

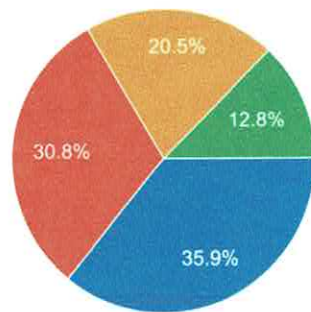
Resident Lake Survey Little Elkhart Lake

Little Elkhart Lake Rehabilitation District
January 23, 2022

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1. As a property owner with the LEL Rehabilitation District boundaries, which of the following best describes the type of property owner you are?

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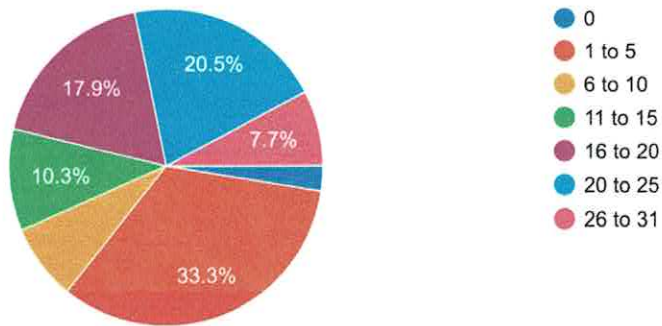


- A. Riparian (on water) with direct water access/frontage (year-round resident)
- B. Riparian (on water) with direct water access/frontage (seasonal resident)
- C. Non-riparian (off water) with no water access
- D. Non-riparian with common or individual water access or easement

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2. On average, how many days do you use the lake per month during open water months (approximately April through October)?

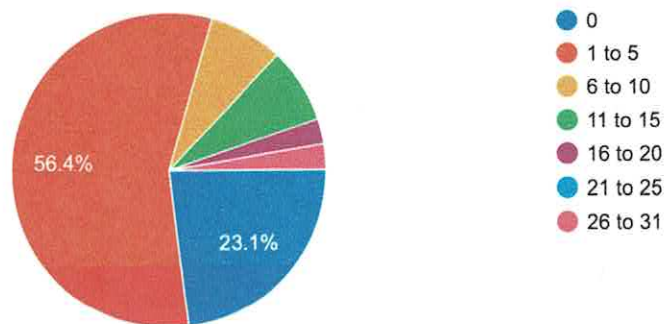
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3. On average, how many days do you use the lake per month during the winter months when the lake is frozen (December through March)?

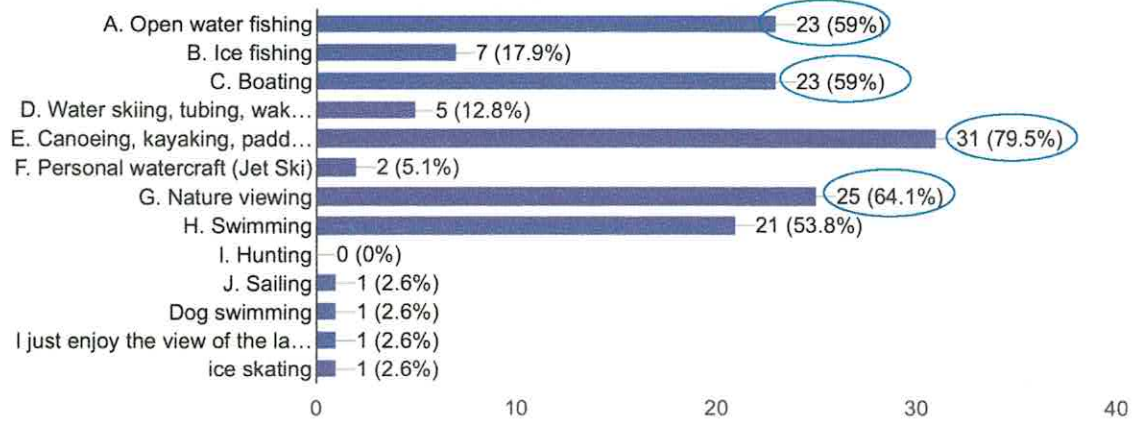
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4. Please select up to 4 activities that are most enjoyable to you on Little Elkhart Lake.

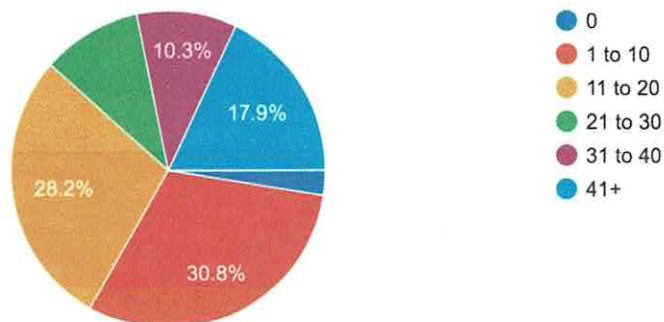
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5. How many years have you personally been using the lake for recreational purposes?

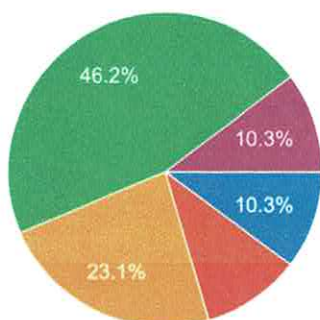
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6. Overall, how would you say your experiences on the lake have changed over that period of time? (Please answer only one)

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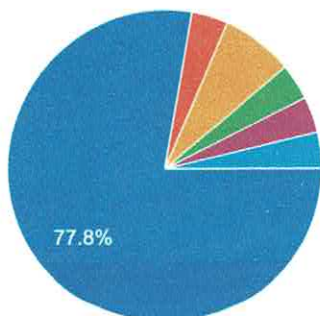


- A. Became much more enjoyable, skip question 7 and go to question 8.
- B. Became slightly more enjoyable, skip question 7 and go to question 8.
- C. Remained unchanged, skip question 7 and go to question 8.
- D. Became slightly less enjoyable
- E. Became much less enjoyable

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7. If your experience using the lake over time has become less enjoyable, what do you consider the primary factor impacting your experience on the lake?

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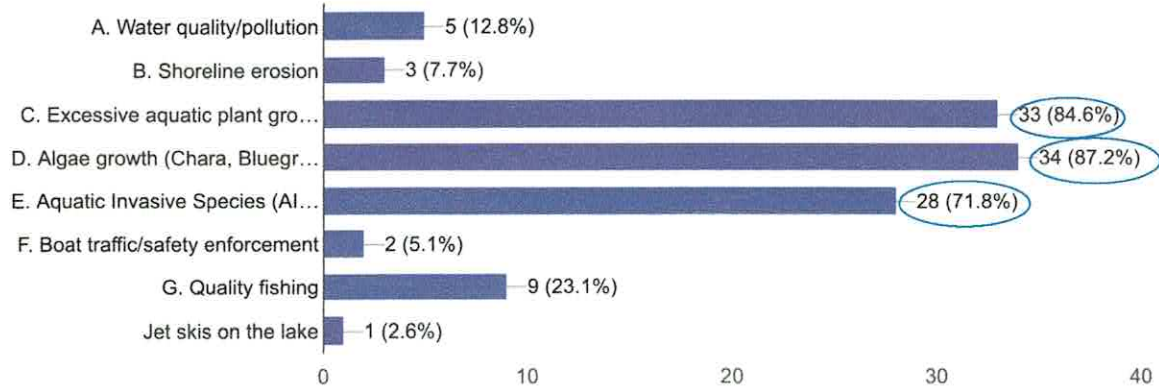


- A. Excessive aquatic plant growth
- B. Too much boat traffic
- C. Fishing has deteriorated
- D. Poor water quality
- E. Plant growth and water quality
- F. 4wheel and motorcycle usage in winter

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8. For Little Elkhart Lake, how concerned are you about the following items? Please select your top 3 lake concerns.

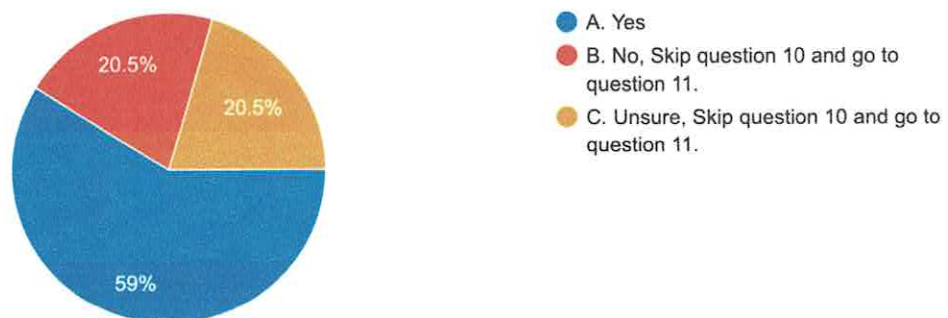
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9. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are non-native plants or animals that can out-compete their native counterparts and potentially cause a myriad ... aware of any AIS currently in Little Elkhart Lake?

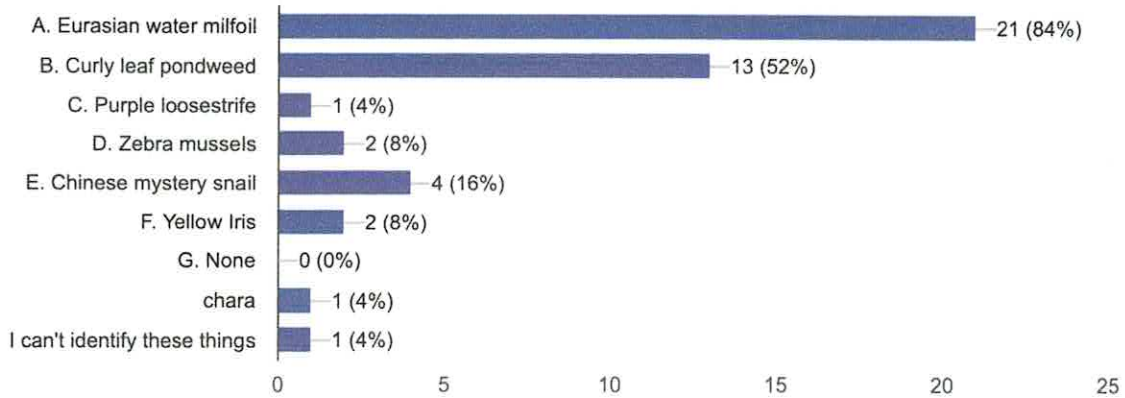
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10. Which species of AIS have you seen in Little Elkhart Lake, if any?

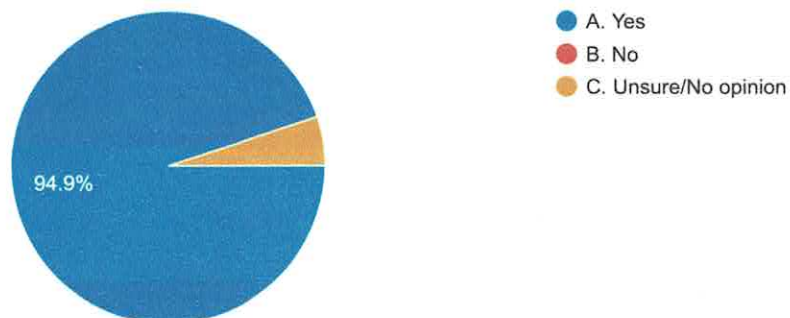
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11. Is active management of aquatic plants needed on the lake?

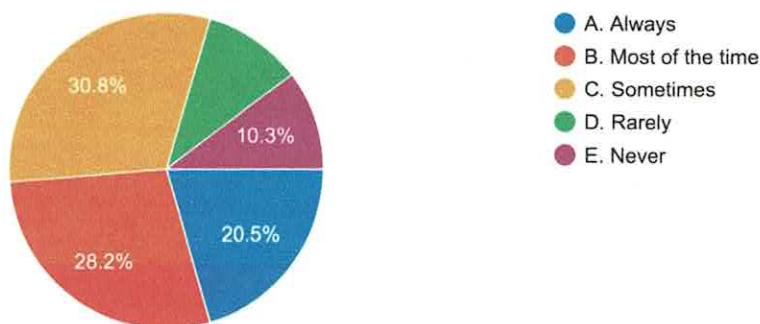
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12. During open water season, how often, if at all, does excessive AIS plant growth negatively affect your use of the lake?

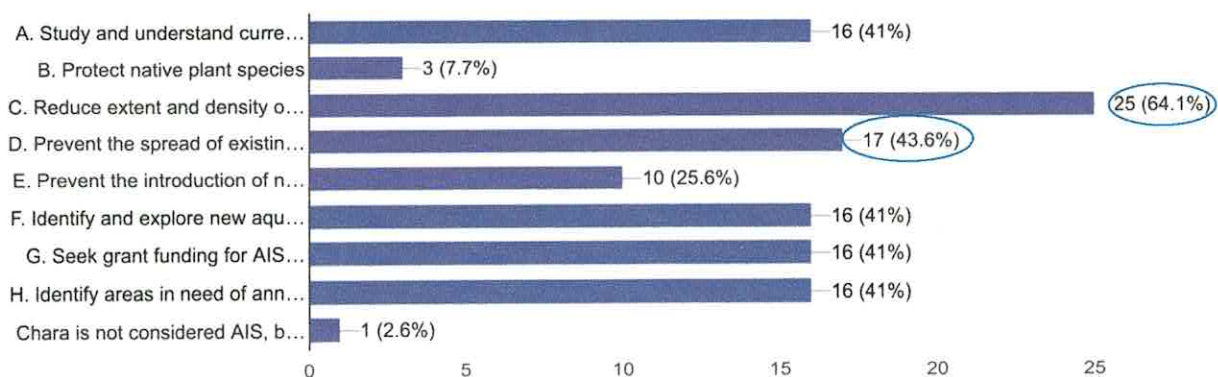
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13. Please select the 3 most important elements of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan update.

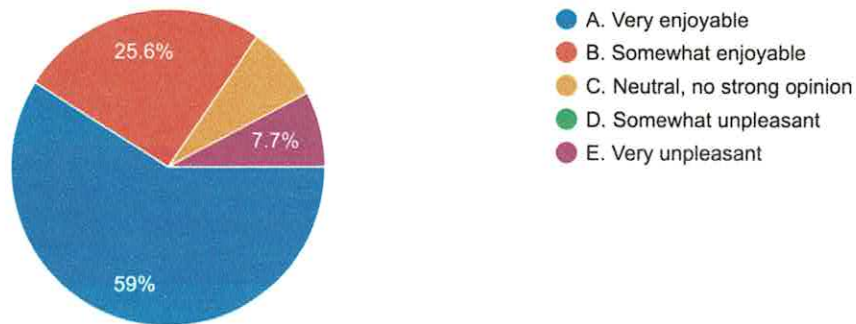
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14. Overall, how would you rate your experiences on the lake?

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15. If you have lake front property, would you like to join other interested property owners in obtaining a quote for limited dredging around your pier (to improve swimming and pier maintenance) from a company that does this professionally and will obtain the necessary DNR permits? Note: This is not funded by the Little Elkhart Lake Rehabilitation District and any incurred costs would be the sole responsibility of each involved lake front property owner. If you answer Yes, please ensure your name, phone number and email address are provided below in the comment field.

Sixteen property owners expressed interest in exploring this further. Frank Miller will follow-up with these property owners in February/March.

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16. If you are willing to assist in the installation of the aerator when necessary during the winter months to help prevent a fish kill, please provide your name, phone number and email address below.

Nine property owners offered to help. Their contact information has been provided to Darin Holden.

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Comments

1. Nice if we restricted gas motors on lake, less pollution for environment
2. Are there alternatives to chemical killing of weeds? Not thrilled with the prospect of long terms effects of herbicides. Yet know weeds need to be controlled for navigation
3. Priority treatment is needed ASAP
4. LEL has a huge amount of potential but, the weed problem won't fix itself. I don't believe it's destiny is to be a marsh in my life time. Thank you.
5. It would be helpful if property owners received specific information on AIS identification.
6. Need to better manage chara and water lilly growth in navigational channels from resident and public piers.

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