

2025 Bone Lake Property Owner Survey Report

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Summary

The Bone Lake Management District is in the process of updating its Ten-Year Comprehensive Lake Management Plan. A survey mailed to 556 property owners generated 151 responses for a return rate of 27%. Respondents returned their survey input via postal mail or online (via SurveyMonkey). Surveys returned by mail were entered into the online survey tool by volunteers.

The questionnaire was lengthy with an average completion time of 24 minutes. Hard copy surveys that were entered by volunteer staff into the online tool are not included in this average time to complete. Surveys were validated to ensure only one survey response per household.

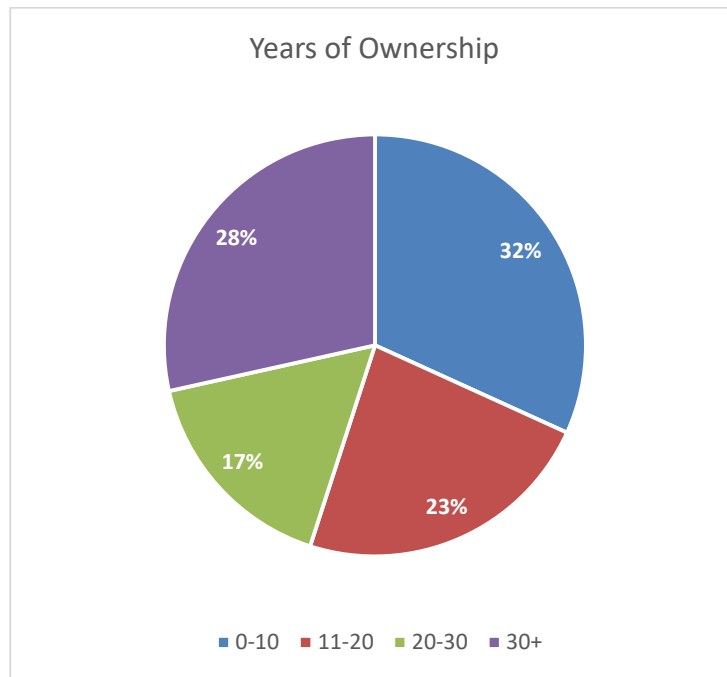
The District completed property owner surveys in 2013 and 2018. In 2013, 243 of 530 surveys were returned for a 46% return rate. In 2018, 262 of 553 surveys were returned for a 47% return rate. The 2013 and 2018 surveys were sent via postal mail only and included a stamped, return envelope. When applicable, 2025 survey responses have been compared to these earlier survey responses.

Survey Responses

Ownership and Use

How many years have you owned property on Bone Lake? N=151

The majority of respondents have owned property on the lake for over ten years while 32% have owned for ten years or less.

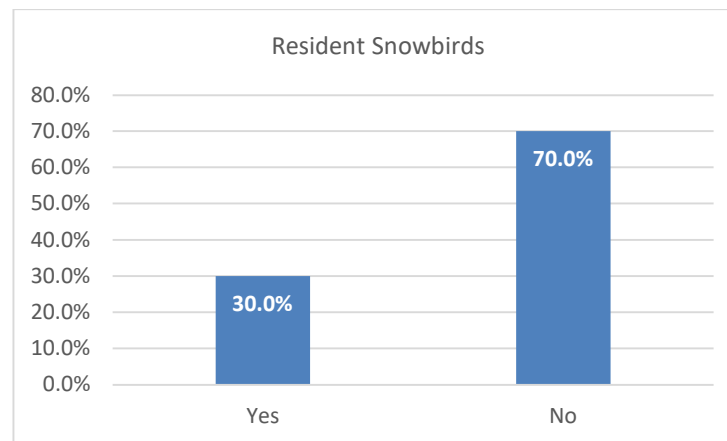
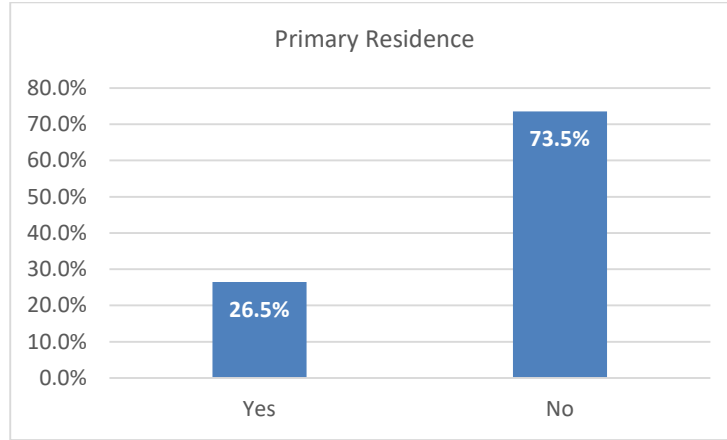


The average number of years owned was 23 in 2025. This is the same average years owned as was reported in the 2013 and 2018 property owner surveys.

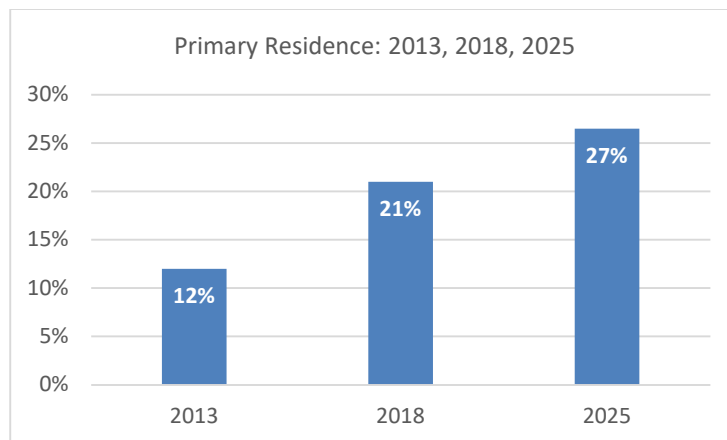
Is this your primary residence? N=151

If this is your primary residence, do you leave for all or most of the winter? N=40

For a significant majority of owners, 73.5%, their property on Bone Lake is not their primary residence. Of the 26.5% who reside at their Bone Lake property, 30% leave for all or most of the winter.

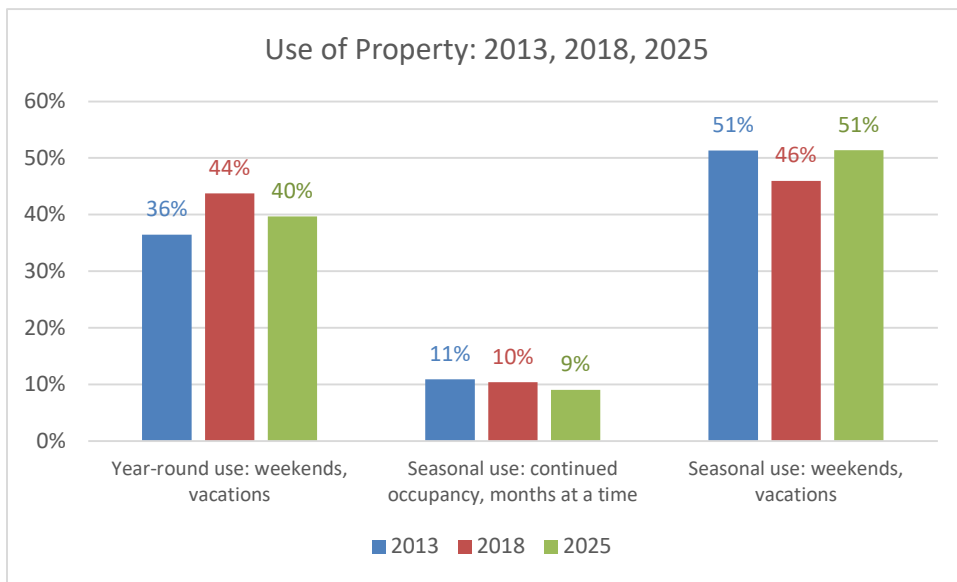
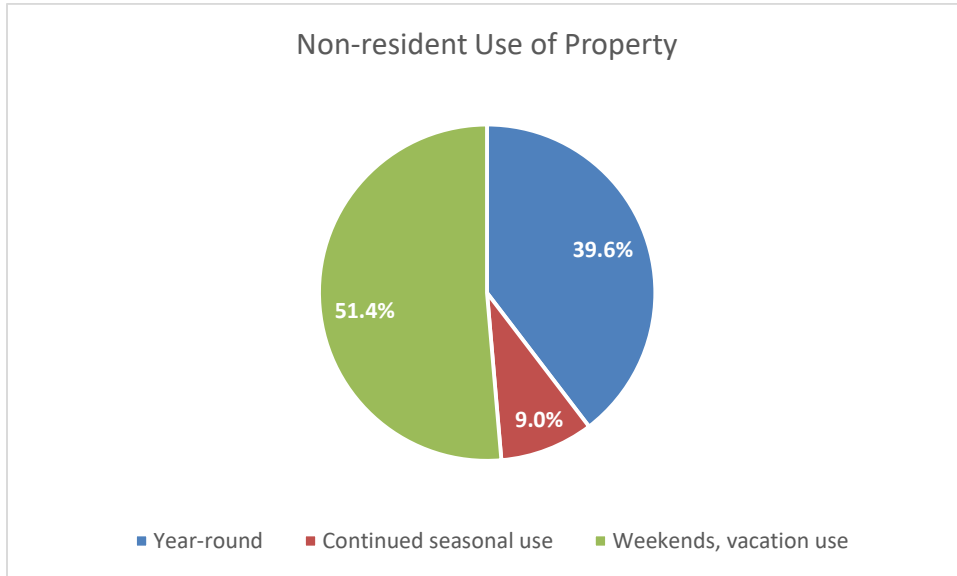


There has been an increase over the past 12 years of the number of respondents who identify their Bone Lake property as their primary residence. About the same percentage, 7%-8%, indicate they leave for all or most of the winter.



If this is not your primary residence, how would you describe your use of the property? N=111

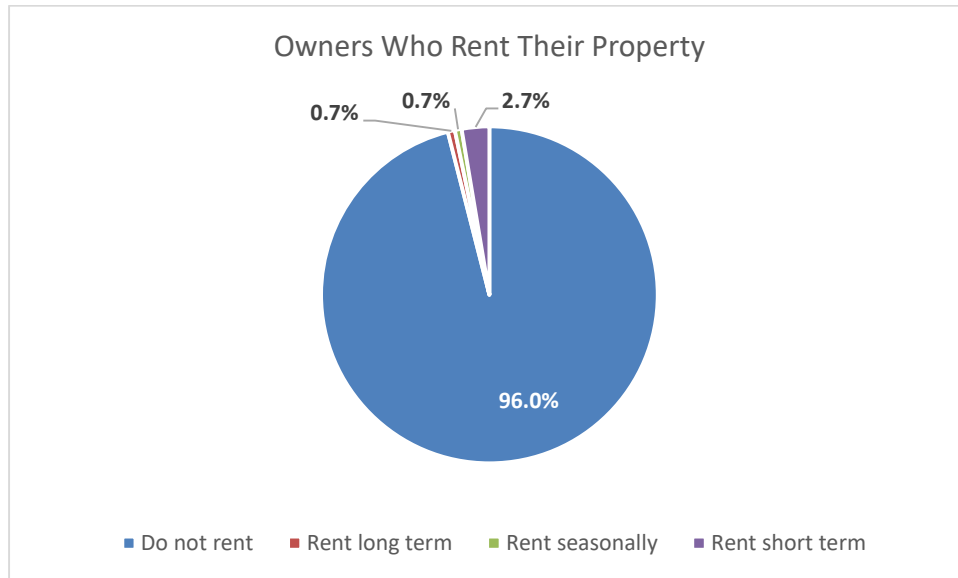
For those owners who do not use their Bone Lake property as their primary residence, over 39% use their property year-round while 51.4% use their property seasonally on weekends, vacations, and holidays.



Do you rent your property for others to use? If so, how would you characterize the type of rental?

N=151

Only a small fraction of property owner respondents rent their property for others to use.



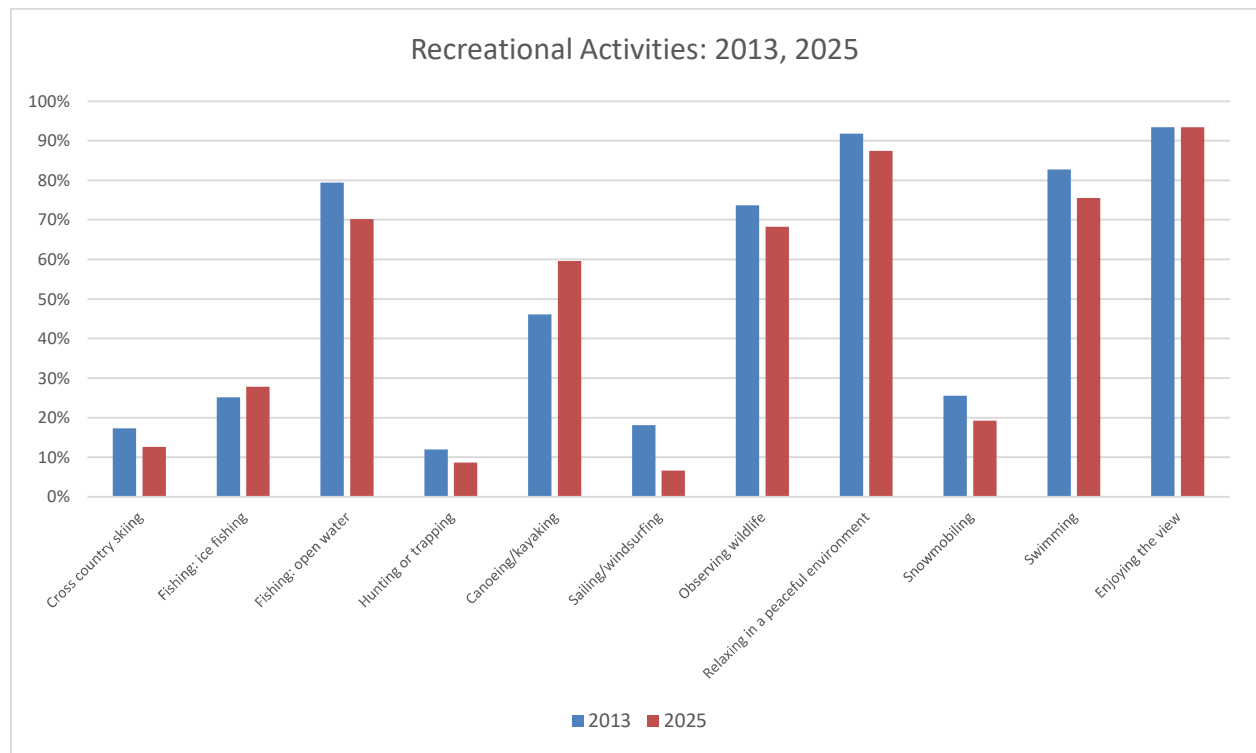
What recreational activities do you regularly enjoy at Bone Lake? Check all that apply. N=151

Enjoying the view, family time and relaxing are important activities for a vast majority of property owners. Here are the recreational activities enjoyed by respondents in the order of most selected.

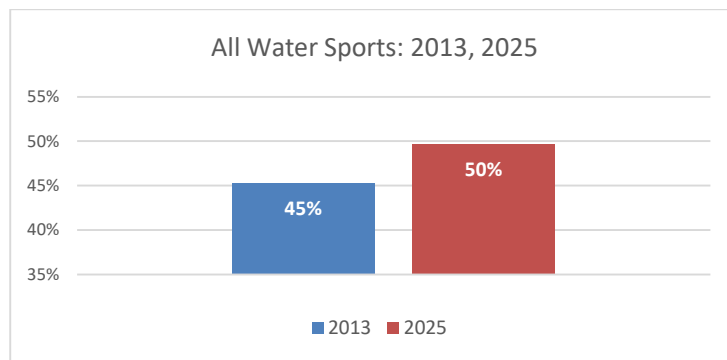
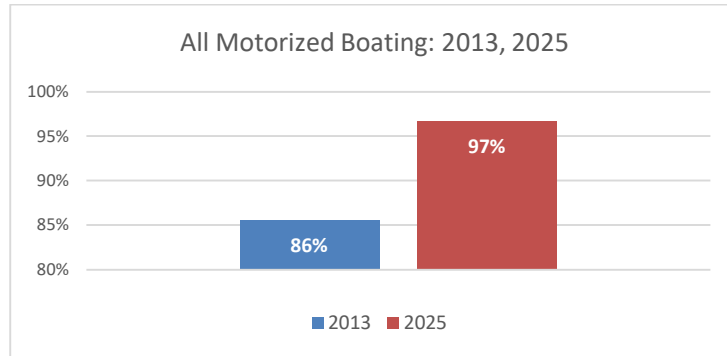
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| 93% Family time | 45% Motorized boating: jet ski/personal watercraft |
| 93% Enjoying the view | 28% Fishing: ice fishing |
| 87% Relaxing in a peaceful environment | 28% ATVing |
| 87% Motorized boating: pontoon | 25% Biking |
| 76% Swimming | 24% Motorized boating: other |
| 70% Fishing: open water | 19% Snowmobiling |
| 68% Observing wildlife | 14% Learning opportunities for families |
| 66% Hiking/walking | 13% Cross country skiing |
| 64% Socializing | 12% Motorized boating: wake/surf boat |
| 60% Non-motorized boating: canoeing/kayaking | 11% Water sports: wakeboarding |
| 50% Paddleboarding | 9% Hunting or trapping |
| 47% Water sports: waterskiing/tubing | 7% Non-motorized boating: sailing/wind surfing |

Other responses included friends and neighbors time, not currently using the property, relaxing in a peaceful environment during the week, playing games, having bonfires, eagle watching, gardening, bird watching, horseback riding, time at the sand bar, yard games, outdoor picnics, snow shoeing, and when I was here year-long cross country skied and snowmobiled.

Comparisons could be made to the 2013 property owner survey where listed activities matched those presented in the 2025 survey.



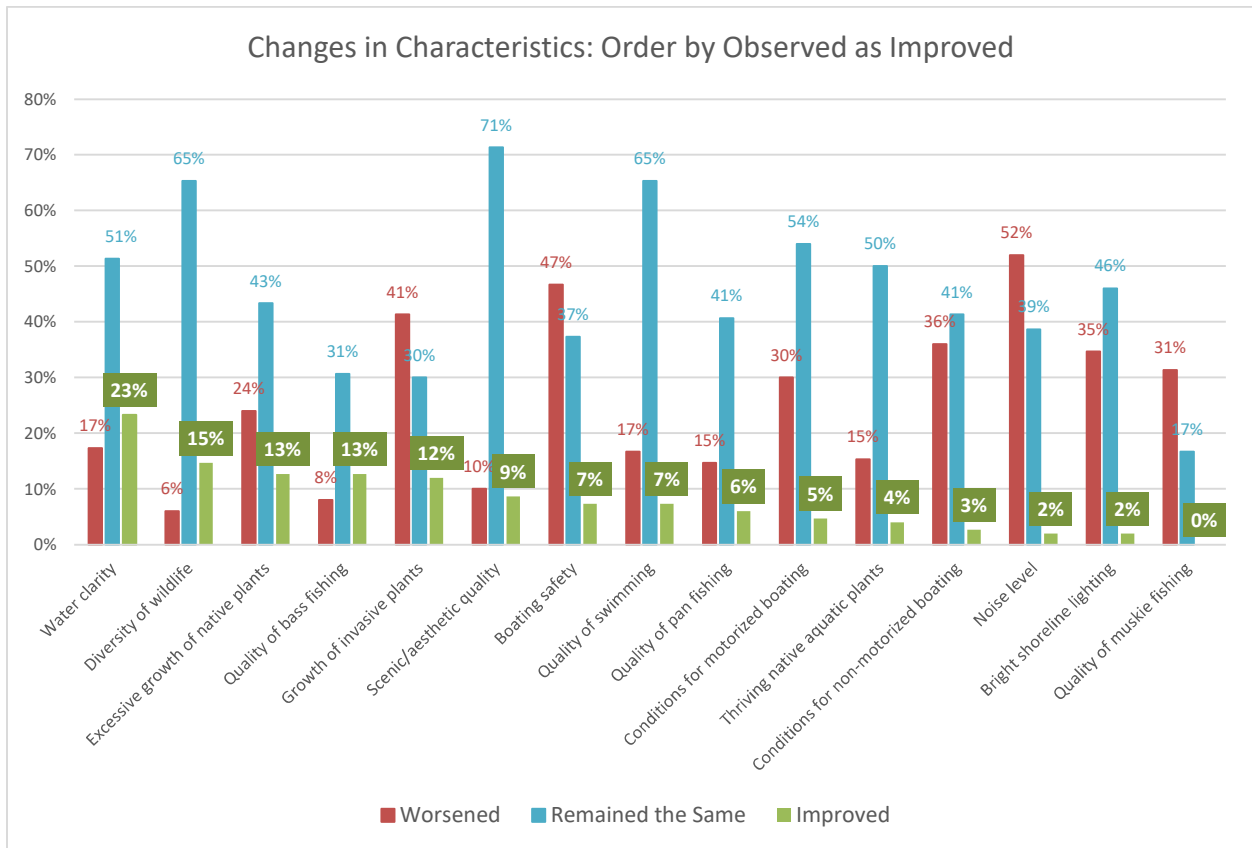
Motorized boating like pontooning, jet skiing and wakeboarding were grouped together to compare 2025 motorized boating to the 2013 data. Watersports including water skiing, tubing, and wake boarding were grouped together for 2025 to compare them to the 2013 responses. The following tables indicate the percent of respondents who enjoy motorized boating and these water sports.



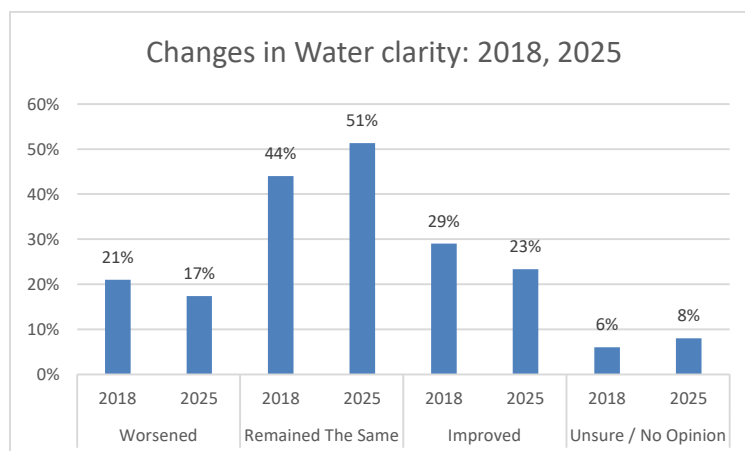
Observations

In your opinion, have the following characteristics of Bone Lake worsened, remained the same, or improved since you've owned your lake property? N=150

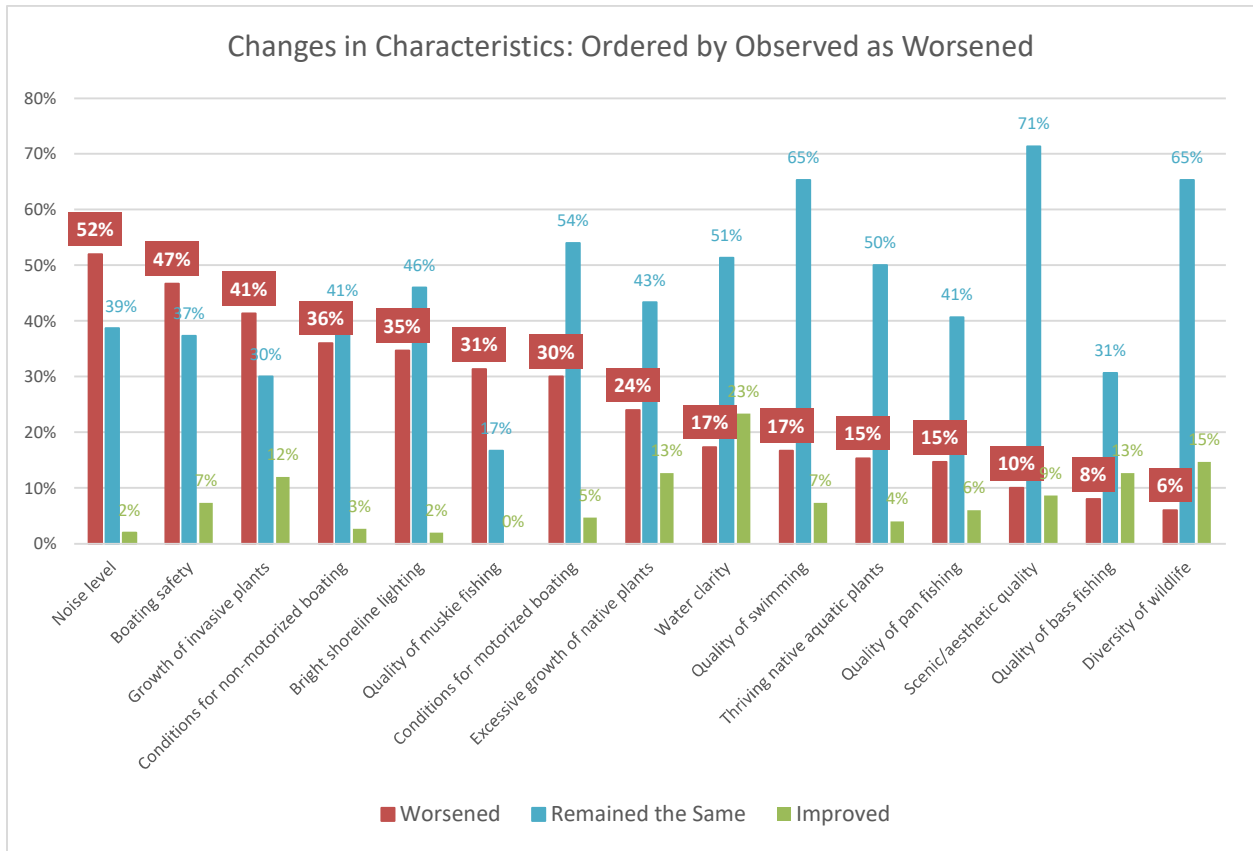
With the exception of water clarity, where 23% saw an improvement, less than 15% of respondents or less saw improvements in the rest of the lake characteristics. The following chart shows characteristics listed in order of most often observed as improving.



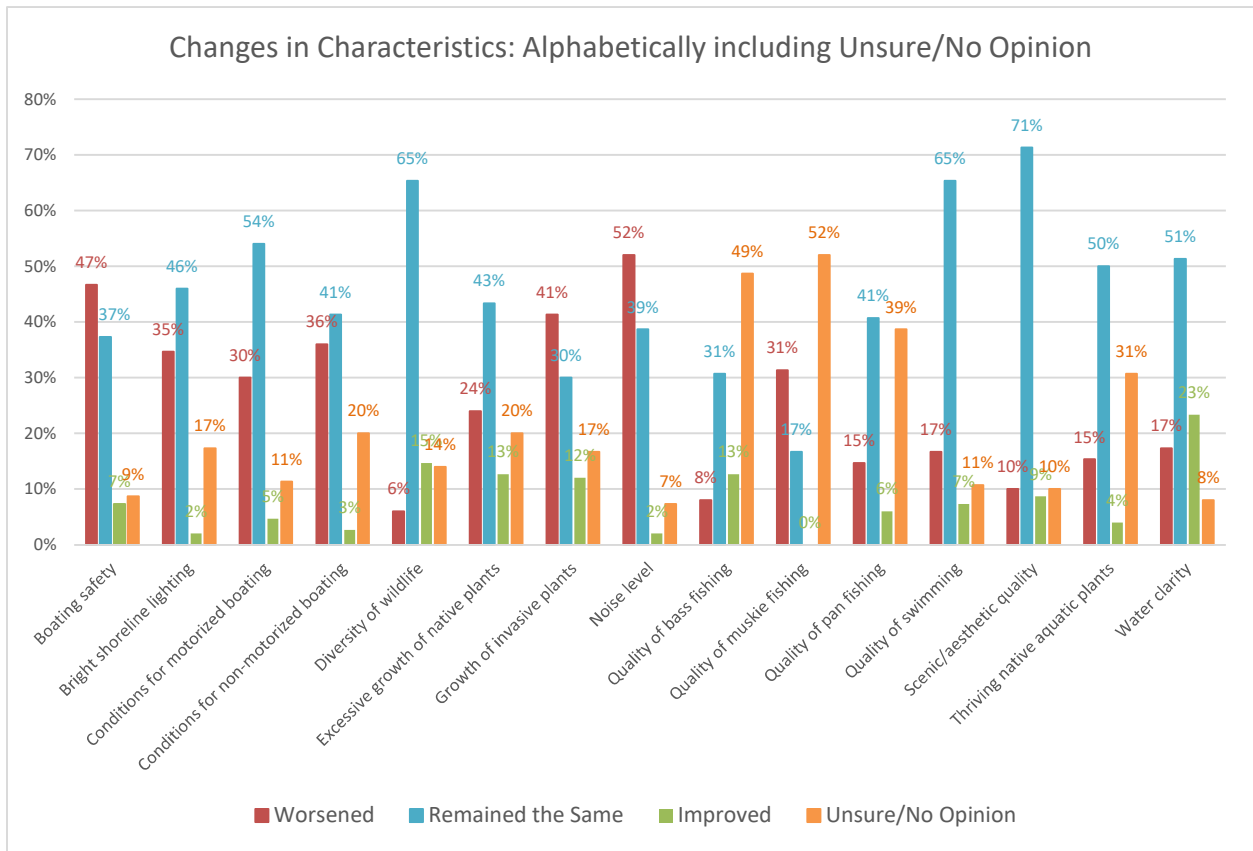
We can compare observation responses for water clarity between the 2018 and 2025 surveys; however, the 2013 survey did not list this characteristic.



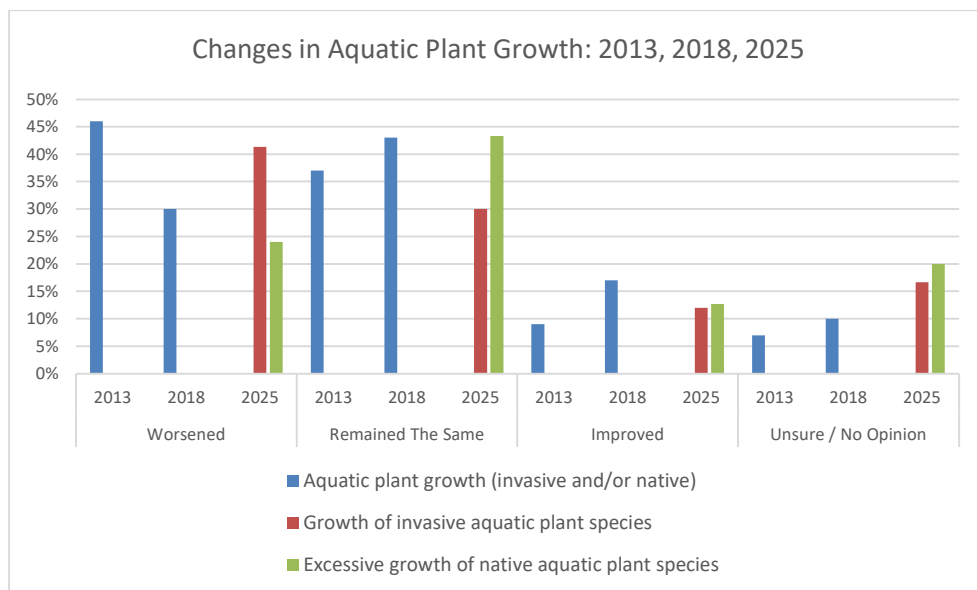
The following chart is the same data but showing characteristics in order of most often observed as getting worse like: noise level, boating safety, invasive plants, conditions for non-motorized boating, bright shoreline lighting, the quality of muskie fishing, and conditions for motorized boating.



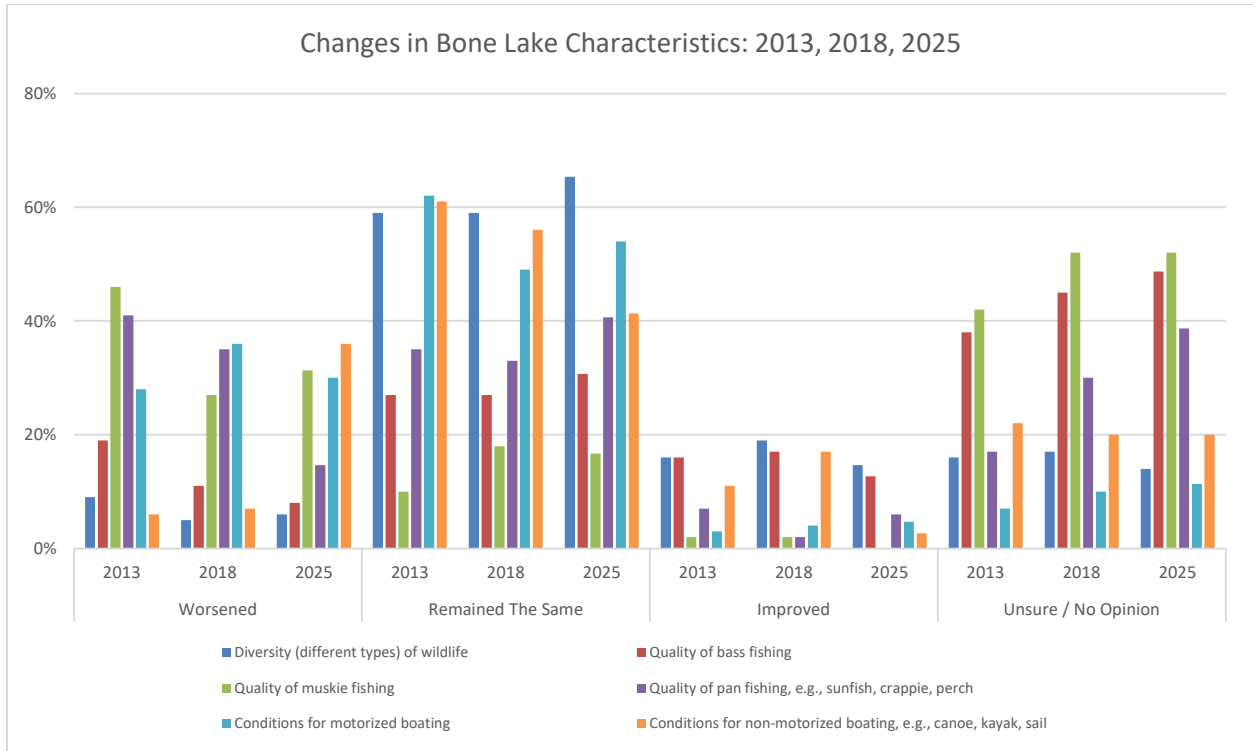
The following chart shows all responses ordered alphabetically by characteristic.



The 2025 survey separated the growth of invasive and native aquatic plant growth while the 2013 and 2018 surveys made no distinction between the two types of aquatic plant growth.

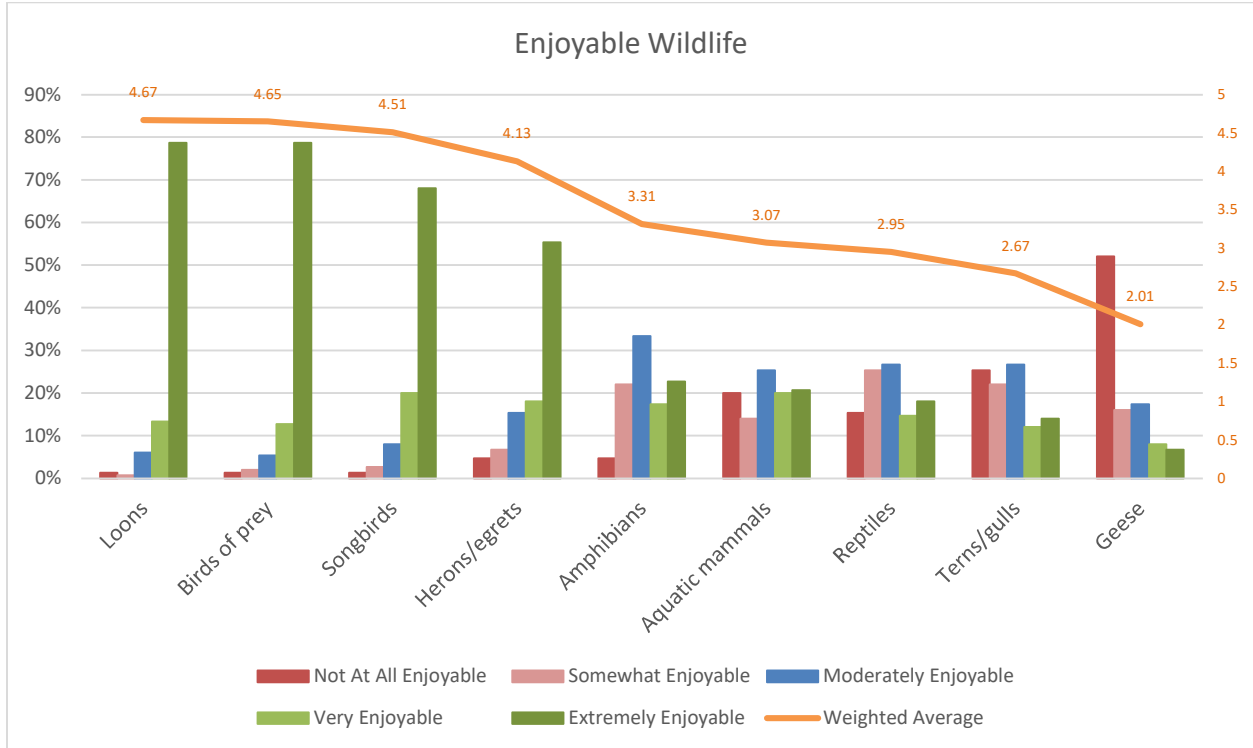


There were six characteristics presented in the 2025 survey that were also presented in the 2013 and 2018 property owner surveys. Here are comparisons for those.



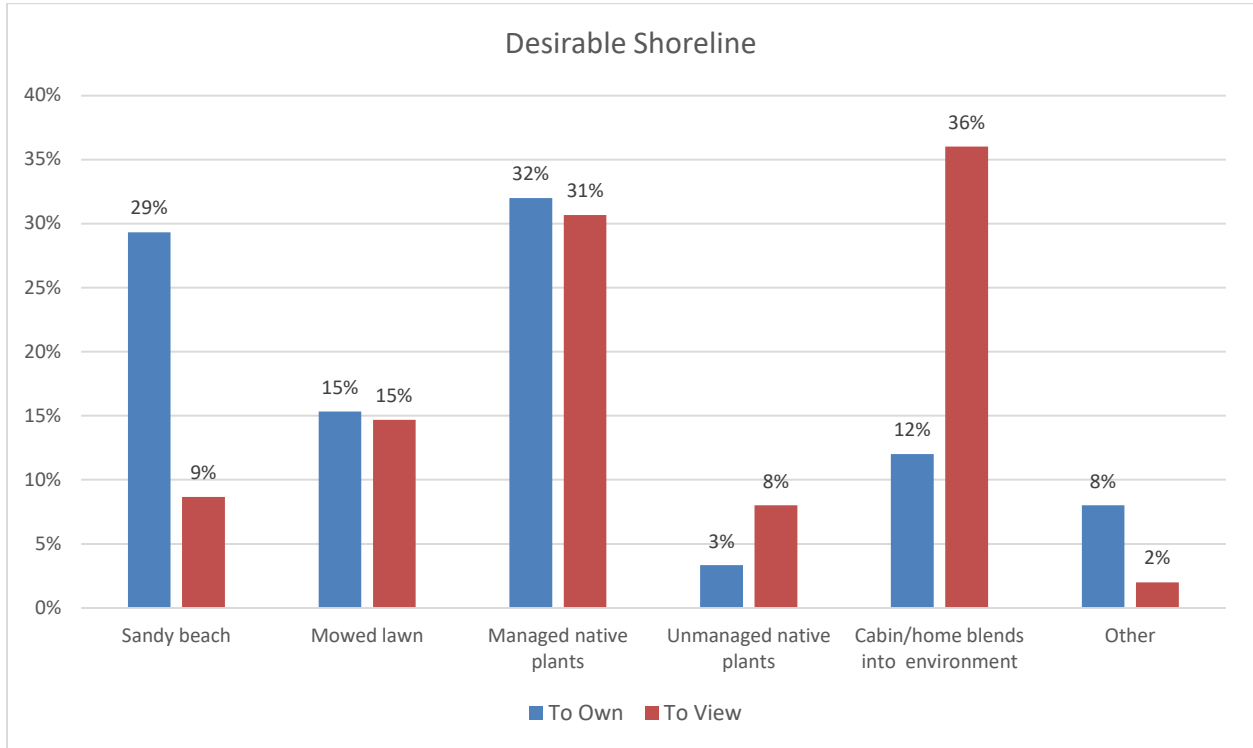
Thinking about the wildlife populations on and near Bone Lake, how much do you enjoy seeing the following? N=150

Over 50% of respondents found geese not at all enjoyable to see on Bone Lake. 79% found seeing loons as well as birds of prey extremely enjoyable.



Which of the following do you consider the most desirable shoreline to own? When out on the water or looking across the lake, which type of shoreline do you prefer to see? N=150

Although 29% of respondents find sandy shoreline most desirable to own, only 9% found it the most desirable to see when looking at the shoreline. About one third of respondents thought managed native plantings was best to own and view at the shoreline. 36% of respondents said shoreline composition does not matter when viewing the shoreline as long as the cabin or home blended into the environment.



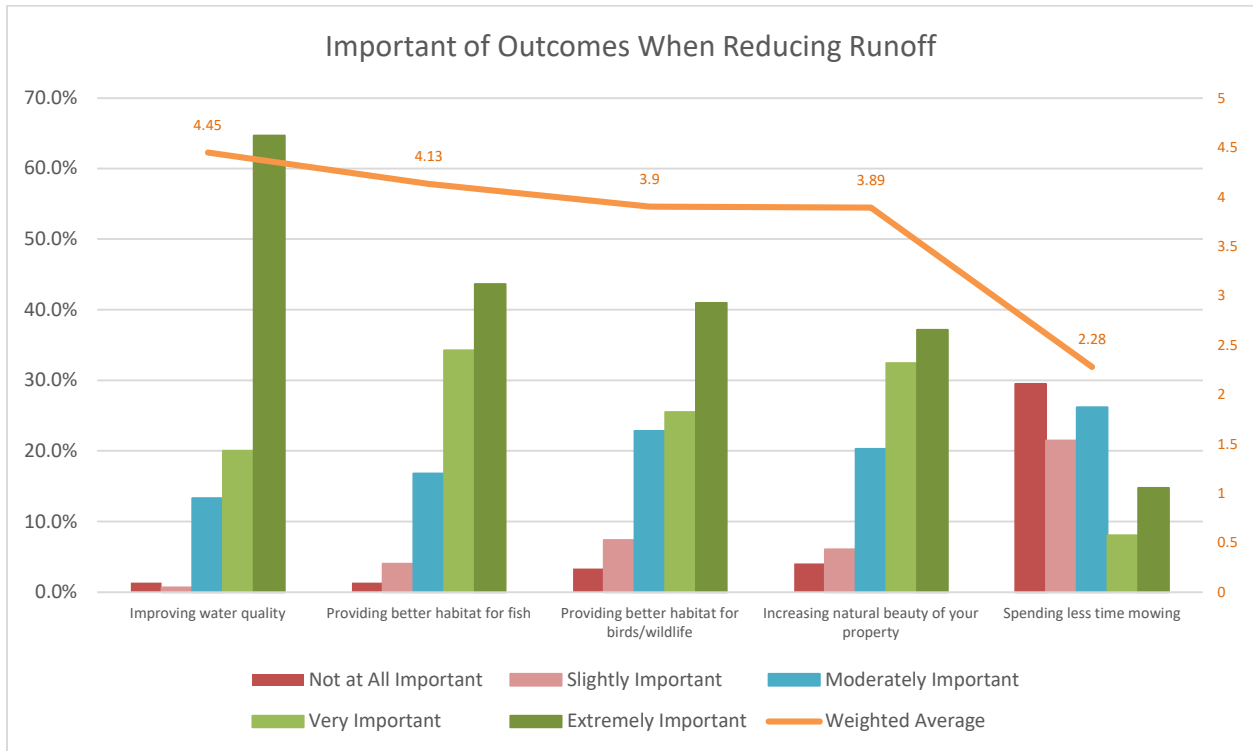
Other comments regarding desirable shoreline to own were (1) a combination of beach and managed vegetation, (2) manicured, rocked shoreline, (3) both mowed/manicured lawn, with natural vegetation along shoreline, (4) rock berm to fight large waves, (5) all have their advantages and desirability- variety around the lake is nice, (6) there is no correct answer, each owner can determine what they enjoy most, (7) mix of usable/flat and natural, (8) manicured shoreline in areas where I access the lake and natural vegetation in other areas, (9) managed with rip-rap, (10) a neat clean shoreline, owner's preference, (11) trees out front and vegetation along the shoreline with a lawn for games and socializing.

Other comments regarding desirable shoreline to view from the lake or looking across the lake were (1) all of them as a variety is nice, (2) it all looks good to me; if we all had the same, it would be a bit boring, and (3) trees and vegetation along shore line, we have too many clear cut lots.

Concerns

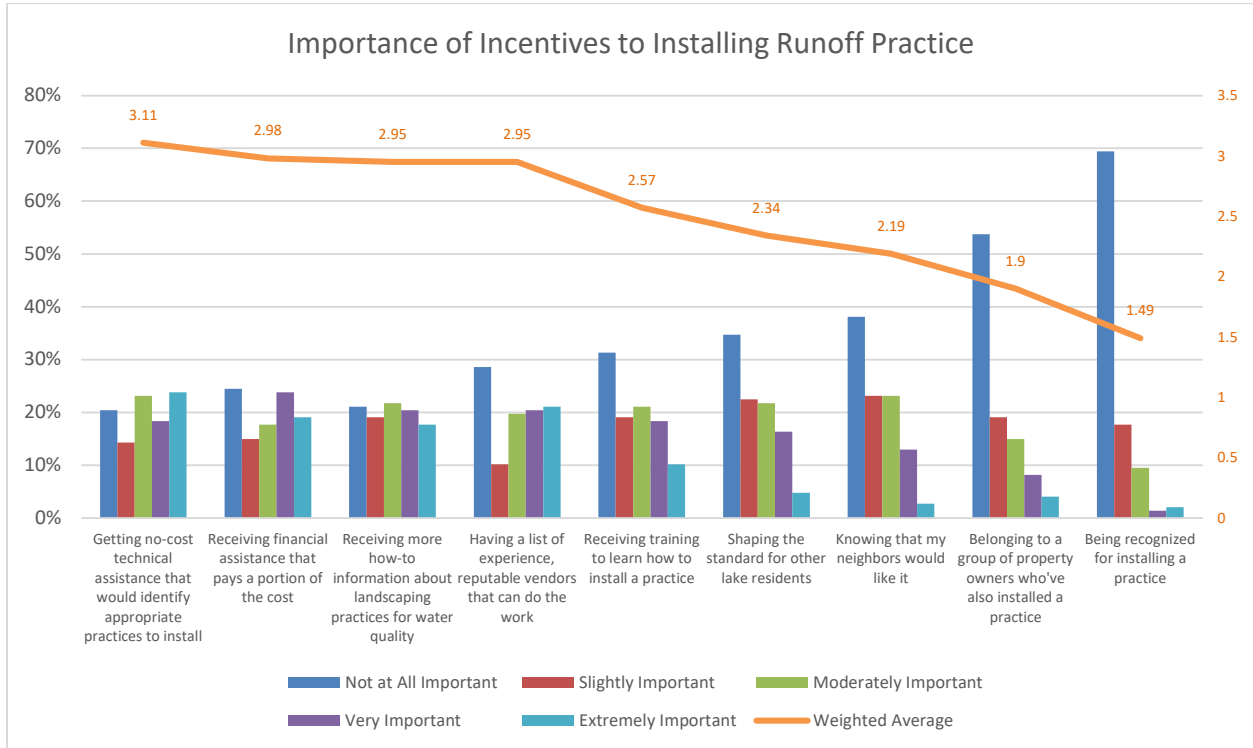
Installing a practice like native plants at the shoreline or a water diversion can reduce runoff and lead to the following outcomes for Bone Lake and your property. How important are each of the listed outcomes to you? 150 responses. N=150

The most important outcome for a homeowner to install a practice to reduce runoff was improving water quality followed by improving fish habitat.

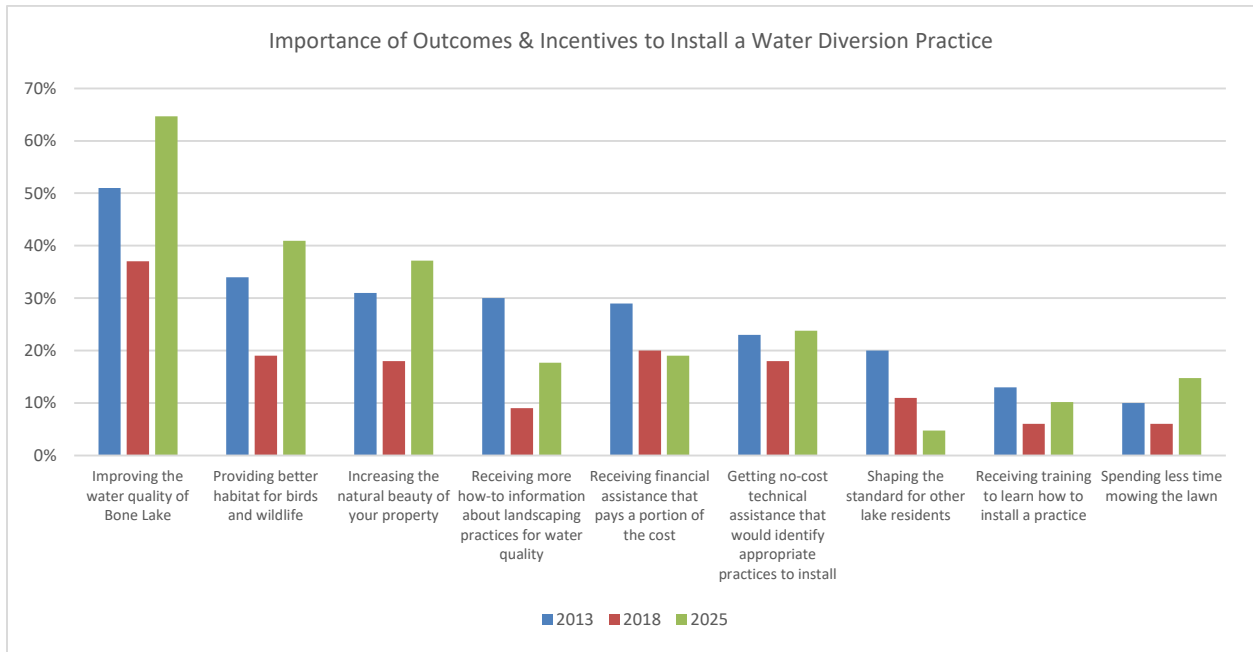


How important would each of the following incentives be toward influencing your decision to reduce waterfront runoff on your property? N=147

The top four incentives found to be slightly to moderately important for installing runoff practices were getting no-cost technical assistance to identify appropriate practices, receiving financial assistance to pay a portion of the costs, receiving how-to information about practices for water quality, and having a list of experienced, reputable vendors that could do the work.

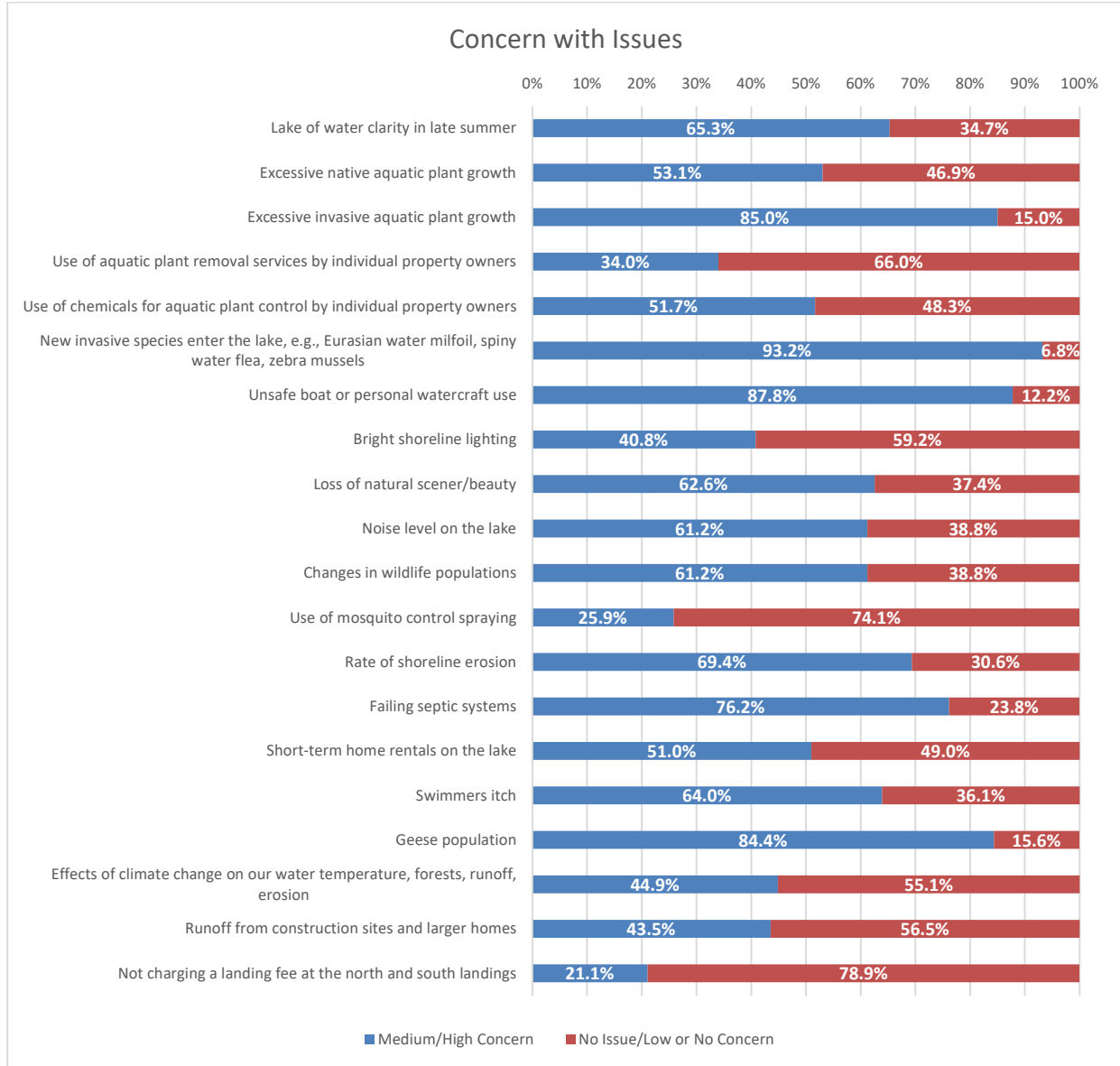


The single question from the 2013 and 2018 surveys regarding what outcomes would help motivate or convince the property owner to install a practice to reduce waterfront runoff on their property was split into two questions in the 2025 survey. The language differed somewhat from the previous surveys.



What is your degree of concern associated with each issue listed below? N=147

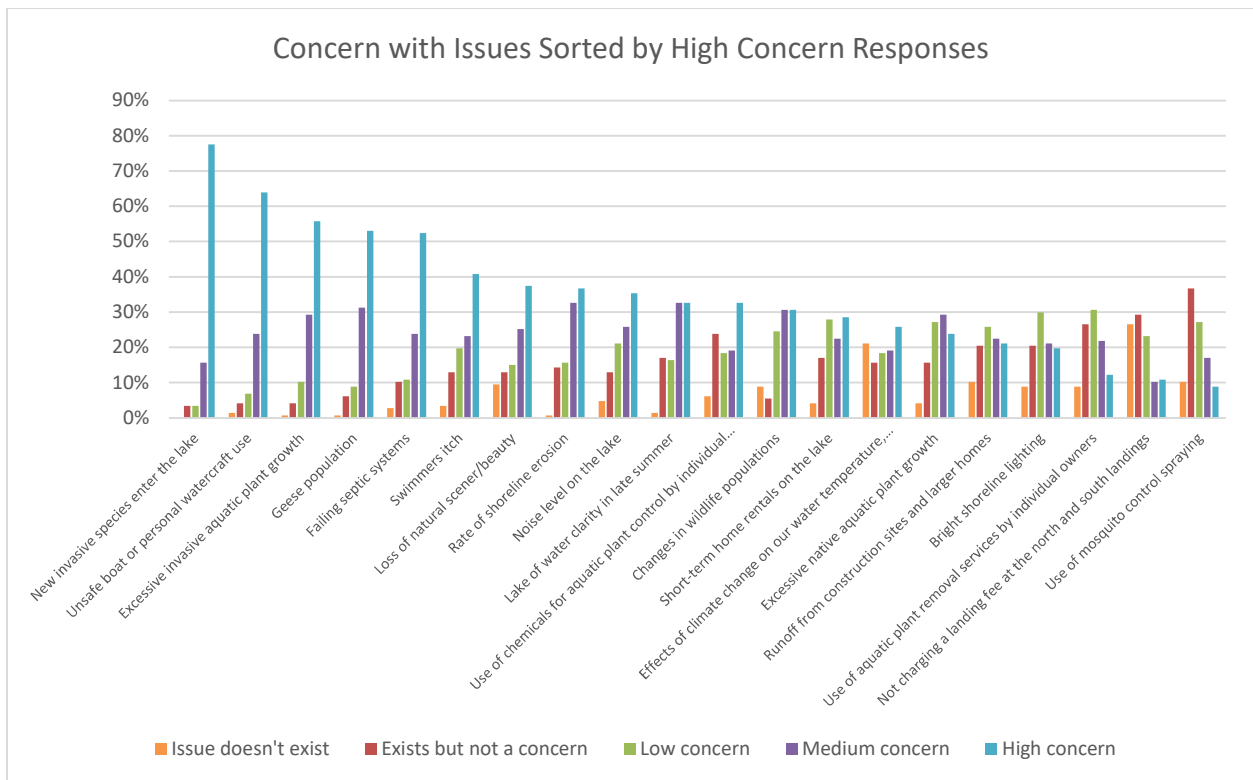
Top concerns for property owner respondents were: new invasive species enter the lake, unsafe boat or personal watercraft use, excessive invasive aquatic plant growth, the geese population, failing septic systems, and swimmers' itch.



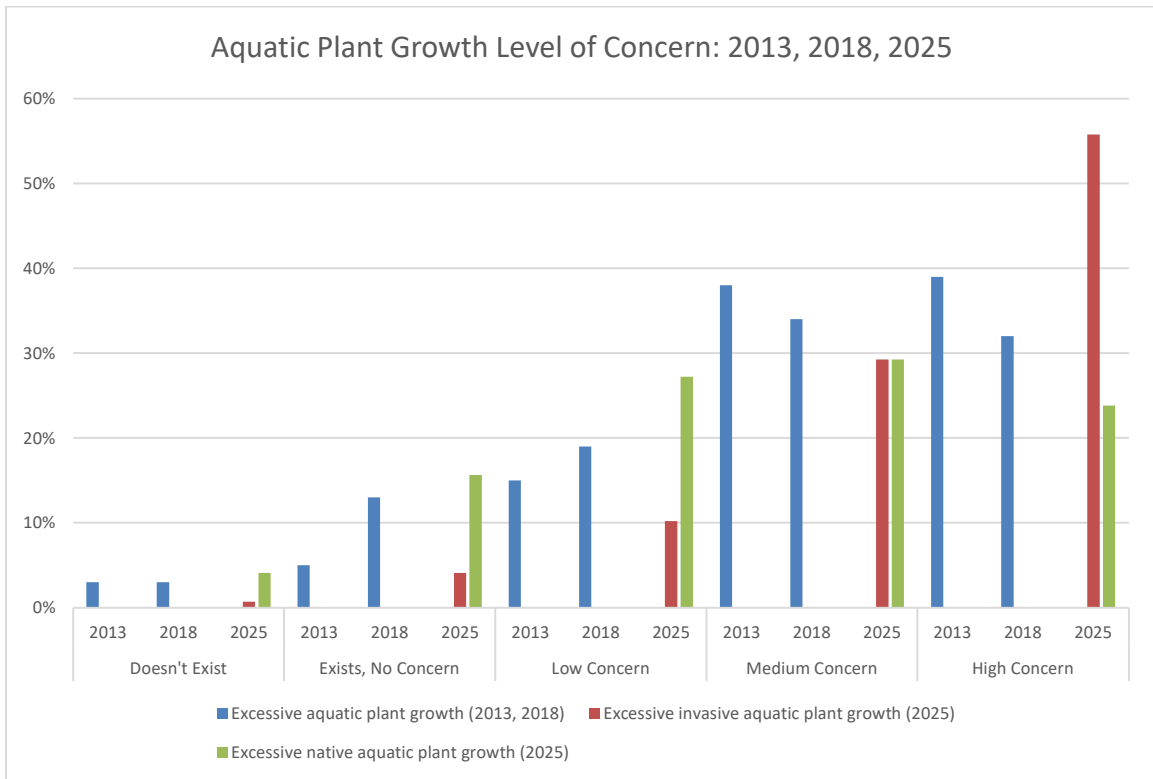
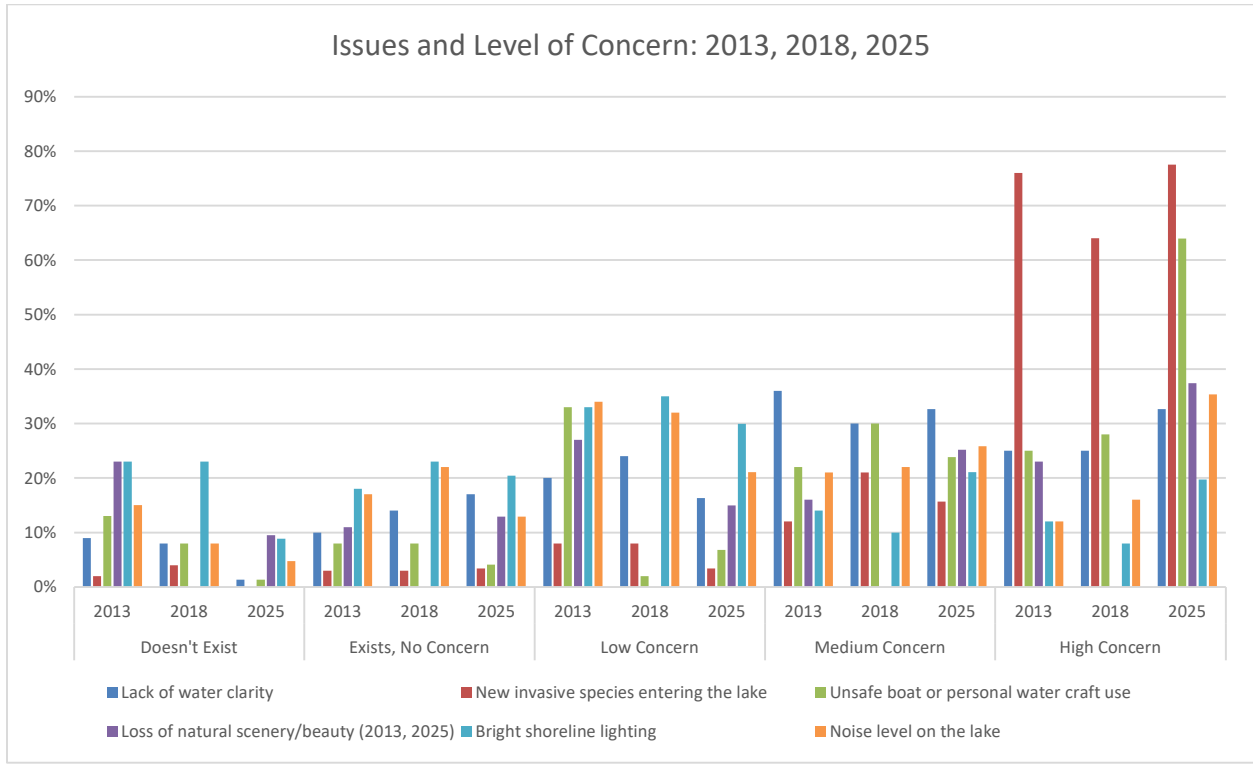
Other comments included:

- Public lake.
- We have too many fishing contests.
- Boats entering lake not being cleaned--ignoring ordinance.
- This question is poorly worded. Whether something is an "issue" is 100% subjective. It should have been written as "What is your concern level. Rate it on a 1-5 scale."
- Geese are a problem.

- Ask for money if you want money.
- Wake boats are ruining our shoreline and boating experience. The loud music carries down the whole lake, very disturbing.
- Unfortunately, with the zebra mussels invasion, our water quality will improve, but we'll soon have to wear rubber booties to walk on our own shoreline/swimming area. Mother Nature will dictate the water quality now much more than ever before.
- Sea gull populations.
- So sad about zebra mussels, not sure what bright shoreline lighting is, loud music make me sad.
- Boats coming too close to shoreline.
- Two issues: 1. Wake board boats continue to pass too close to the shoreline causing erosion; 2. Too many boats anchor near the sandbars, causing vegetation to be removed, churn in the waters and come to shore.
- For the last question, I don't think a fee should be charged.

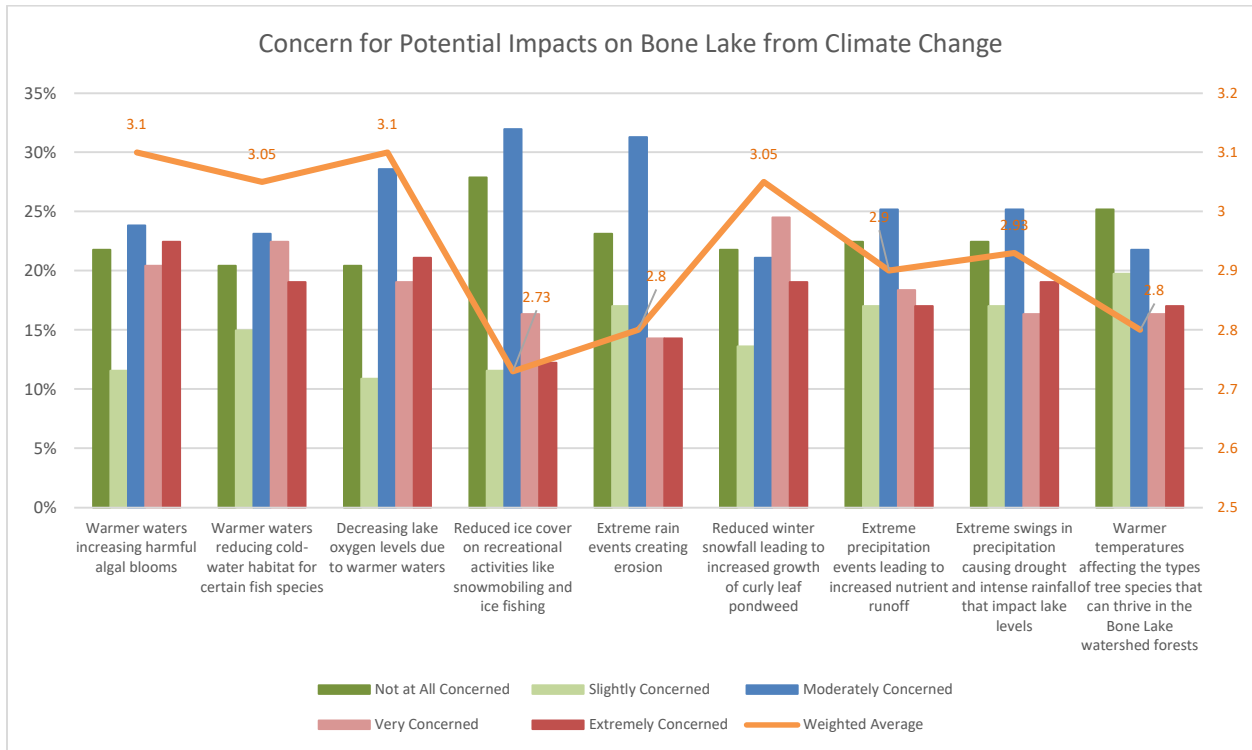


The following compares responses from issues presented in all three of the property owner surveys (2013, 2018, and 2025).



We would like to understand your views on climate change and its potential impact on Bone Lake and its watershed. N=147

There were 25 respondents (17.0%) who indicated they were not at all concerned for all of the presented scenarios and 7 respondents (4.7%) indicated they were extremely concerned for all of the presented scenarios.



Other comments from respondents included:

- Not a big believer in climate change!
- We need to be ahead of problems to help owners deal or how to deal with these issues.
- You should rethink these questions. Climate change--yes since the last ice age. Hidden agenda in these questions.
- We feel that climate change is an issue beyond our control.
- Allowing wake boats on the lake; these should be at the very least monitored if not outlawed.
- These are not issues that BLMD can change. Let's not focus time and dollars on these.
- Again, these are all concerns, but we will not control the weather. I do not think our Lake District should believe that we have the ability to control the weather.
- High concern on climate change, not sure what we can do at lake level to help, encourage voting = uffda- hot topic there.
- We don't believe in man made climate change- so please re-word the questions.
- As a lake community, we need to think about long term lake protections because climate change will continue to re-shape our environment and ecosystem.
- This seems like a political concern, not pertinent to this survey.

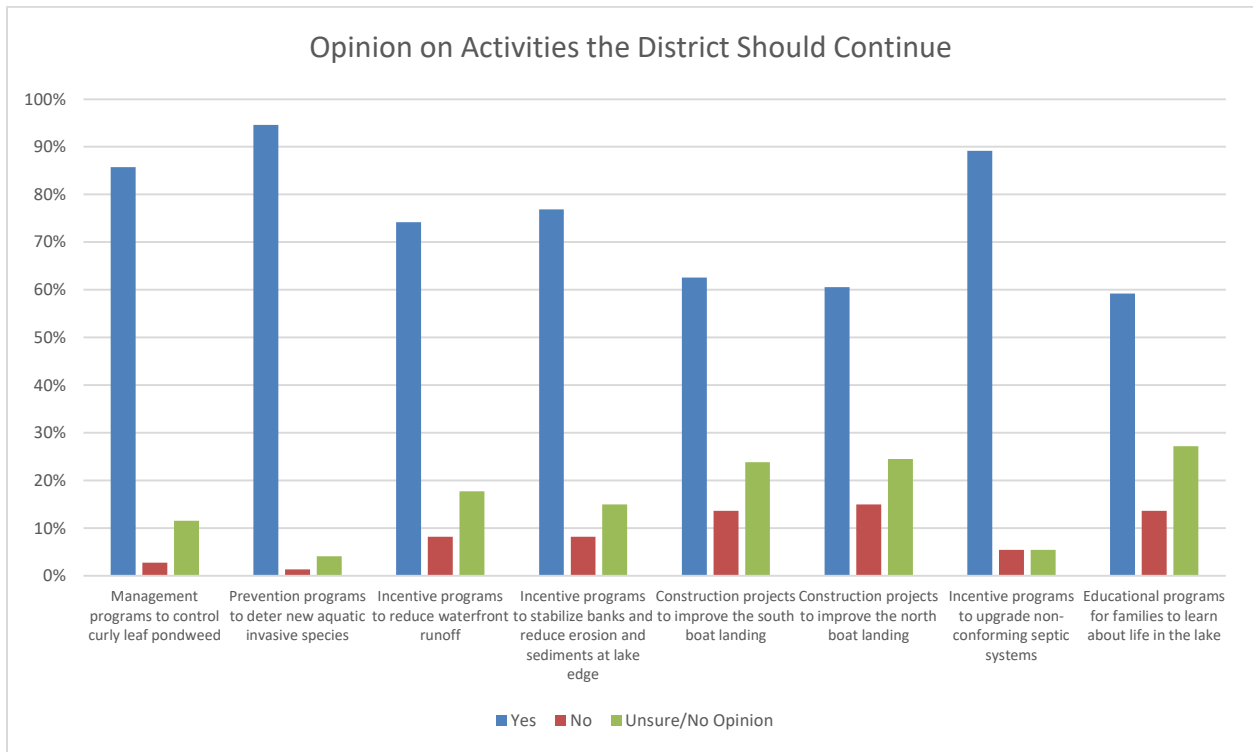
- Too much fake news.
- I monitor the clarity of Bone Lake water for the past nearly 20 years. I have not seen any of these phenomenon to be able to intelligently answer.
- Please, please, please tread carefully on the topic- and using the words- "climate change" as this is politically charged for some people, and they will think BLMD should not be involved in that "debate".

Management of Bone Lake

Please tell us if the following activities should be continued by the District to improve Bone Lake.

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The majority of respondents indicated the District should continue all of its current activities and especially programs to deter new aquatic invasive species and incentives to upgrade non-conforming septic systems.



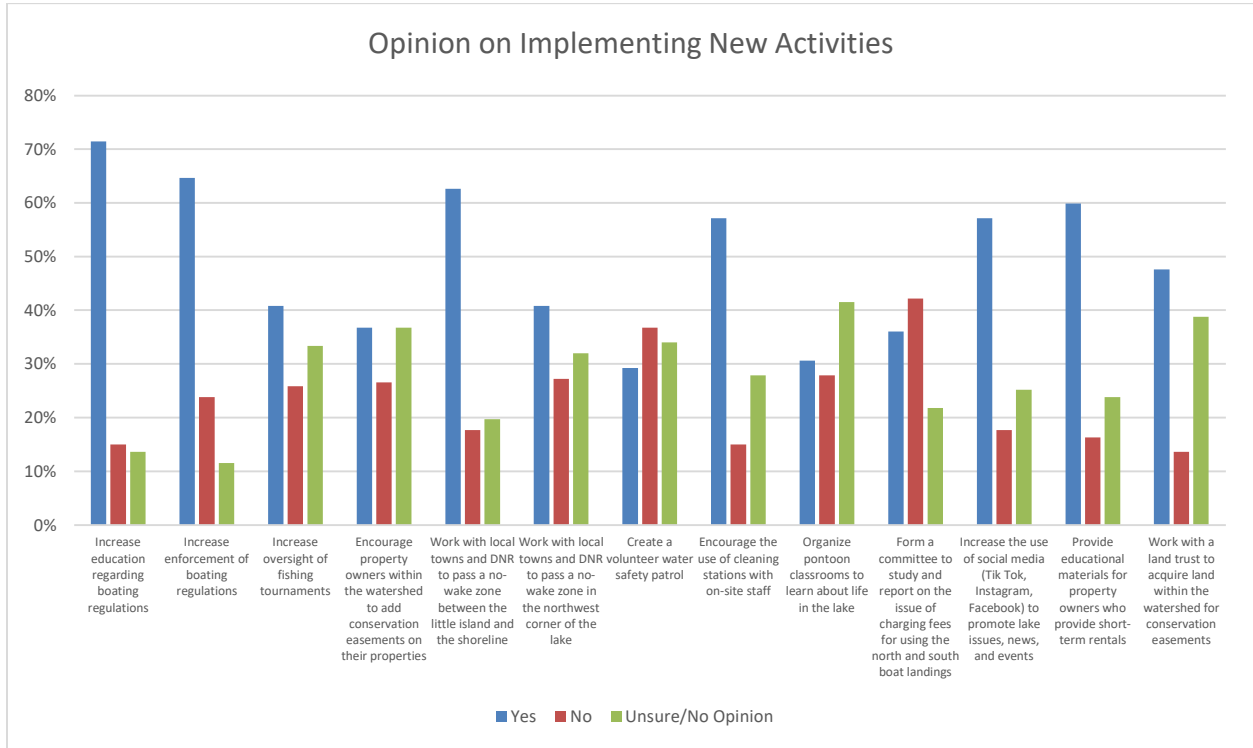
Other comments included:

- Improvements to north landing are done.
- Property owners should be protecting the lake on their own without BLMD incentives.
- Need programs to educate about negative effects of wake boats on lake.
- Homeowners don't need fancy landings
- passive educational programs for families, lions club does north landing construction projects
- Bring back in person boat safety classes for teenagers and adults
- how wake boats affect the shoreline
- we did our septic system- thx!
- Boat safety
- as to non conforming septic- inspect and make people conform.
- South landing is dangerous

Please tell us if the District should consider implementing the following activities for Bone Lake.

N=147

Over 60% of respondents indicated the District should consider implementing programs to increase education regarding boating regulations as well as increase boating regulation enforcement. Over 60% of respondents also indicated that the District should consider working with local towns and the DNR to pass a no-wake zone between the little island and the shoreline.



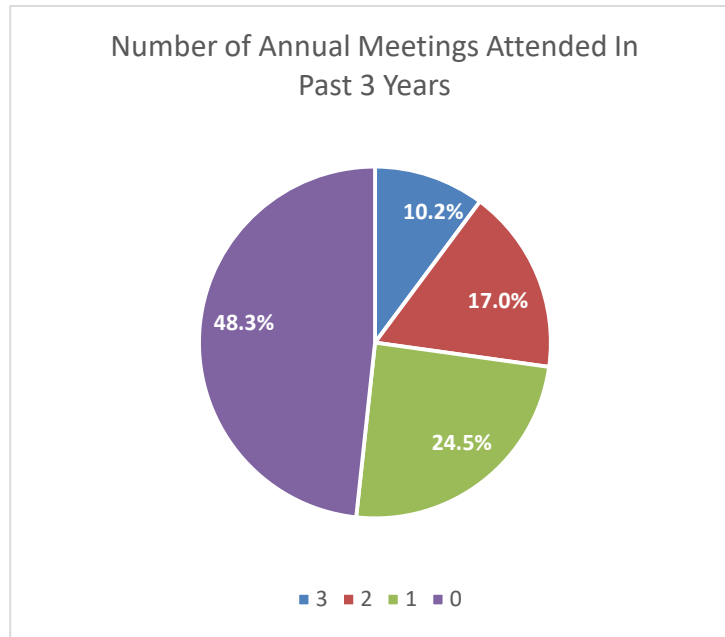
Other comments included:

- Have a no-wake time on the lake. There is no compliance to clean boats. Volunteers have no authority. Boaters will continue to do what they want.
- Eliminate Canadian geese--destroy nests and eggs. Stop stocking musky so we can have decent pan fish. My fishing license has become useless.
- While creating a volunteer water safety patrol might be of interest, this should be a continued DNR responsibility.
- Ask for donations at landings, social media is good now.
- Very against charging fees at the landings!
- Boat cleaning at fishing tourn, fees at landings seems unworkable, people act like jerks on social media, conservation easements would be great.
- We prefer to discourage rentals on the lake
- Create a no wake zone between Loon Island/Grass Island and shoreline on northwest side of lake
- Is there a noise ordinance for wake board boats? If there is, there should be enforcement and if there isn't, there should be. We don't want to listen to someone else's music.
- You can use social media but some of us do not do anything on social media so you will be excluding us.
- Not familiar with conservation easements.

Lake District Annual Meeting

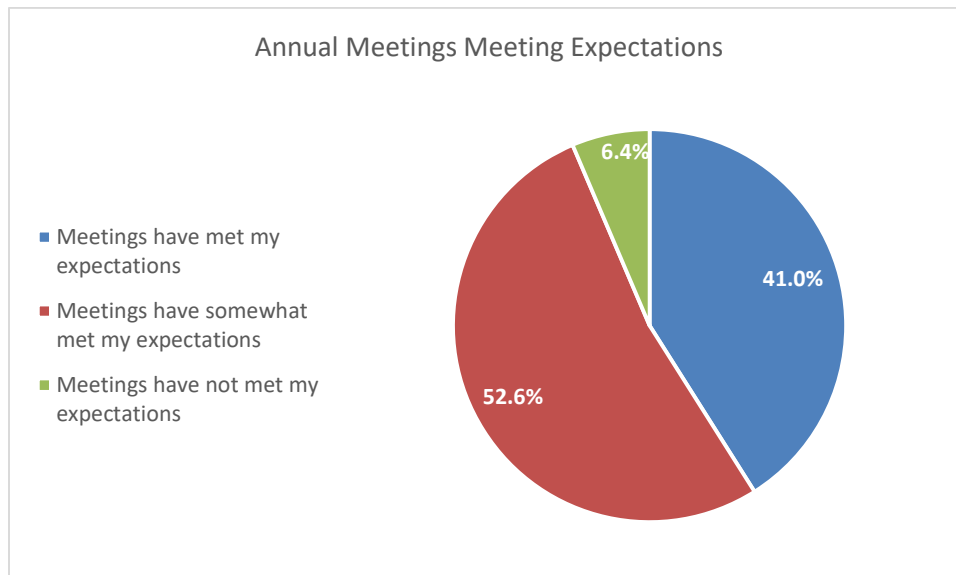
In the past three years, how many Bone Lake annual meetings have you or someone from your household attended? N=147

A little more than 48% of respondents have not attended an annual meeting in the past three years.



In the past three years, have the Bone Lake annual meetings met your expectations? N=147

Of those that attended, annual meetings have somewhat met or met expectations for over 93% of respondents.



Please use the space below to suggest how future annual meetings can better meet your expectations. N=147

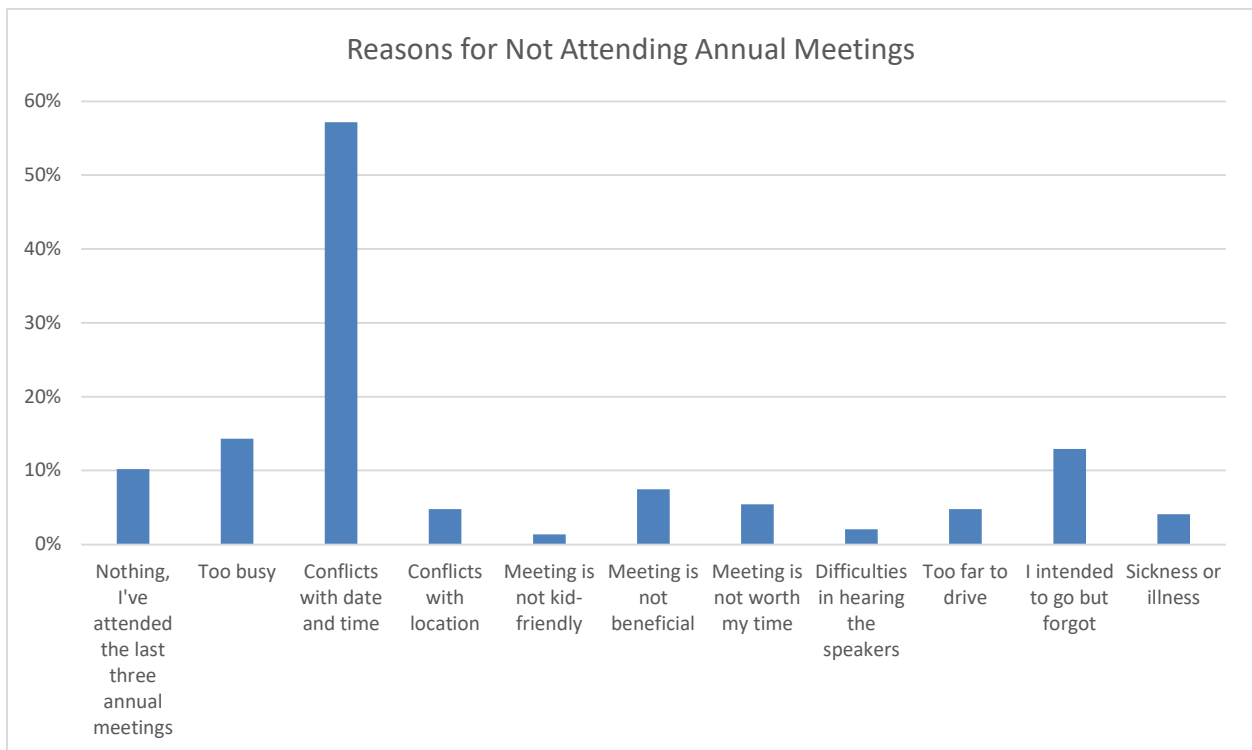
Thirty-seven respondents provided suggestions (unedited) including:

- Shorten meetings. Too much talking. Move back to Wilkins.
- Try to get more people to attend!
- How is the annual meeting advertised? Is it held during the summer months when seasonal residents could be present and all voices could be heard? Is the date set well in advance to all residents can plan accordingly?
- More frequent, shorter meetings with very specific policy agendas.
- All of the Board should be present for each Annual Meeting. We were missing 4, or 3, critical members of the Board at this year's meeting.
- Have elected officials show up. Have DNR or Sherrif talk
- I am impressed by Shelly Rose's capabilities, poise & knowledge.
- I thought it was very good.
- watched a repeat online
- More social time. Introductions.
- Better use of mics so all can hear and to always repeat a question from the audience.
- advertise better
- Later meeting times, more advance notice
- have not been available to attend
- The last lake I was on, I was on and involved with the lake board for many years. I firmly believe that people generally have the lakes best interest in mind, and do not need more oversight, but instead educational support should be the wish to do a project. The private services sector and governmental rules are already very strong.
- Hold them at Wilkins on the lake.
- Attended virtually. Many thanks to the board. We cringe, however, at the rudeness of attendees (hard to watch). Meetings seem to turn in complaint hours--we turn off.
- I only did the Zoom meeting. I think in-person is better.
- put votes and important business up front with "good-to-know" information at the end of agenda
- We should start to attend meetings
- not sure
- Use of teleconference for meetings.
- Have sheriff/DNR attend meetings to hear grievances on boat safety and wakeboat concerns. This would also provide a physical contact for home owners.
- Make sure ALL commissioners attend.
- Less complaining and allowing people to go on rants.
- Stay on task, set strict time limit. It will help set expectations for meeting.
- We are always out of town in august and are unable to attend. A June or July meeting would work for us
- we have been unable to attend in the past do to conflicts with our jobs, but would like to.

- when they are is generally a conflict. Often not here
- Politely inform attendees that we can't do anything regarding the goose population or Indian spearing and move on. These annual rants take up to much meeting time.
- I am a new owner with deeded lake access and would like to start attending the annual meetings.
- Too much time spent on topics that are not property owner control- geese.
- I have been unable to attend recent meetings due to being out of town. A zoom option for viewing the meetings would be nice.
- Not much; meetings are well run and informative. Some go just to watch people bicker, but I haven't seen it
- They need to be quicker and not take 2 hours. The formality of the meetings ie: "I second the motion" etc. should be done before the public meeting begins.
- Stream the meeting online every year.
- i am most concerned with the wake board boats. there are 3 issues. 1- erosion from the waves 2. More powerful turbulence from wakeboats can directly resuspend sediments in the water. This can indirectly lead to release of nutrients like phosphorus from sediment that can stimulate excessive algae growth, which adversely impacts the lake. 3. Noise...the kids operating these boats are often loud and play music which can be rude and graphic ... there were several stories this summer on fox and kare 11 regarding issue number 2. we are loosing the clarity of our water for the pleasure of so few lake residents children who use these boatswhy....arent we as adults smarter than this???

What, if anything, has prevented you from attending an annual meeting in the past three years?

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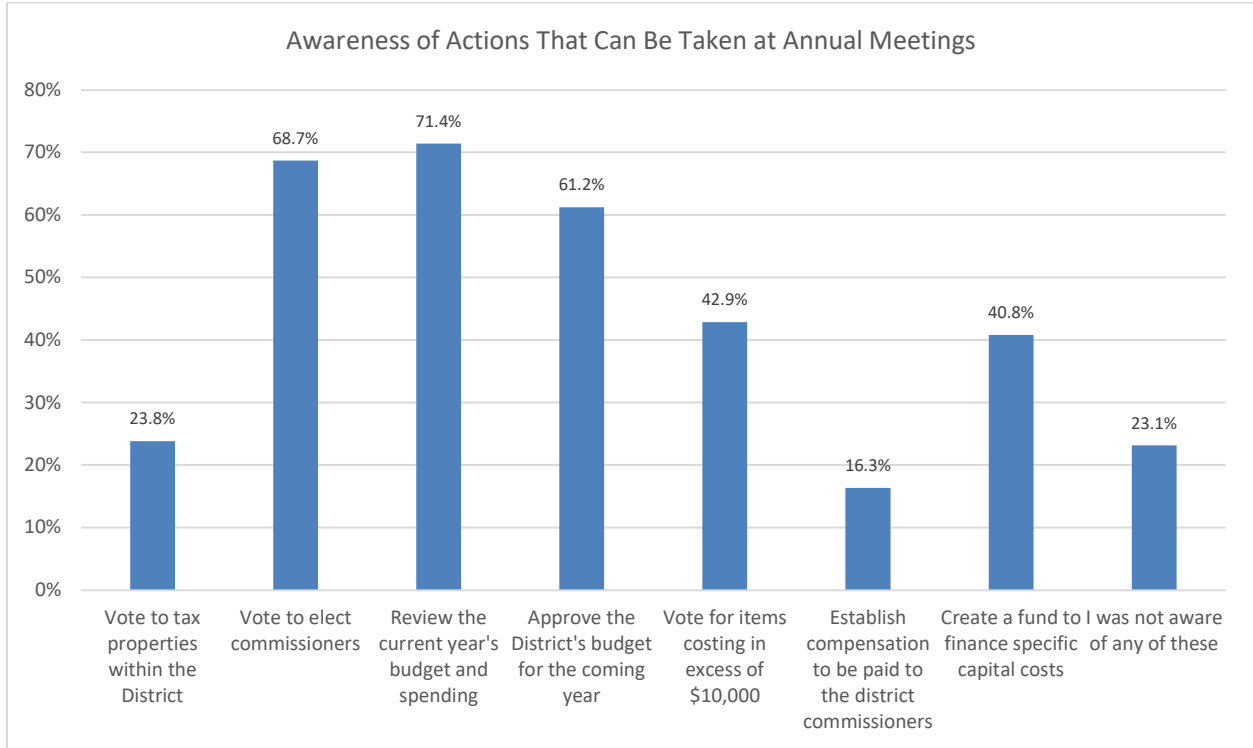


Other comments included:

- I attend periodically.
- Could meeting have virtual option?
- I did watch two online.
- Meeting date/time interfere with family function that are in the cities.
- We live out of state.
- Same as previous comment. When advertised? Hold meeting when all residents (including seasonal) might have an opportunity of attending.
- Nothing, I have attended 2 in the last 3 years
- I generally have company in the summer. Have the meeting in May
- I have attended all the meetings since I've owned here.
- not knowing they were happening and when
- difficult to attend with weekend guests
- Rather enjoy the lake than sit in a meeting during the few weekends of the year. Used to go more regularly in the past
- I liked the Zoom option some years
- We typically attend the meetings but had a conflict on one of the weekends in the past three years
- big talkers, little doers
- nothing
- Personal Agendas; aka- lake did not need a weed harvester. This money could have been used to improve landings.
- I am a new owner within the last year, but would like to attend.
- Meetings should be kept to approx 1 hour. Also, if people have questions, they should state their names and say how long they have been on the lake.
- Don't want to attend in person. Don't want to spend my weekend at a meeting.

Certain actions can be taken at the Bone Lake annual meetings. N=147

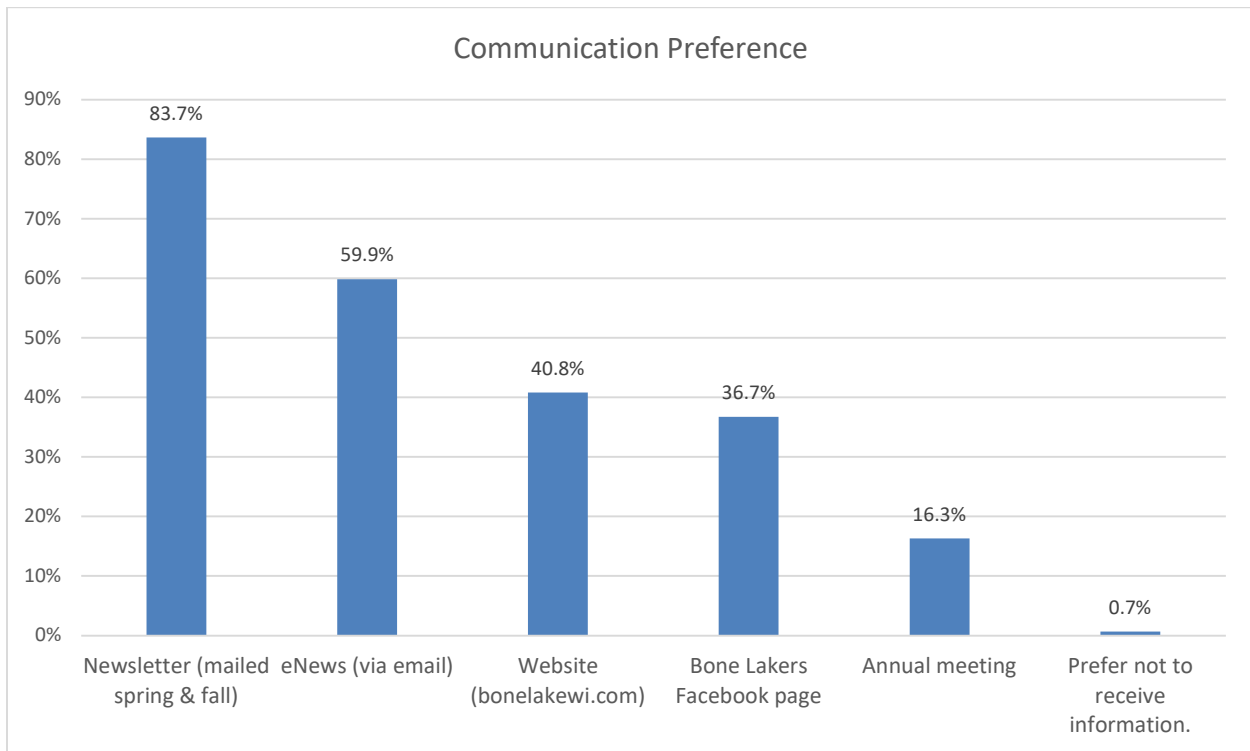
Over 50% of respondents were aware that attendees at annual meetings of the District could vote to elect commissioners, approve the upcoming year’s budget, and review the current year’s budget and spending. 23.1% were not aware of the types of actions that could be taken at BLMD annual meetings.



Communications

The Bone Lake Management District provides information in the following ways. How do you prefer to receive information from the District? N=147

The Bone Lake newsletter, mailed in the Spring and Fall, is the most preferred way to receive information from the District, followed by eNews, emails sent by the District on an as-needed basis.



Other comments on communications included:

- The quarterly (?) newsletter is very well done; informative, thoughtful, educational and very professionally produced.
- Board does an excellent job on working to improve the lake and ensure usable for majority of lake users
- Not at this time
- I give credit to the team that puts together the newsletter- well done and much appreciated
- Annual meeting minutes are difficult to find- where are they posted
- it would be great if eNews was more frequent
- house info on website and point to it in social media posts; I'm old so i like the newsletter also
- Thank you to those who serve on the Bone Lake Board. We appreciate you!
- i think email is the best, attach the news letter to an email unless to hard to manage.
- It may be beneficial to create a separate FB page for the District. The current FB pages contain so many useless posts (business, etc) that it's almost impossible to find or see anything useful or important

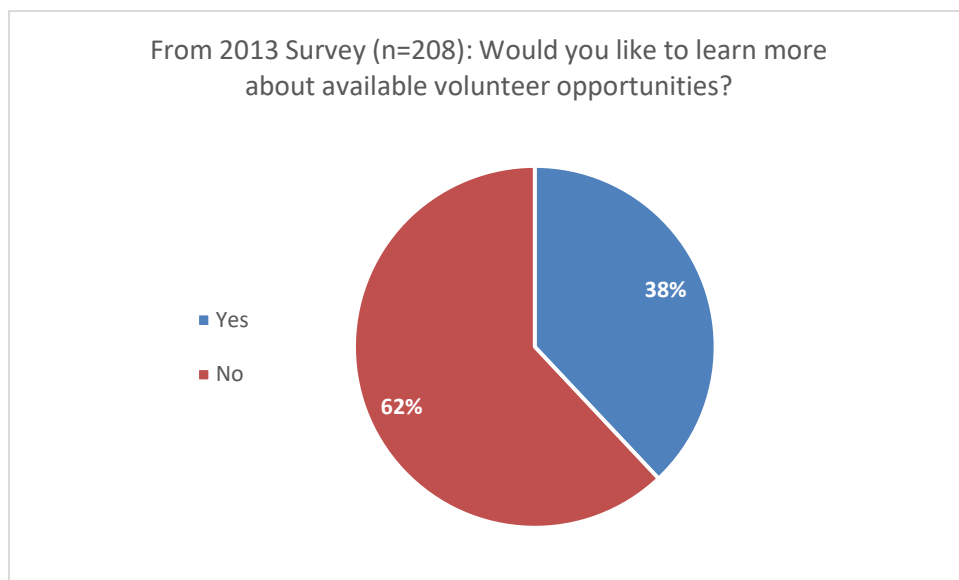
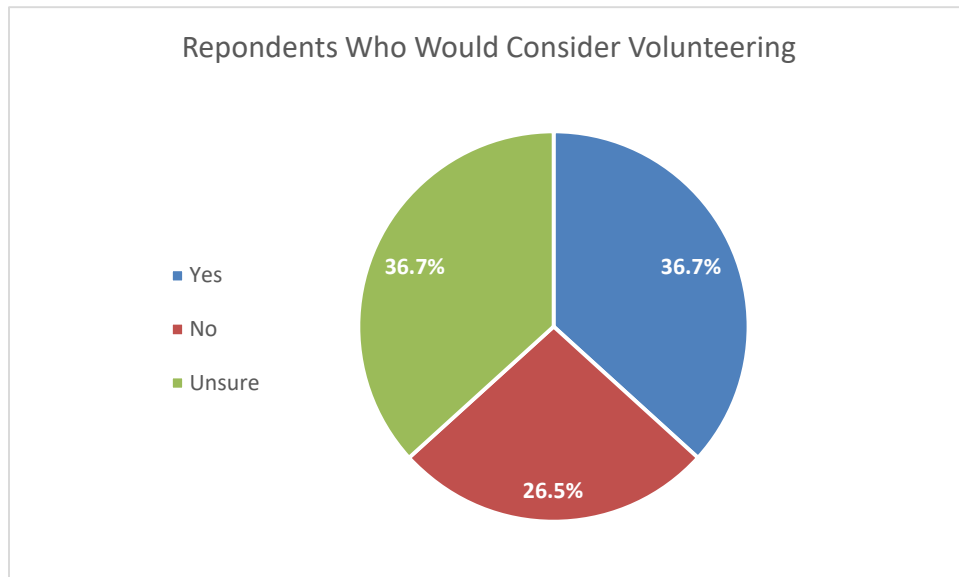
- the wake boarding boats are the main issue with noise, water clarity, and erosion. studies have shown that these boats should be 500 feet or more from shore. i am not sure how much of bone lake would pass this. again, we the lake is being destroyed for the pleasure of a few families teen age and 20 something year old children....why???

Volunteering

The survey noted that answers to these questions on volunteering would not be regarded as a commitment to participate, but instead, would be used to gauge potential participation of stakeholders in future efforts of the District.

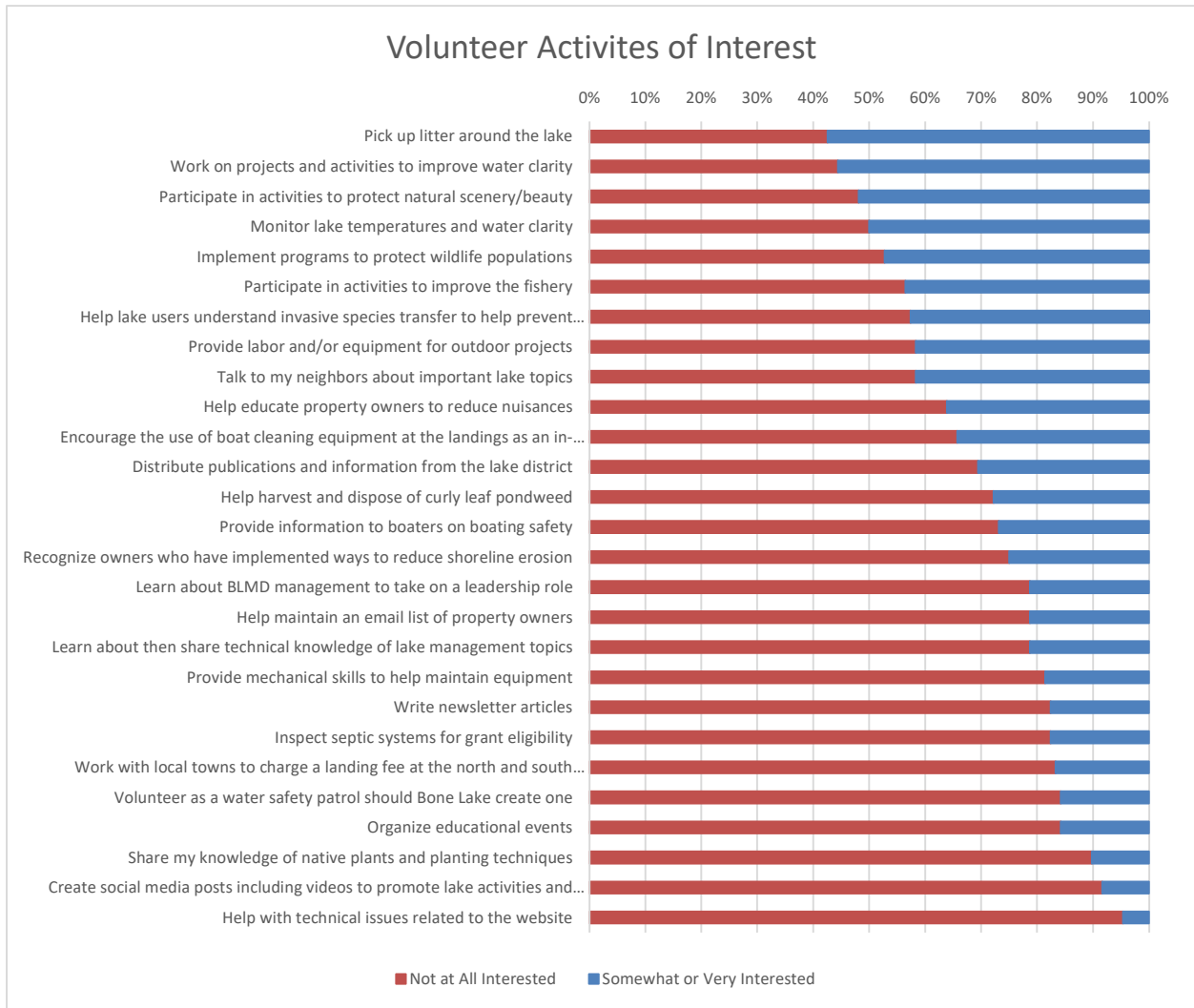
Would you ever consider volunteering to help the Bone Lake Management District? N=147

More than one third of respondents would consider volunteering to help the District with about the same number unsure.



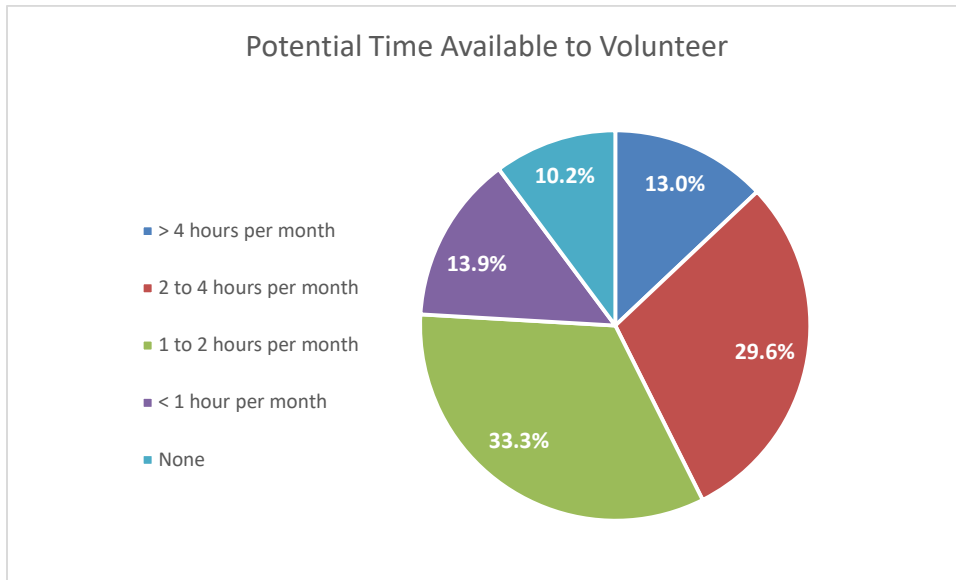
What types of volunteer activities interest you? N=108

Volunteer activities of most interest to those who would or were unsure about volunteering included picking up litter around the lake, working on projects to improve water clarity, participating in activities to protect natural scenery/beauty, and monitoring lake temperature and water clarity. All the other listed activities were of interest to less than half of respondents.



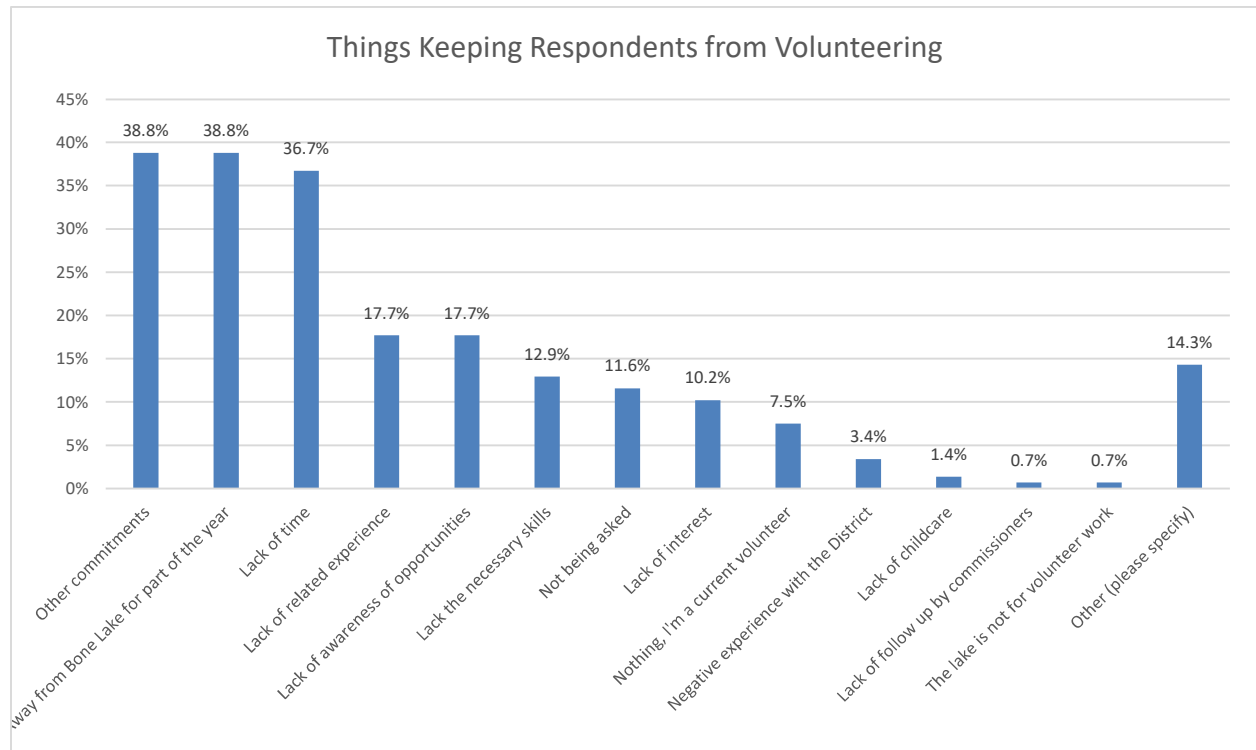
How much time, on average, could you spend on a volunteer activity that interests you? N=108

For respondents who would or were unsure about volunteering, nearly 76% thought they could spend one hour or more a month doing volunteer work for the lake that interested them.



What keeps you from volunteering on the lake? N=147

Having other commitments, being away from Bone Lake for part of the year, and lack of time were the top cited reasons keeping respondents from volunteering for the District.



What might motivate you to volunteer? N=44

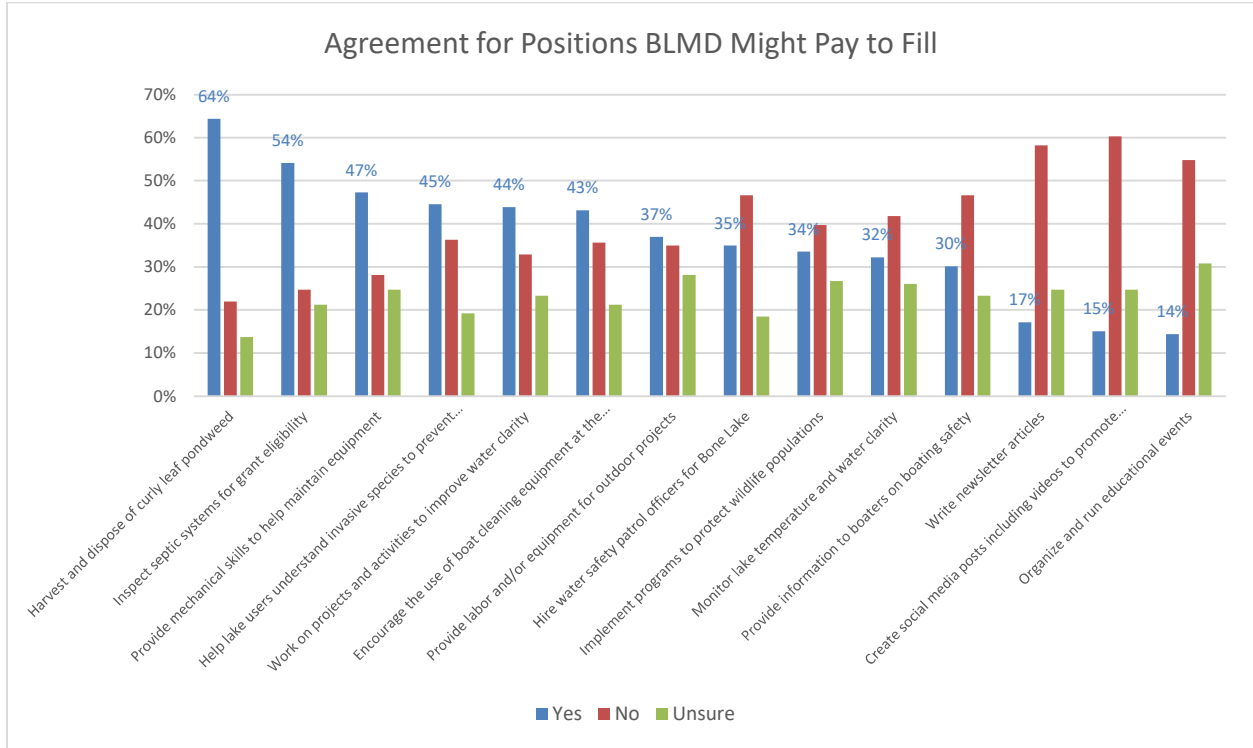
Forty-four respondents provided comments on what might motivate them to volunteer. They have been editorially grouped as follows:

- Communication of Opportunities/Being Asked
 - being contacted directly about specific volunteer opportunities
 - Know what activities are available for volunteering
 - Awareness of a specific need where I'm interested.
 - simply ask
 - Understanding what, where and when there is a need.
- Having More Time
 - Having more time as we move closer to retirement. Having friends/neighbors to volunteer with
 - retirement
 - having personal time that I do not have now
 - Will volunteer once retired/more free time
 - when I move to Bone Lake (retirement)
- Incentives
 - A donut. Just joking- no incentive is needed. Please see my response to the prior question.
 - compensation
 - Free Beer
- Other Commitments
 - Nothing. Have too many commitments now!
 - Currently volunteering.
 - I already volunteer
- Physicality
 - I would need to know how physical the task is
 - Something I could do remotely.
 - younger age
 - get young again
 - If there was something for an 83-year-old could do that didn't have to be too difficult.
- Position Description/Right Opportunity
 - Clear role and expectations.
 - Finding right opportunity
 - I would be fine doing some "behind the scenes" work, but after a lifetime of working in mental health, I'm no longer interested in tasks that require human interaction--teaching, confronting, etc.
 - Understanding the need and the time commitment
 - Being interested in the cause. Having a good friend who's involved ask for help
 - finding out more on what it entails

- To improve quality of life, environment
- If there were the right fit for me, and my schedule would allow me to make a reasonable commitment
- provide ideas for the Bone Lake newsletter.
- I am happy to volunteer for a specific project or event.
- A desire to maintain the natural surroundings and beauty of the lake.
- Social
 - Connection with other lake owners
 - Group volunteer get-togethers to share experiences. (2) An open house when you're ready to highlight volunteer opportunities.
 - group events--litter day. information about a major problem.
- Other
 - not sure
 - Now that we are full-time residence, I want to see the lake get better over the years
 - High engagement on issues by the community
 - I've been on the lake for 50 years (parents' cabin). Owned my own property for 10 years. Seen it change in different ways since I started remembering things. There is a degree of lack of respect and concern for others on the lake now, and I don't believe the District has the capability to change that.
 - Be less political and single minded agendas
 - Having a good leader in place to help organize and bring people together. It will be hard with competing interests at play.
 - I don't have the knowledge to volunteer
 - ban party music
 - nothing

If the District cannot find volunteers to work on important activities, should we pay for assistance for any of the following activities even if it increases property taxes? N=146

The majority of respondents answered yes that the District pay for assistance like harvesting and disposing of curly leaf pondweed and inspecting septic systems if it cannot find volunteers for the work.



Other Comments

If you have any additional comments, please use the space below. N=33

Thirty-three respondents provided additional comments. They have been editorially grouped as follows:

- Gratitude
 - We love our cabin and the environment that Bone Lake provides. We also appreciate our neighbors and friends who also strive to maintain it's beauty and peaceful surroundings. The annual meetings, if held in the warmer months, are an important opportunity to hear all opinions regarding maintaining our lake and environment. While opinions may differ, there is nothing like an opportunity to educate and build support for issues of interest, while possibly receiving additional volunteer interest. Thank you!
 - Thanks to all volunteers for their work
 - thanks to all the volunteers, hope to pay it forward if we get to live on lake full time some day
 - Thank you!
 - Thank you for asking for input. We want to see a healthier Bone Lake and would support initiatives to make that happen.

- Thank you for the effort that went into this survey.
- Thanks for all you're doing
- We do appreciate all the Bone Lake volunteers to help make our lake great. Especially the buoy installation and removal. Thank you!!!
- Loss of Muskies
 - Get the natives to stop spearing our lake. They have raped it beyond recovery.
 - Either stop the musky spearing or start stocking the lake. In 6 years that I've lived on lake (year around) I think fishing has declined and pleasure boat traffic increased. This lake needs more enforcement of boating regulations. Maybe we should start a fund to pay for water patrol deputy to focus on this lake.
- Multiple Comments
 - We love spending time on Bone Lake. Always fun to see the Eagles and Loons on the lake. Our only criticism is the significant decline in musky fishing since 2020.
 - There are too many wake boats that are ruining our shoreline!! Plus the music they play is way to loud and disruptive! The south landing is in terrible shape and has to be fixed! Why didn't they blacktop the landing area when they resurfaced Dueholm Drive?!
 - 1) Per DNR wake boats are responsible for the damage they cause. Not sure how to enforce this. 2) Managing soil erosion from all boat wakes, not just wake boats.
 - RE: question 8, improvements noted on boating safety, noise level on the lake, and conditions for motorized boating are since 2024 when enforcement efforts to correct these issues were employed. Whatever was done is working, so we wish to keep this up to keep our lake quiet and safe. Noise levels are still sometimes too high on the sand bar, but much improved from previous years!
 - the wake boarders are the problem and home owners who clear cut their properties.
- Miscellaneous
 - We do not live on the lake. We are a 5 minute walking distance to the lake.
 - Does hiring a water safety patrol for Bone Lake become gang-like? Don't need to worry about water clarity as zebra mussels will clean it for us.
 - We have cabin on north end of lake. I have a picture of two grandsons on dock in 2001 with crystal clear water, a nice new rock shoreline wall. Now that same picture would show a mucky swamp with weeds and cattails completely covering the fine rock wall. What a mess the north end has become. Mismanagement completely.
 - I would like the residents of Bone Lake know rules and regulations on horseback riding and why I am able to ride k. the road with out getting honked ,yelled at thank you
 - Thank you for the surgery [survey]. Generally speaking, our lake is in great shape. The zebra mussels will do more damage than ever, and there is very little that we can do about it. I think self and neighborly governance is always better than more government interference. Simple conversations go a long ways. If you try to do much of anything to “your own” property, the rules are already difficult to navigate with little common sense allowed. Less is more-
 - Please reduce/eliminate geese and gull populations on the lake.

- Although I feel there are boating safety issues on the lake, I certainly do not wish to have a citizen or volunteer safety patrol on the lake. The last thing we need is a bunch of Barney Fifes running around the lake
- Poor Survey
 - The survey is too long. Lose interest in answering halfway thru--particularly when asking participants about his/her awareness of climate change. I applaud the work of the very committed members of the board (all of them!). and hope they don't feel unappreciated. Love the newsletter, website and email info and all the work undertaken to keep Bone Lake the beautiful lake it is.
 - This survey has too many redundant and repetitive questions about the same things. It could have been a lot shorter than it was. Next time try to design one that can be completed in 10 minutes or less.
 - The questions related to climate change were unnecessary and poorly worded.
 - Tried to use survey monkey but couldn't get it to work.
- Wakeboats
 - stop wake boats
 - Ban wake boats!
 - Wake boats on the lake: some lakes have outlawed these. if they are not outlawed, it would be good to monitor them to see how many are on the lake.
 - Concern with shoreline erosion from wake boarding/surf boarding boats
 - would like to see more management of the wake boats on the lake. We have limited time on weekends and want to enjoy being on the water and fish or swim and the waves get ridiculous. Everything goes flying on our pontoon or we almost fall over standing while fishing.
 - Please give some attention to reducing the noise level on the lake created by the volume of the music played by the 'wave setters'. Every year it becomes more of a problem due to the increase of the number of these type of activities. Thanks
 - I would like to see some level of regulation on music being blasted from wake boats.