




2024 AIS Prevention Plan Presentation

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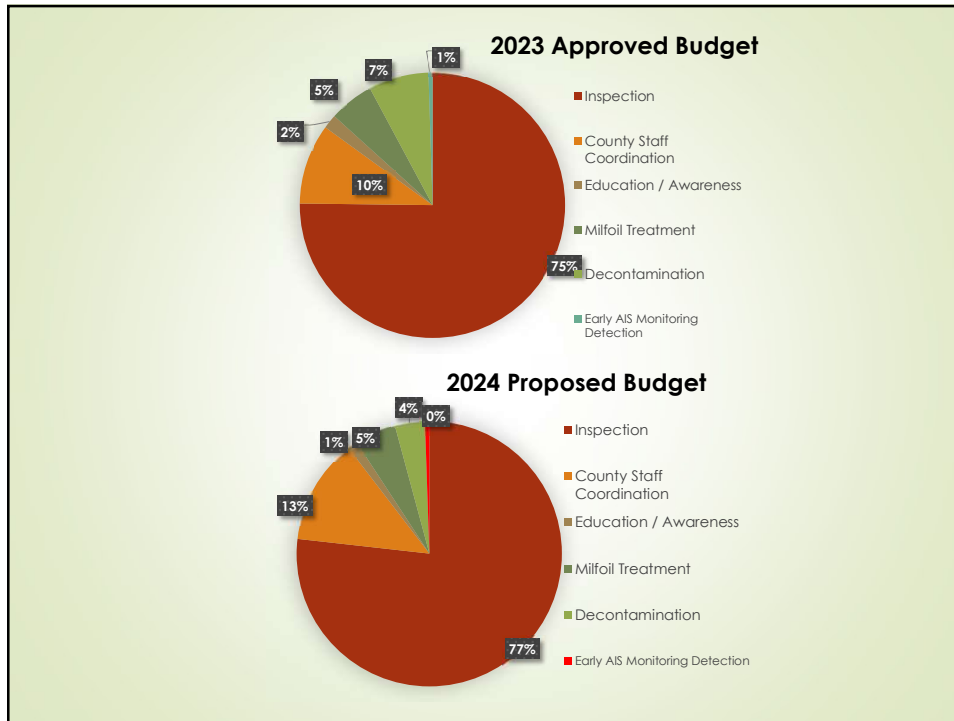


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- Introduction & Agenda
- ▶ **Budget**
- ▶ **Newly Infested Waterbodies**
- ▶ **Proposed 2024 AIS Prevention Plan**
- ▶ **Next Steps**
- ▶ **Questions**



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Inspection	
Hiring coordination and facilitation	\$8,000
Level I Inspection Hours	\$380,350
Mileage	\$500
Training	\$21,614
Supplies & Equipment	\$23,100
Lead Inspector	\$6,861
County Staff Coordination	\$72,891
Decontamination	
Level II Inspection Hours	\$14,274
Training	\$2,759
Decon Outreach and education	\$2,700
General Operating Supplies	\$1,000
Education & Awareness	
Lake Association marketing, print media, targeted advertising	\$6,800
Milfoil Treatment	
DNR-approved treatment	\$28,500
Early AIS Monitoring & Detection	
Special projects	\$3,000
Totals	
AIS income & existing available funds	\$581,580
2024 Total AIS Projected Expenses	\$572,348

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Watercraft Inspections

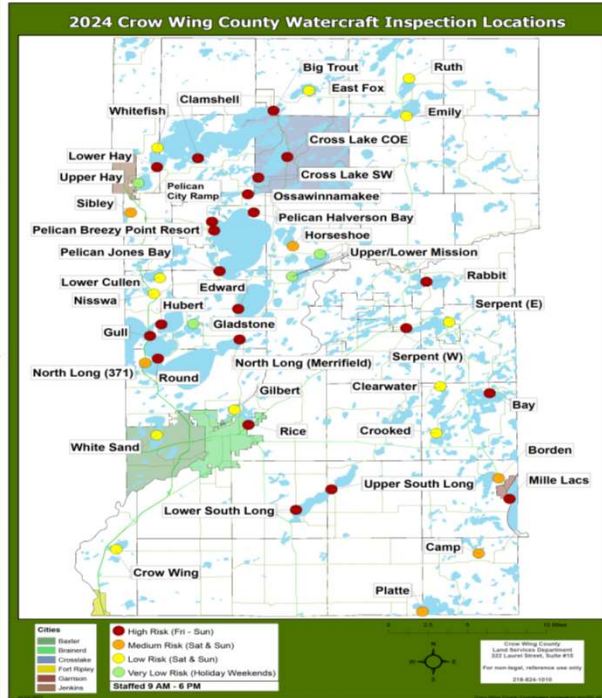
Hours

- 15,912 watercraft inspection hours on 43 lake accesses out of 149 public lake accesses

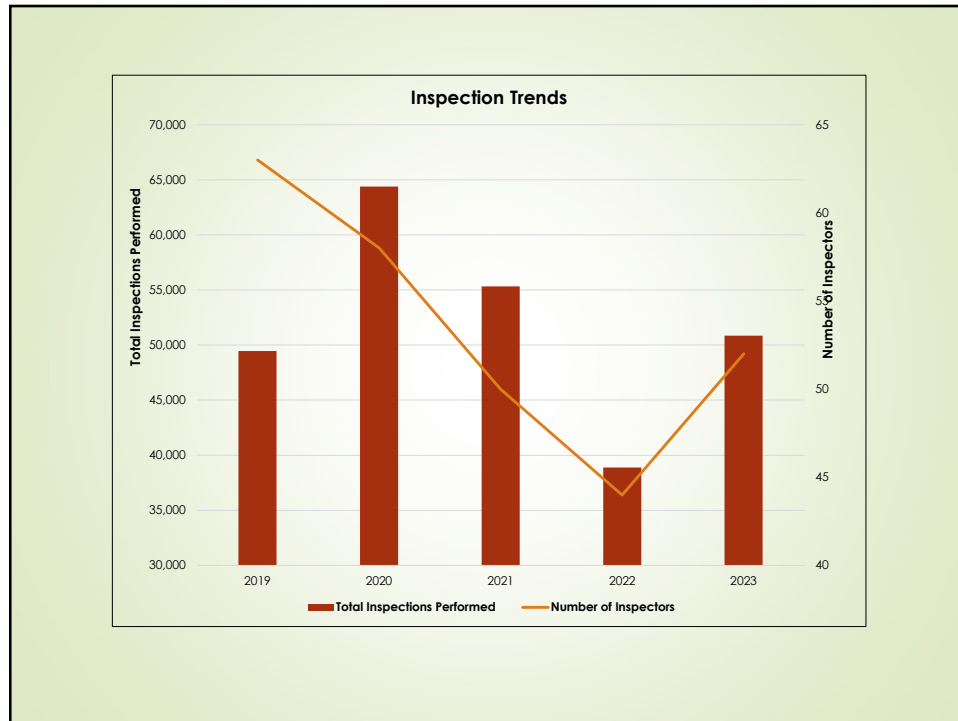
Prioritization

- Relied on MAISRC's model called AIS Explorer for prioritization of watercraft inspectors on public landings
- 49 inspection stations needed to inspect 85% of the risky boats in the County

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Wage Proposal

- ▀ Proposed New Wages
 - ▀ \$18/hr. for 1st year
 - ▀ \$19/hr. for 2nd year
 - ▀ \$20/hr. for 3rd year
 - ▀ \$21/hr. for lead inspector
 - ▀ Level II trained inspectors will receive an additional \$1 incentive.
- ▀ Goal = 60 inspectors
 - Other Option's**
 - Leave wages the same as 2023
 - Increase only returning inspectors \$1 per hour
 - No extra \$1 incentive for Level II inspectors
 - Others?

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Decontaminations

- Allocate 423 hours at the Crosslake permanent decontamination station
- Allocate 936 hours for our two mobile decontamination stations
 - These hours would include both Level I and Level II inspections
- Increase education and outreach for decontamination units



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Education & Outreach

- Education/outreach materials and AIS presentations for public schools, youth groups, and civic organizations.
- Grant for up to 25 lake associations that participate in the County's Starry Search program
 - Option A – reduce to \$200 per landing
 - Option B – keep at \$300
 - Option C – discontinue Starry Search Program
- EWM Treatment Reimbursement *\$500 for Ossie & Emily
 - Option A – reduce to \$2,500
 - Option B – keep at \$3,500
 - Option C – reduce to \$1,500



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Starry Search Program

- Lake Associations can receive an incentive per surveyed public access that they search for Starry Stonewort and other AIS.
- Sampling season will be June - August.
- Currently, no infestation of Starry Stonewort in the County therefore our goal is to be ready to react if it is found.



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Starry Preparedness Plan

- Budget an annual reserve to be ready to act in the event of infestation
 - *Option A – keep at \$5,000*
 - *Option B – reduce to \$2,500*
 - *Option C – nothing in 2024 and keep \$5k from 2023 in reserve*



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Milfoil Treatments

- AIS monies will pay for one survey and all treatments for control of Eurasian watermilfoil on nine eligible infested lakes with a public access.
 - Approve funds towards EWM survey to be conducted on Lake Ossawinamakee and Emily Lake



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Early AIS Detection

- Zebra mussel veliger sampling for up to 25 uninfested lakes by designated AIS
- Spiny waterflea sampling for up to 10 lakes that are uninfested by designated AIS



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Summary of 2024 Proposed Plan

- Increase watercraft inspector wages
 - To attract more inspectors to fulfill plan hours and expanded coverage hours
- Create simplified educational handouts




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Next Steps

- **Proposed 2024 AIS Prevention Plan**
 - December - 30-day public comment period on proposed CWC AIS 2024 plan.
 - January - County Board acts on the 2024 AIS plan.
 - February – Begin hiring process for 2024 seasonal watercraft inspectors.
 - May 1st – Inspector Training begins
 - May 11th – 1st day at the landings


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Questions

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Lake Association Feedback

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