

Presque Isle Town Lake Committee

The Presque Isle Town Board created the Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee (PITLC) as a subcommittee of the Town Board in 2005. PITLC is tasked as the town's experts in dealing with Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) when found in our town's lakes. PITLC is a volunteer committee made up primarily of representatives from the lake associations within Presque Isle. Anyone from the public is welcome to attend monthly PITLC meetings which are scheduled for the second Tuesday each month at 7pm via Zoom. Please refer to the town calendar for specific scheduled meetings.

In Wisconsin, when AIS are found in a lake, the DNR requires a lake survey to document the lake conditions. In order to reduce the time between the discovery of AIS in a lake and the beginning of treatment, PITLC has created a program of regular lake surveys. PITLC applies for DNR Lake Study Grants in order to research and document the aquatic plants currently in our lakes. The grants utilize a required DNR methodology to research and document lake plants and shoreline structure. The surveys are an excellent scientific record of the life and health of a lake. Since all citizens own the waters of Wisconsin it's important information to share with everyone.

Since 2006, PITLC has studied 31 lakes and 2 rivers in Presque Isle as part of the DNR Lake Study Grant program. All water bodies have been studied at least once and many more than once. The main deliverable from each study is a DNR approved report outlining the study process and findings. Funding for each Lake Study Survey and report is done via a cost sharing arrangement. Total costs for a specific lake vary based on lake size and other factors, but for each lake the DNR pays up to 60%, each lake association pays around 10% of the remainder, and the town pays the rest.

Each lake association board has used the reports in one way or another. Many of the associations have been concerned about the rapid growth of aquatic plants and have used the studies to verify their observations and to verify no invasive species had been introduced. For example, one lake was reported to the DNR as having curly leaf pondweed, another with invasive phragmites, and subsequent studies refuted both claims. Some associations have used their studies to work on management related issues – the procedures to follow when harvesting or reporting a suspicious plant, in selected plant removals including yellow iris or purple loosestrife.

These valuable reports have been used by the DNR in their Creel Studies, by Vilas County Lakes and Rivers in their comprehensive Rice Creek Watershed Study, and in enforcement/creation of ordinances. There will no doubt be more watershed and other studies undertaken to help further the understanding and use of our Presque Isle lakes, swamps, and environs.

Finally, the studies have been used to affirm PITLC introduced programs such as Adopt-a-Shoreline, Clean Boats/Clean Waters Landing Inspections, and various other educational efforts are working as designed. Education of the public via association newsletters, newspaper articles, and seminars are an integral part of protecting our lakes.

All reports are available online through the DNR's website, the Presque Isle Library, and the Presque Isle Town website. Links to the available DNR reports for each lake are listed in the following table. The table lists each Presque Isle lake or river and the reports from each grant. The dates include both the grant year and the date the report was published because the whole process of grant award, survey work, data analysis, report draft, DNR review, and final publication is a multi-year effort. Thus, the reason for the date ranges from grant award to report publication.

Because the reports are voluminous, starting with the 2009 grant, PITLC created one additional report which is continuously updated after completion of each new set of grant reports. The Wilderness Waters Adaptive Management Plan (WWAMP) was established to pull together various chemical and plant data from each of the 31 lake reports into one set of charts, providing a comparison between lakes. The combination of the individual reports and WWAMP fully explain PITLC's plan to protect and treat, if necessary, the town's lakes. Links for the most recent WWAMP are listed below.

If you have questions regarding the reports, please contact a PITLC representative, attend one of the monthly committee meetings, or send an email to pitlc54557@gmail.com.

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Water Body	Grant Award Year	Published	Lake Report Link on the DNR website
Annabelle Lake	1998	2001	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=10100754
	2008	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=23055724
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801587
	2019	2021	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=190089837
	2024	TBD	Under DNR Review
Anne Lake	2019	2021	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=190089837
Armour Lake	2008	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=23055724
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801877
	2019	2021	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=189319356
	2024	TBD	Under DNR Review
Averill Lake	2006	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=14416815
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801590
	2019	2021	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=190089834
Beaver Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
	2018	2020	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=158645743
Big Lake	2006	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=14416814
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801877
	2019	2021	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=189319356
	2026	TBD	TBD
Carlin Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
	2021	2022	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=267378179
	2025	TBD	TBD
Cathaline Lake	2008	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=23055724
	2017	2019	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=143653671
Crab Lake	2006	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=14416812
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801599
	2019	2022	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=189319353
	2024	TBD	Under DNR Review
Dunn Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
	2018	2020	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=158645743
Horsehead Lake	2008	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=23055724
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801877
	2019	2022	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=189319356
	2024	TBD	Under DNR Review
Katinka Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106

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Little Crab Lake	2006	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=14416814
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801587
	2019	2022	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=189319353
Little Horsehead Lake	2006	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=14416813
	2016	2018	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=127308193
	2024	TBD	Under DNR Review
Little Presque Isle Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
	2018	2020	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=158645746
	2025	TBD	TBD
Lone Pine Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
Lynx Lake	2008	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=23055724
	2017	2019	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=143653674
	2025	TBD	TBD
Mabel Lake	2008	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=23055724
	2017	2019	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=143653668
McCullough Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
	2018	2020	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=158645743
Morton Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
	2018	2020	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=158645743
North Crab Lake	2006	2011	Report link is for both Crab Lake and North Crab Lake https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=14416812
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801587
	2019	2022	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=189319353
Oxbow Lake	2006	2009	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=14416816
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801610
	2018	2020	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=158365738
	2024	TBD	Under DNR Review
Papoose Lake	2008	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=23055724
	2017	2019	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=143653677
	2026	TBD	TBD
Presque Isle Lake	2006	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=14416813
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801590
	2019	2021	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=190089834

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	2026	TBD	TBD
Red Bass Lake	2019	2021	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=190089837
Rice Creek	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
	2016	2018	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=127308193
Round Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
	2016	2018	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=127308196
	2025	TBD	TBD
Rudolph Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
South Branch PI River	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
	2017	2019	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=143653665
Stateline Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
	2018	2020	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=158367916
Twin Island Lake	2009	2014	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
	2018	2020	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=158645746
Van Vliet Lake	2004	2006	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=10100930
	2008	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=23055724
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801590
	2019	2022	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=190089837
	2026	TBD	TBD
Wildcat Lake	2006	2011	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=14416815
	2012	2015	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=71801587
	2019	2021	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=190089834
	2025	TBD	TBD

The Wilderness Waters Adaptive Management Plan

Report Year	Report Link on the DNR website
2014	Both 2014 and 2015 reports listed at the bottom of this link. https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
2015	Both 2014 and 2015 reports listed at the bottom of this link. 2015 report does not reference the year in the title of the report. https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=31982106
2019	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/Project.aspx?project=143653665
2022	https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/grants/project.aspx?project=190089834

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