

**FISHERIES & HABITAT COMMITTEE
BULLHEAD REDUCTION PROJECT
2023 PROJECT SUMMARY**

I. COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING DATA

- 1 Virtual Meetings (3-10-23) (Minutes sent out via email)
- Added Shoreline Stabilization as a second educational-based project.
- Preliminary meeting with Steve Kircher, Conservationist for Forest County Land and Conservation Office regarding shoreline education “partnership”.
- Numerous committee email communications for project planning & coordination.

II. PROJECT TASK TIMELINE & INFORMATION SUMMARY

- **March/April:**
 1. Virtual Planning Meeting
 2. Reached out to Greg Matzke in end of March to get DNR approval for a proposed “blanket volunteer” format which would include all individuals with current-year membership to LMA as being eligible to net bullhead minnows/fry/eggs.
 3. Networking meeting and email contacts with Steve Kircher for annual meeting and website planning.
- **May/June:**
 1. Learned Matzke’s Supervisor denied “blanket volunteer application” proposal.
 2. Received then modified 2023 Volunteer Agreement form with “watermark” directions and usage restrictions. Wrote 2023 project summary and sent along with directions and application form by email to all 2022 participants.
 3. All volunteer agreement forms and directions were posted on the website.
 4. Submitted Kayla Reed's newspaper articles for posting in the Republican, Pioneer Express and LMA Newsletter.
 5. Posted on LMA's Facebook page.
 6. Made modification of dates on collection site signs
 7. Print blank Volunteer Applications for annual meeting.
 8. Prepared blank volunteer application forms for collection site clipboards.
 9. Gather materials (pails, clipboards, etc.) for collection site.
 10. Picked up Palubicki’s and Yeti certificates.
 11. Organized the schedule for volunteers at the collection site.
- **July/August/September:**
 1. Hang collection site signs (stored in JJ's shed) at the fishing pier before first day.
 2. Sent completed DNR volunteer application forms to Greg Matzke and approval letter to participant(s)
 3. Disposal of bullhead, eggs, and minnows.
 4. Determined and purchased raffle prizes based upon the number of individuals dropping off at site with completed applications.
 5. Calculate and disseminate the final totals for collection site.
 6. Wrote “thank you” summary letter of collection totals to send to participants with raffle prizes.
 7. Complete the raffle drawing and mail certificates.
 8. “Thank You” letters sent to businesses that made matching funds gift cards/coupons donations.
 9. Project Summary articles submitted to LMA newsletter.

III. COLLECTION SITE SUMMARY & RESULTS

- Site volunteers were committee members Phil Resch, Grant Reed, Ed Smith, and volunteer Wally Wied
- Opened 6 Saturdays 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm beginning July 8, 2023.
- Disposal of eggs, fry/minnows and adults handled by Ed Smith.
- 2,176,050 fry/eggs and 125 adult bullheads collected.
- 64 participant hours for collection

IV. BUDGET & EXPENDITURES

- Balance carried over from Approved 2022 Budget (\$5,000) \$3,582.26

EXPENSES:

- Impervious Surfaces Pamphlet UW-SP Extension (for Annual Meeting) \$18.00
- Palubicki E&T 20 \$10.00 Coupons (20 addition coupons donated) \$200.00
- Yeti Coupons 10 @ \$10.00 each (No Donations) \$100.00
- Tamarack Outfitters Gift Cards 2 @ \$25.00 each (2 Donated) \$50.00
- Krist Gas Station Gift Cards 2 @ \$25.00 each (No Donation) \$50.00
- Schaefer's IGA Gift Cards 5@ \$50.00 each (5 Donated) \$250.00
- \$668.00

BUDGET	\$3,582.26
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$668.00</u>
BUDGET BALANCE	<u>\$2,914.26</u>

V. INCENTIVE DRAWING

- Drawing done by Julie Janquart on Labor Day weekend by guests.
- Included only individuals who completed a volunteer application and submitted their "catch" at the collection site.
- Individual volunteers with drop-offs at collection site received one entry for each time they dropped off.
- Awards included 10 \$50.00 Schaefer Gift Cards, 4 Tamarack Outfitters \$25.00 Gift Cards, 2 Krist \$25.00 Gift Cards and 4 \$10.00 Palubicki Eats & Treats Coupons for a total of 20.
- "Thank you" letter was mailed out to all winners along with the gift card in early September.

Text Message from Mike Preul:

Totals for 2023 to this date: 8702 individual bullheads removed, 9040 lbs. bullhead removed, 11.4 inches each, 0.91 lbs. each. Total bullhead removed 2021-2023 since restarted removals: 28,235.

