

Chair's Report—November 15, 2023

Executive Summary: Pigeon Lake Management Plan, 2024-2028

The Plan has 5 Management Goals; my annotations specify action steps for discussion.

1) Assure Navigational Access on Pigeon Lake

- a. **Management Action:** Harvesting. See Map. 5 Year Permit needed; Annual Report needed documenting plant material weight, volume, species, total acres harvested, non-target impacts and number of fish encountered. Report due 30 days after last harvest.
- b. **Management Action:** 2024-8 Control dense areas of AIS that are at nuisance densities
 - i. Harvesting—see above. Start MAY 1 to control Curly-Leaf Pondweed (CLP)
 - ii. Herbicide control for Eurasian Water Millfoil (EWF). Limited to low-flow areas (e.g., Wayside Park, Fairway Lake; across from cemetery). Requires Fall 2024 mapping survey for late May/early June 2025 applications.
- c. **Management Action:** 2025 Determine Feasibility of small-scale dredging. Proposals from 3 or more engineering firms detailing project designs and costs of dredging feasibility study.

2) Enhance Pigeon Lake District's Capacity to Interact with and Inform its Members

- a. **Management Action:** Develop consistent communication strategy to deliver information in a timely and efficient manner (e.g., website, FB, newspaper, email address list, physical office location—see below).
- b. **Management Action:** Assure Pigeon Lake District involvement in community events
 - i. Spring Planting Party, Cops n Bobbers, Ruff Fish Tourney, Kayak and Duck Race Hire Volunteer Coordinator/Executive Director (see below)
- c. **Management Action:** Participate in annual Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention. 3-5 members attend. April 10-12, 2024, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point

3) Maximize Pigeon Lake Fishery

- a. **Management Action:** Develop open line of communication with Wisconsin DNR fisheries staff: Aaron O'Connell: aaronroconnell@wisconsin.gov
- b. **Management Action:** 2024 Enhance Pigeon Lake fishery through proper stocking and coarse woody habitat additions Healthy Lakes Initiative Grant can provide 75% of costs of fish sticks, up to \$25,000. Max \$1,000 per cluster of 3-5 trees (best practice cap). Need facilitator (see Executive Director, above, and below)....
- c. **Management Action:** Work with WDNR fisheries staff to determine proper methods of carp control (e.g., commercial netting—WDNR can advise re: possible contractors)

4) Reduce Nutrient and Sediment Pollution Originating from Pigeon Lake Watershed

- a. **Management Action:** Support the creation and implementation of a [Nine-Key Elements Plan for Pigeon River Watershed](#) "Completing a WDNR-approved 9 Key Element Plan qualifies the watershed to receive specific funding, such as Targeted Runoff Management and WDNR Lake Protection Grants." Waupaca County has completed approved 9 Key Element Plans for 3 watersheds in Waupaca County." IT'S OUR TURN! (See action steps, p. 91)

5) Develop and Maintain a Long-Term Environmental Monitoring Program on Pigeon Lake

- a. **Management Action:** Monitor water quality through WDNR Citizens Lake Monitoring Network

RENTAL OF OFFICE SPACE at 1 MAIN STREET (Chamber of Commerce Building)

The office (Suite 4) will be available on January 1. Lease of the office space will also include use of the Board Room (tables seat 12), additional storage in garage and basement.

Office is 16 x 11, sufficient for desk, chair(s), small meeting table, file cabinets.

Bathroom is newer, ample storage in garage and basement.

RENT = \$250/month 12 month lease, total = \$3000/year, plus used furnishings to be acquired (rug, desk, chair(s), lamps, file cabinets, etc).



DRAFT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR and VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

The Executive Director of the Pigeon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District will recruit and coordinate volunteers, including working with existing local agencies and interested individuals. They will develop an email list of volunteers and stakeholders, develop standing committees, and coordinate communications across various media. In addition to keeping regular office hours as posted to the public, they will organize files and historical documents for current efficiencies and for accurate reporting. They will help the Board and other professionals to plan and to implement educational events and grant-writing, in addition to other community engagements (Spring Planting Party, Ruff Fish Tourney, Cops 'n' Bobbers, Kayak Race, etc). The ultimate purpose of this office is to expand the "workforce" available to protect and to rehabilitate Pigeon Lake, beyond the existing Board, with secondary purpose to provide a stable and visible public presence for the Lake District.

10 hours/week--\$20/hour 58 weeks/year \$9600/year