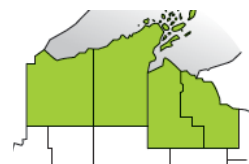




Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area

*Working Together to Protect
Northern Wisconsin from
Invasive Species*



2016 Annual Report



2016 marked the 11th year as a Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) for the Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA).

Thanks to everyone who has been a part of the NCWMA over the years and helped make it what it is today. Our partnerships continues to be as strong as ever, and I am truly grateful for the support!

I have applied for more funding for the NCWMA in 2017, and we'll be reviewing various operating plans (management, strategic and others). Many hands make light work, and we'll continue to welcome the support of our great volunteers. Thank you.

*Adam Haecker,
NCWMA Coordinator*



The NCWMA is a collaborative group of state and federal agencies, Tribes, local towns, community organizations, non-profit organizations, lake associations, and individuals who have come together to combat invasive species in northern Wisconsin (Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, and Iron counties).

2016 Events and Projects

Clean Boats Clean Waters

This summer our boat inspectors performed boat and trailer checks, disseminated informational brochures, and educated boaters on how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. The Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area worked with the Bayfield County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Project to manage the program. In all, 1,584 boats were inspected, 3,062 people contacted and 820 hours spent by paid staff and volunteers. The interns inspected at four primary boat landings: Superior Loon's Foot, Washburn Marina, Bayfield Marina, and Ashland Second Landing. Thank you to Alex Selle and Thomas Krogmann, who served as our interns.



Education and Trainings

We attended a number of local events with our display, including Invasive Species ID Day, which runs from May through October at the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center in Ashland. (See picture at right.) We also had a booth at the Bayfield County Fair in Iron River in August. Further, Adam Haecker, NCWMA coordinator, gave a presentation on the NCWMA and the threat of invasive species in the four-county territory at National Public Lands Days in July.



Control

We continued to work on some priority species this year, which included knotweed, garlic mustard and wild parsnip. Adam Haecker and Todd Norwood, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Project Coordinator, surveyed *Phragmites* around the Washburn Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in November. Garlic mustard pulls were held in Mellen and Hurley, and the Washburn WWTP garlic mustard site had a manual treatment in May with students from the Washburn High School. Knotweed knockouts also were held in Bayfield and Iron River.



Check out our 2016 event pictures on the next page....



2016 Budget

The table in the bottom right corner details all of the expenditures of the NCWMA program through 2016, including:

- The NCWMA coordinator salary (including Premier Solutions)
- Office rent for the NCWMA in the Bayfield County LWCD
- All purchases
- All mileage costs
- Website fee

Grant	Lifetime Expenditures
USFS GLRI	\$59,347.38
USFS GLRI BOAT WASH	\$650.42
DNR WMA	\$7,262.20
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$67,260.00</i>

Please note: With the closing of GeminiCares, the NCWMA coordinator became employed by Premier Solutions in June 2015. Bayfield County remains the fiscal agent for the NCWMA.

USFS GLRI = US Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding

DNR CBCW = Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Clean Boats Clean Waters Funding

DNR WMA = Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Weed Management Area Funding



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Iron County Land and Water Conservation Dept.

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National Park Service, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

National Park Service, St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

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The Nature Conservancy, Wisconsin Chapter

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

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