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## **2012 Member Survey**



# General Results

- 52% responded, 75% responded in 2004
- Length of property ownership:
  - Mean = 18.1yrs vs 13.6 yrs in 2004
  - Median = 14 yrs vs 10 yrs in 2004
  - Range = 4 to 48 yrs.
- Few significant differences from 2004
- Key “uses or activities” listed by respondents.
  - Peace/Solitude
  - Fishing
  - Scenic enjoyment
  - Boating



# “Fishing” Results

## Fishing Quality

- 58.5% indicated that fishing quality has declined compared to 43% in 2004.
- 29% indicated that fishing quality has stayed the same vs. 56% in 2004.
- 12% indicated that fishing quality has improved vs. 0% in 2004.

## Fishing Experience

- 27% rated fishing as “fair” or “poor” vs. 24% in 2004.
- 46% rated fishing as “average” vs. 50% in 2004.
- 17% rated fishing as “very good” to excellent vs. 0% in 2004.

## Primary causes of fishing quality decline:

- Over fishing = 75% vs. 60% in 2004
- “Weeds” = 46% vs. 36% in 2004
- Heavy recreation = 13% vs. 10% in 2004

Note: In 2004 Soil erosion (30%) and Herbicides (13%) were also perceived to be issues



# Water Quality Results

- 81% indicated that water quality has improved or stayed the same vs. 56% in 2004.
- 16.7% indicated that water quality has declined vs. 43% of respondents in 2004.
- Issues relating to water quality decline were:
  - “Weeds” = 72% vs. 56% in 2004
  - Shoreline damage = 20% vs. 6% in 2004
  - Soil erosion = 20% vs. 10% in 2004

Note: In 2004 Development (23%) was perceived to be an issue relating to water quality vs. 8% in 2012.



# Plant Harvesting Results

- Support plant harvesting: 96% vs. 95% in 2004
  - Support harvesting native plants: 77% vs. 90% in 2004
  - How much and what should we harvest?
    - More plants: 30% vs. 30% in 2004
    - Fewer plants: 15% vs. 16% in 2004
    - More lily pads: 39% vs. 30% in 2004
    - Chara : 35% vs. 6% in 2004
    - Same as now: 0\*% vs. 30% in 2004
- \* A number of respondents checked “same as now” but did not indicate a % number.



# Shoreline Results

- Shoreline description:
  - Natural landscape-undeveloped=84% vs. 64% in 2004
  - Lawn = 2% vs. 19% in 2004
  - Rock/Rip-Rap: 0% vs. 9% in 2004
  - Landscaped 2% vs. 6% in 2004
  - Retaining wall: 2% vs. 0% in 2004
  - Natural-restored: 9%. Not a category in 2004
- Familiar with State law regarding buffer zone:
  - Yes = 65%
  - No = 23%
  - 13% did not respond.



# Other Results

- Water Level Change:
  - Lower: 17% vs. 2% in 2004
  - Higher: 9% vs. 27% in 2004
  - No Change: 74% vs. 70% in 2004
- Should the water level be changed:
- No = 74% vs. 65% in 2004
- Raise = 26% vs. 20% in 2004
- Lower = 0% vs. 13% in 2004