO ??? NOW RARE TO CATCH MANY PERCH. PLEASE STOCK THE LAKE WITH YELLOW PERCH AGAIN & NOT TAKE FISH OUT TO OTHER LAKES. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. MAKE LAKE PUCKAWAY A GREAT LAKE AGAIN I DID TAKE THE ON LINE SURVEY
189	I DID ALL OF THIS ON LINE-YOU PEOPLE REALLY NEED SOME HELP! TALK IS CHEAP--FIX THE DAM! I PAY HIGH TAXES TO LIVE ON WATER...THE LAKE HAS BECOME SHIT.
190	PERCH POPULATION--80'S, 90'S, 2000 WAS STABLE NOW CAN'T FIND MANY
191	GET LAKE WATER LEVEL UP IN SUMMER!HIGHWATER LEVEL = SPENDING MONEY AROUND THE LAKE
192	HIGHER WATER EQUAL CLEARER WATER THIS PROMOTES GROWTH OF VEGETATION WHICH FILTERS THE WATER THIS MEANS BETTER FISHING BETTER BOATING AD BETTER WATER QUALITY.
193	WE ARE MOVING TO OUR COTTAGE THIS YEAR AND ARE EXCITED ABOUT OUR COMING YEAR ON LAKE PUCKAWAY AND HOPE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN CHARGE OF PROTECTING THE HABITATE & RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON THIS LAKE.
194	IN THE PAST WATER LEVELS WERE NEVER AS IMPORTANT AS THEY ARE TODAY. SOMETIMES THE WATER IS SO SHALLOW WE CAN'T EVEN PUT OUR BOAT IN!
195	I AM HAPPY THERE IS A LPPRD! "THANK YOU" FOR THE CARING YOU SHOW FOR LAKE PUCKAWAY. I APPRECIATE YOUR HARD-WORK. YOU ROCK ON THE MOTOR SIZE ON THE LAKE. YEARS AGO A 25 HP MOTOR WAS CONSIDERED LARGE. ON A SHALLOW LAKE ESPECIALLY WITH LOWER SUMMER WATER LEVELS. MY OPINION IS THE
196	PROP WASH BELOW THE SURFACE WOULD HAVE TO BE TEARING OUT VEGETATION ON THE BOTTOM. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SOMEONE NEED 200+ HP MOTORS TO GET FROM POINT A TO POINT B. LACK OF INTEREST BY LANDOWNERS ATTENDING YEARLY LAKE MEETING HURTS. unable TO ADJUST WATER LEVELS NOW WITH FLASHBOARDS AS PRECIPATIONINCREASE OR DECREASE
197	FOLLOWING HIGH OR LOW WATER LEVELS. AS PER SUMMER OF 2015, LOW PRECIPATION LED TO LOW LEVELS OF WATER, FOLLOWED BY INCREASED WATER TEMPS AND ALGE BLOOMS. LANDOWNERS UNABLE TO ACCESS LAE FOR FISHING AND RECREATION USE AND VISITORS UNABLE TO LAUNCH AT PUBLIC LANDING POSSSIBLY MEANS VISITORS NOT RETURNING--\$ NOT IN TO LOCAL AREA (LODGING, MEALS, ETC) LAKE DECREASED PROPERTY VALVES--LESS TAXES FOR COUNTY/DISTRICT REDUCE NORTHERN PIE SIZELIMITSFOR LAKE & FOX RIVER.
198	IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER LAKE PUCKAWAY'S RECREATIONAL USE BRINGS LOTS OF MONEY TO OUR COMMINTES. WITH THAT IN MIND, IT MAKE MOST SENSE TO APPEASAE THE GREATER NUMBERS THAT USE IT MOST. I LEAN TOWARDS FISHING BECAOUSE IT IS A YEAR ROUND EVENT.
199	I AM DELIGHTED THAT THE LPPRD EXISTS & IS ACTIVE IN MANAGING OUR IMPORTANT LAKE RESOURCE. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! PANFISH NUMBERS (PERCH & CRAPPIE) PAN FISH NUMBERS HAVE DECLINED AS SHOWN BY DNR LAKE SURVEY--NUMBERS AND SIZE DRASTICLLY DROPOOED. REMOVAL YEARS AGO (70'S) OF BREEDING CRAPPIES TO RESTOCK BEAVER DAM LAKE DEVASTATED BLACK CRAPPIE NUMBERS & FEEDING OF FRY BY BASS, WALLEYE & NORTHERNS & SMALL # OF crappies HAVE NOT
200	ALLOWED FOR SURVIVAL OF NATURAL HATCHING FRY. MONITORING OF CHEMICAL RUN OFF FROM AGRICULTURAL FIELDS SURROUNDING PUCKAWAY WATERSHED IS NEEDS ALONG WITH INCREASING CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR INCREASING FILTER STRIPS & BUFFERS. LEVELS OF HEAVY METALS & AG CHEMICKALS, NITROGEN, PHOS. POTTASIMUM NEED TO BE PUBLISHED. LAKE SEDIMENT SAMPLES FROM VARIOUS SITES PULLED AND ANALIZED & DISCOVER POSSIBLE SOURCES E-COLI; DETERMINED & PUBLISH IF COMING FROM FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEM OR ANIMAL AG-WAST RUNOFF. THIS IMPORTANT FOR SWIMMING & WATER SKIING HAVE OR ARE THESE TESTED FOR BY DNR OR UW STEVENS POINT LAB & RESULTS SHARED
201	LAKE PUCKAWAY IS A GRAT LAKE WHEN WATER LEVELS ARE UP. KEEPING WATER LEVELS AT UABLE LEVELS ARE IMPROTANT TO ECONOMIC IMPACT OF AREA. NOT MARKING HAZZARDS AND LOW WATER ARE RUNING THE REPUTATION OF LAKE PUCKAWAY.
202	HAS NOT DEVELOPED AS ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED SINCE ORIGINALLY PURCHASED. WOULD LIKE TO SELL OR WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE IT. ANY IDEAS?
203	Make the size limit on Northern pike 26 as is the river system. This is not the 1950's and never will be again. STOP the drainage ditches from running into the lake. Make the farmers stop the run off and qoit draining the marshes.
204	Only problem as I see it is the water levels. Too much variation, needs control. Too low cant use the lake, too high floods cabins. Years ago was not this type of problem and seemed to havi better fishing etc.
205	Maintain a consistent lake level year round.
206	lake drawdown, my parents owned a home on lake sinissippi and a 1971? drawdown ruined the lake
207	Too many cormorants and pelicans that eat all the panfish and destroyed the dredge bank
208	Would like to see higher water levels in summer but I really do not know the history of the lake if this is possible. This is one of the best lakes in Wisconsin .
209	maintain consistent water level & Princeton damn replacement has been talked about and nothing accomplished for decades. this survey is just 'another dog & pony show' ! The higher the water, the better the quality. The higher the water, the better the fishing. Watching the decline of ice fishing is indicative of the direction this lake is going. The boat landing
210	have also had plenty of parking from May until the carp trucks have them clogged up in Oct/Nov. The carp boats have wrecked every landing they have used. That's a fact. Keep them out of the new landing in Marquette.

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211	We want to know if Lake Puckaway is going to be drained if the Princeton dam is rebuilt in 2018? When are we going to find out?
212	the lake was fine 38+ years ago, until they did a draw down to kill carp. they killed the vegetation and it has not come back. the constant draw downs WILL NOT fix what was once done. put the pier crest on the dam. re-build the dredge bank and the lake will be back to normal
213	We would like to see a deeper lake in the main section of the lake to be about 8ft deep. Next, I'd like to see the lake maintain higher water levels until mid to late October.
214	Fix the Dam so the summer water level is maintained. They have been talking about it for over 35 years! My property value would go up if the lake level was kept higher, and the need to have a pier sticking out 60 feet would no longer be needed.
215	This last summer, we went from the inlet to the middle of the lake and hit a object which cause sever damage to our motor. Who can this be reported to so others won't have to incur an expense like us from low water levels?
216	I appreciate that something is being done and all the effort that you folks put in!
217	Water levels at times make it hard to navigate or dock if levels are too low
218	Growing up fishing was much better, I'd like to see fishing get better. I'd like to see a higher lake level maintained!!
219	Extremely low water levels in July and August hampered use of the lake and caused huge algae blooms. Water levels must be maintained so we can enjoy fishing and swimming.
220	I appreciate all the work you do on our behalf. My primary concern is the low water levels in the summer. Thanks. I would be open to volunteering once I retire in a few years.
221	Lake Puckaway needs to be maintained at adequate levels and to be an all around great experience for all visitors. Board needs to manage whole lake not just vegetation. Seems like all effort are restoring plants. Always have excuses for lake level. I understand if there is no rain but level is never stable