Pleasant and Irogami Lake Management Planning Meeting
December 12, 2013

Present: Nancy Turyk (UWSP – CWSE), Ryan Haney (UWSP – CWSE), Danielle Rupp (UWSP – CWSE), Patrick Nehring (UW Extension), Dave Bartz (WDNR), Scott Bunde (WDNR)

1) Ryan welcomed the group and briefly reviewed the planning process.

2) Those in attendance introduced themselves, including UWSP staff and Patrick.

3) Some in attendance expressed concern that they hadn’t understood that a new survey was active for this session’s topic and/or did not receive a postcard/email notice; all who did not receive meeting information should contact Patrick Nehring (contact details below).
   a. The survey was left open for another week following the meeting to give those that did not notice or receive survey information to take the survey.

4) Ryan presented the Pleasant and Irogami Lakes Survey #2 results from the fishery section. The PowerPoint for this presentation can be found on the Waushara County webpage.

5) Dave Bartz presented on the fisheries of Pleasant and Irogami Lakes. The PowerPoint for this presentation can be found on the Waushara County webpage.
   a. Irogami Lake
      i. Results from the fish survey showed an over-abundance of largemouth bass (LMB) with a poor size structure, below-average northern pike population, and low abundance of bluegill, likely due to predation by LMB.
      ii. Recommendations for Irogami Lake included…
         1. Enhance habitat with woody habitat (crappies and perch need woody habitat for spawning, leave existing woody habitat in place.
         2. Restore/protect near-shore habitat and shoreland vegetation.
         3. Remove 14” size limit for LMB
         4. Lower bag limit for bluegill
   b. Pleasant Lake
      i. Results from the fish survey showed a slightly high abundance of largemouth bass (LMB) with a fair size structure (few legal size), above average abundance of bluegill with a good size structure, and walleye stocked by the PLMD.
      ii. Recommendations for Pleasant Lake included…
         1. Protect and enhance habitat by leaving or adding large woody habitat in near-shore waters.
         2. Shoreline restoration (can seek grants and assistance from the county)

6) Ryan presented the survey results about recreation.

7) Attendees split into two groups by lake and began to identify concerns, ideas, goals and objectives for the fishery and recreation sections of their plan.
8) The next meeting date was set for January 23, 2014 with the location to be determined.

Information on the meetings (including PowerPoint presentations) and plan drafts can be found on the Waushara County website http://www.co.waushara.wi.us/grants.

If you have questions about the planning process, please contact:
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