

Lake Planning Breakout Group Discussion Points

Celebrating our Advances Survey Summary

Has your lake group been involved in any of the following "Lake Management/Stewardship Planning" related activities? Please check all that apply.						
Answer Options	Yes	No	Plan to in 1 year	Plan to in 2+ years	Looking for help on how to get started	Response Count
Conducted a "State of the Lake" study/Developed report	21	4	2	2	2	30
Conducted a "Lake Vision" process or workshop	20	3	1	1	2	27
Developed an "Action Plan/List" for lake stewardship	17	4	4	1	2	27
Developed a Lake Management/Stewardship Plan	16	5	5	3	2	29
answered question						31
skipped question						2

Why have a Lake Plan?

- Preservation of the lake
- Dealing with the quality of lake and life at lake
- Provides a voice for the community
- Supports sustainable development and expresses what this means to your lake
- Provincial government no longer takes responsibility for recreational lakes – it's up to us as lake associations to do so
- Lake communities must work co-operatively with municipalities and other government agencies – a lake plan process helps this to take place
- Gives lake groups more clout with municipal and other government agencies and can also give a lake association a stronger standing within the lake community itself
- Lake Plan's specific recommendations and identified priorities are a great way to get volunteers involved
- Lake Plans educate people

What is a Lake Plan?

- Community driven/community based plan
- A plan to protect lake/keep what you have already
- Vehicle for best management practices/ action plan for the future
- Collection of data relevant to the lake
- A way to monitor changes on your lake

How do you get Buy-in from your Community?

- Holding meetings, workshops, BioBlitz, Social get-togethers – offer food
- Educate why a Lake Plan could be important
- Begins with a lake vision and objectives
- Visioning Session allows lake community to decide what the long-term vision for the lake and its community is. Also, what do you value? What are the concerns? Look for/identify common issues
- Need to draw in all ages
- Cannot be a rushed process – typically a lake plan process is spread over about three years.