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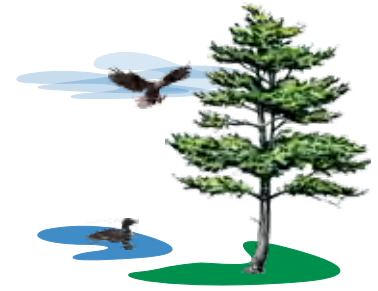


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Association Update

Mark Truymen

Another summer is well underway as “ice out” was late April and it didn’t take long for the docks and lifts to be put into the lake. The winter was lack of snow again this year with the snowmobile trails only open for a few weeks but early spring brought some heavy snow and rain to help bring the lake level up.

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This will be my last article as president as my term is up after the annual meeting. I’ve been on the LMA board for nine (9) years and it’s time for some fresh blood to carry the torch. It’s been very enjoyable as we have a great board and I’ve learned so much about the lake and its environment.

Hope to see everyone at our annual meeting on Saturday June 28th.

A blue ink signature of Mark Truymen.

Mark Truymen

Aquatic Plant/AIS Committee

Grant Reed

The 2024 Aquatic Plant Study Report from Onterra is complete and is available to view on the website @<https://www.lakemetongawi.org/invasives-committee/>. This report is a combination of the 2024 Whole Lake Aquatic Plant Point Intercept Survey and the annual Late Season EWM

Survey, both done by Onterra and part of a cost-sharing grant with the DNR. It is a very comprehensive report and shows the differences in aquatic plants between the 2005, 2013, 2018 and 2024 whole lake surveys as well as the EWM population and density annually. Please check the website to view the report. 🐸

Table 2.1-1. Aquatic plant species located on Lake Metonga during 2005, 2013, 2018, and 2024.

Growth Form	Scientific Name	Common Name	Status in Wisconsin	Coefficient of Conservatism	2005	2013	2018	2024
Emergent	<i>Calla palustris</i>	Water arum	Native	9		I		
	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Bristly sedge	Native	5	I	I		
	<i>Carex lacustris</i>	Lake sedge	Native	8			I	
	<i>Carex retrorsa</i>	Retorse sedge	Native	6		I		
	<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	Creeping spikerush	Native	8	X	I	I	
	<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	Common arrow head	Native	3	X	I	I	
	<i>Schoenoplectus acutus</i>	Hardstem bulrush	Native	5	X	X	X	X
	<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i>	Softstem bulrush	Native	4	X	I		X
	<i>Typha</i> spp.	Cattail spp.	Unknown (Sterile)	NA	X		I	
	<i>Zizania palustris</i>	Northern wild rice	Native	8	I	I		
	<i>Zizania</i> spp.	Wild rice sp.	Native	8			I	
FL	<i>Brasenia schreberi</i>	Watershield	Native	7				X
	<i>Nuphar variegata</i>	Spatterdock	Native	6	X	X	X	X
	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	White water lily	Native	6	X	X	X	X
Submergent	<i>Bidens beckii</i>	Water marigold	Native	8	X	X	X	X
	<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	Cootail	Native	3	X	X	X	X
	<i>Chara</i> spp.	Muskgrasses	Native	7	X	X	X	X
	<i>Chara</i> spp. & <i>Nitella</i> spp.	Muskgrasses & Stoneworts	Native	NA	X	X	X	X
	<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	Common waterweed	Native	3	X	X	X	X
	<i>Heteranthera dubia</i>	Water stargrass	Native	8	X		I	
	<i>Isoetes</i> spp.	Quillwort spp.	Native	8	X	X		X
	<i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>	Northern watermilfoil	Native	7	X	X	X	X
	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil	Non-Native - Invasive	NA	X	X	X	X
	<i>Najas flexilis</i>	Slender naiad	Native	6	X	X	X	X
	<i>Najas guadalupensis</i>	Southern naiad	Native	7			X	
	<i>Nitella</i> spp.	Stoneworts	Native	7	X			X
	<i>Potamogeton friesii</i>	Fries' pondweed	Native	8				X
	<i>Potamogeton gramineus</i>	Variable-leaf pondweed	Native	7	X	X	X	X
	<i>Potamogeton illinoensis</i>	Illinois pondweed	Native	6	X	X	X	X
	<i>Potamogeton praelongus</i>	White-stem pondweed	Native	8	X	X		X
	<i>Potamogeton pusillus</i>	Small pondweed	Native	7	X	X		X
	<i>Potamogeton robbinsii</i>	Fern-leaf pondweed	Native	8				X
	<i>Potamogeton strictifolius</i>	Stiff pondweed	Native	8		X	X	X
	<i>Potamogeton X spathuliformis</i>	Variable-leaf X Illinois pondweed	Native	NA		X		
	<i>Potamogeton zosteriformis</i>	Flat-stem pondweed	Native	6	X	X	X	X
	<i>Ranunculus flabellaris</i>	Yellow water crowfoot	Native	8		X		
	<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>	Creeping spearwort	Native	9	X			
	<i>Sagittaria</i> sp. (rosette)	Arrowhead sp. (rosette)	Native	NA		I		
	<i>Stuckenia pectinata</i>	Sago pondweed	Native	3	X	X		
	<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	Common bladderwort	Native	7	X	X	X	
	<i>Vallisneria spiralis</i>	Wild celery	Native	6	X	X	X	X
S/E	<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>	Needle spikerush	Native	5		X		X
	<i>Juncus pelocarpus</i>	Brown-fruited rush	Native	8	X	X		
	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	Grass-leaved arrowhead	Native	9	X			
FF	<i>Lemna minor</i>	Lesser duckweed	Native	5	X			
	<i>Lemna trisulca</i>	Forked duckweed	Native	6		X		X
	<i>Riccia</i> sp.	Riccia sp.	Native	7		X		
	<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i>	Greater duckweed	Native	5		X		

FL = Floating Leaf; S/E = Submergent and Emergent; FF = Free Floating

X = Located on rake during point-intercept survey; I = Incidentally located; not located on rake during point-intercept survey

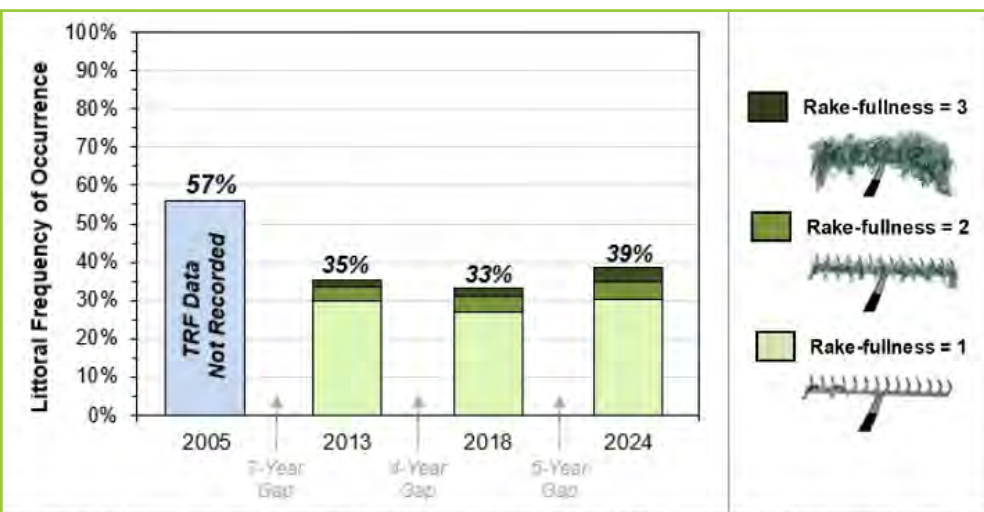


Figure 2.1-4. Lake Metonga aquatic vegetation total rake fullness ratings. LFOO = Littoral frequency of occurrence, TRF = Total rake fullness. Note that TRF was not recorded in 2005.

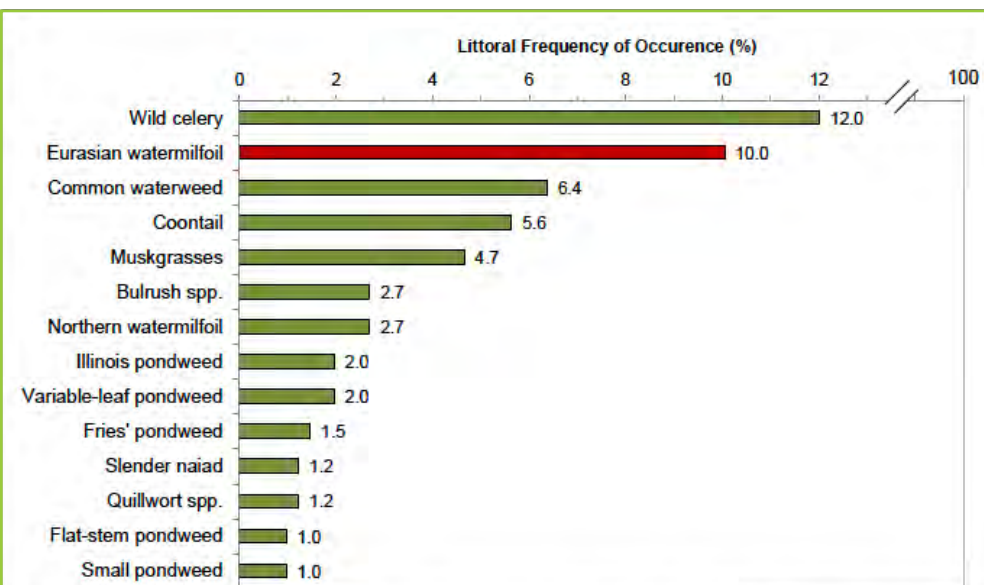


Figure 2.1-5. 2024 littoral frequency of occurrence of aquatic plant species. Species with greater than 1.0% LFOO shown.

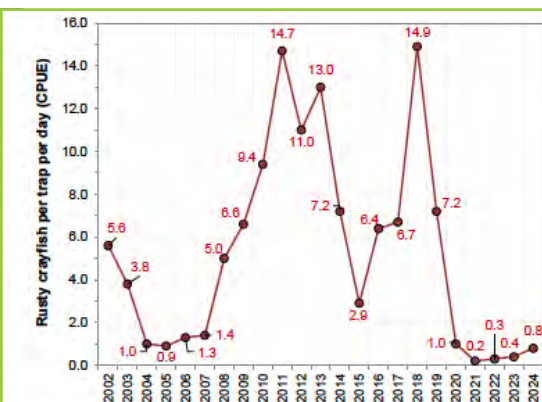
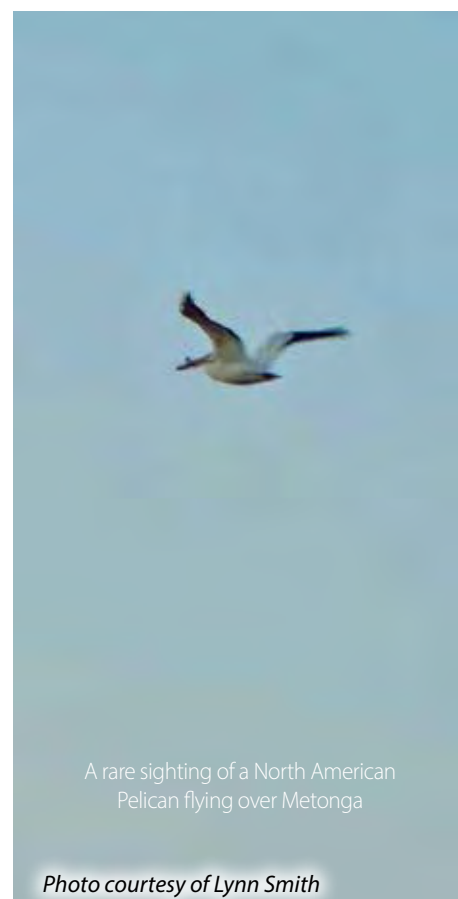


Figure 2.1-6. Lake Metonga rusty crayfish catch per trap per day from 2002-2024. Created using data provided by Sokaogon Chippewa Community.



Photograph 2.1-1. Rusty crayfish.
Photo credit: GLIFWC





Welcome to the 2025 Lake Metonga Clean Boats Clean Waters Crew!

Kim Reed

The Clean Boats Clean Waters program is important to help keep invasives from entering into Lake Metonga. We'd like to introduce you to our summer crew, who will be working at both the north and south boat launches at various time during the week.

The Clean Boats Clean Water program attempts to reduce/eliminate the spread of invasives to our beautiful lakes. Our inspectors are tasked to inspect for any type of plant life, zebra mussels, etc. on boats, boat trailers, boat motors, etc. and make sure they are removed before entering the lake and after leaving the lake. The inspectors educate the boaters about draining all water from boats and equipment, drain live wells and containers holding any catch, and using live bait.

When you put your boat in and take it out, please say "Hi" to our workers who are excited to help the lake and association this summer. Please do your part and make sure to follow these tips, as well.

Meet Aryanna – I have been working for the LMA Clean Boats Clean Waters program for four years and love getting to see all sorts of people come to the lake for a great season. I am currently a student at the University of Oshkosh. I grew up in the Crandon area and have been going to Lake Metonga since I was a kid. Making sure we can keep our lake clean is important, that way we can keep enjoying it for years to come. I'm excited for another great season and can't wait to see everybody out there!



Meet Emma – Hi, I'm Emma and I enjoy many things like being outside, side-by-siding, being at the lake, and

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being with friends. A reason why I want to be an inspector again this year is because I really enjoy being at the lake and talking to people who share the same interests. Something memorable from last year were the many friends that I had made while inspecting boat.



Meet Grace – My name is Grace. I enjoy anything that has to do with summer swimming, fires, fishing, and anything related to summer. I would like to like to be an inspector because I think it's very important to try and keep our lakes as clean as possible so we can continue to enjoy it.



Meet Konnor – Hello my name is Konnor. I live in Argonne on my free time I like to hunt and fish. I also play football, basketball, and golf. I want to be a boat inspector because I like to spend time outside and by the lake.

Konnor was not able to join us for the group picture due to a prior school commitment. 🐦

Annual Meeting

Mark Truymen

As you may remember, last year the LMA board decided to change the annual meeting date to the last Saturday in June. For many years it was held during the July 4th holiday, but we received numerous requests to change it as the members had guests and it was difficult to make the meeting.

This year the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th at the Crandon High School auditorium. The doors will be open at 8:00 am with the meeting to start at 9:00 am sharp.

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Our last point of business at the annual meeting is the Election of Officers. This year we have 2 openings, President and Vice President and we are looking for volunteers for these positions. The description of the positions per Bylaws are:

Section 4.6 President: The president shall be the principal executive officer of the Corporation. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, prepare an Annual Report on the Corporation's activities and present the same at the next Annual Meeting of the Members and shall perform such other duties as are normally incident to the office of President.

Sec 4.7 Vice President: In absence of the President or in event or his or her death, refusal or inability to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other activities as may be from time to time assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

We hope you would consider running for one of these positions to complete our board.

If you have any questions about these positions, please don't hesitate to contact me at mrtruymen@gmail.com. 🐦



Lake Cameras

Mark Truymen

As you're probably aware, our association replaced and added lake cameras to our website. Everything was working well until we had the early April ice storm. The storm knocked out the power around the entire lake and caused internet issues. To make things worse, the storm also took down most of the Lakeview St. eagle nest with an adult sitting on an egg. We're hoping they'll rebuild the nest next fall and again have an active nest to watch.

We are working on fixing the issue and hope to have all 4 cameras working on the website soon. The eagle photos were captured from the current camera. 🐦



2025 Bullhead Reduction Project Updates & News

Julie Janquart

Our first virtual meeting on April 17, 2025, we completed the initial planning for this year's bullhead harvest, marking our fifth year of supporting Mike

Preul's adult removal program which has been very effective in bullhead reduction. We will once again encourage property owners and fishermen to net the "black blobs" (schools of bullhead minnows), yellow eggs and adults and drop them off at our collection site at the city pier. Most volunteers in the past freeze their harvest in plastic bags and then drop them off. The collection site will be open from July 19th to August 16th, every Saturday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm to receive your harvest. A volunteer will record important data and properly dispose of it later and you will receive a gift certificate from Palubicki's Eats and Treats or Yeti's.

Greg Matzke, WDNR Fisheries Biologist, informed us that he submitted paperwork in fall 2024 to classify the bullhead population in Lake Metonga as detrimental. His application was recently approved. We are awaiting details pertaining to how this great news will impact our bullhead removal project. As we learn more, we will pass the information along on our *Fisheries & Habitat Committee* webpage and at the annual meeting on June 28, 2025. 🐟



Once again, we encourage property owners and fishermen to net the "black blobs" (schools of bullhead minnows), yellow eggs and adults and drop them off at our collection site at the city pier.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 28

Annual Meeting,
Crandon High School Auditorium.
Doors open @ 8:00 am,
Meeting starts promptly @ 9:00 am

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Friday, July 4

Boat Parade 1:00,
(Registration starts at 12 pm),
Picnic to follow at
Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort

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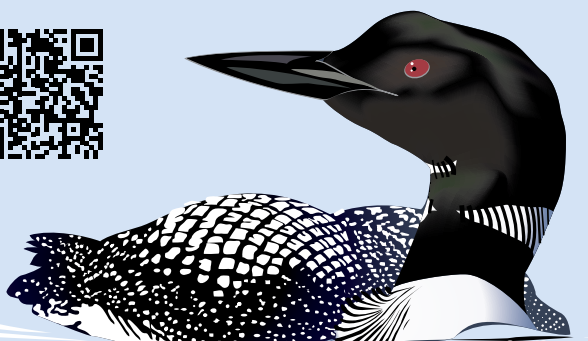
Saturday, October 11

Weeds 'n' Walleye Banquet,
Mole Lake Casino

Please consider one of our sponsorships for this event
or donating a raffle item. Contact us for details.

It's Not Too Late To Send In Your 2025 Membership

Download our membership form @
<https://www.lakemetongawi.org/membership> or scan the QR code below.



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