

Stewardship and Monitoring Breakout Group Discussion Points

Celebrating our Advances Survey Summary

Has your lake group been involved in the any of the following "Stewardship and Monitoring" 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
Water quality monitoring	32	0	0	0	1	33
General education handout/information packages	27	0	2	0	1	30
Monitoring lake levels	22	4	3	0	1	30
Fish habitat assessments	21	4	1	0	1	27
Shoreline surveys	20	8	1	0	1	30
Invasive species monitoring/signage	19	5	2	0	1	27
Monitoring of plants and animals	18	5	1	0	2	26
Septic re-inspections	17	4	0	4	1	26
Creel surveys	14	7	2	1	1	25
Shoreline restoration projects	10	13	2	0	1	25
Fisheries/wildlife habitat rehabilitation	10	10	2	0	1	23
Buoys/markers and safety signage	9	12	0	0	1	22
Fish stocking	8	14	1	0	1	24
answered question						33

What Monitoring/Stewardship Programs do you have on your Lake?

- Water quality monitoring
- Algae monitoring
- Creel Surveys
- Measuring *E. coli*
- Invasive species
- Oxygen/Temperature profiles – lake trout
- Some workshops

How do you communicate your monitoring data/information?

- Newsletters are the most common format to communicate monitoring data/information
 - Everyone gets one – sent to everyone around the lake, regardless of membership
- Just giving the data out is not enough
 - It is important to know your audience, what their values are
 - Connect the data/information to those values
 - Offer data in a way that is understandable – i.e. Tables and graphs
 - Offer small, easy, behaviour change suggestions/actions that people can act on i.e. not using soap in the lake, attend a workshop to learn more about best management practices

What are your needs to address your community's issues/focus efforts?

- Networking with different partners and volunteers is critical
- Understanding different partner organizations roles, and how they can help
- Monitoring support (techniques, equipment needed, organizations that can help measure water levels, water flow)
- On a political level – make sure you have your partners on board
- A document that outlines priority monitoring or stewardship efforts to care for your lake
 - <http://www.foca.on.ca/lake-planning-tool-kit>
 - [http://www.foca.on.ca/xinha/plugins/ExtendedFileManager/demo_images/SNO_Collaboration and Community Planning June 2010.pdf](http://www.foca.on.ca/xinha/plugins/ExtendedFileManager/demo_images/SNO_Collaboration_and_Community_Planning_June_2010.pdf)
 - <http://www.foca.on.ca/environment>
 - [http://rvca.ca/programs/LMP Program/lake links 2008/WaterQualityResults.pdf](http://rvca.ca/programs/LMP_Program/lake_links_2008/WaterQualityResults.pdf)