

Questions for Big Chetac Interviews - Government

Name _____ Date _____

In Person _____ Phone _____ Location _____

1) Lake Use

- a) What are the main uses of the lake?
 - i) Are these uses being met?
 - (1) If no, what is not being met?
- b) What is the main reason people come to the lake?
 - i) Does the condition of the lake reduce the number of people who come to the lake?
- c) Are you aware that the lake was listed in 2014 as an Impaired Water by the WDNR due to phosphorus and chlorophyll levels that impaired recreational uses, but not fish and wildlife
- d) Do you feel there is tension between fishing and recreational users of the lake?
 - i) Do you think management actions to date have been implemented with both of these lake uses in mind?
 - (1) Why or Why not?
 - ii) Do you think management actions to date have affected these lake uses equally?
 - (1) Why or Why not?
 - iii) Should future management actions be implemented with both of these uses in mind?
 - iv) Do you think future management actions will affect these lake uses equally?
 - (1) Why or Why not?
- e) In your opinion, has business/tourism increased, decreased, or stayed the same since management of CLP began in 2013?
 - i) If business/tourism has declined, what specifically do you believe caused the decline?
 - (1) Actual use of herbicide

- (2) Changes in water quality
- (3) Changes in fishing success
- (4) Concern over the opinions voiced by
 - (a) Specific individuals
 - (b) Lake residents in general
 - (c) Lake users in general
 - (d) Local authorities
- (5) Other reasons?

2) Fisheries and Wildlife

a) Based on your own experience and/or what you have heard from clients/constituents, how is the fishing in the lake?

i) What specific complaints do you have or have you heard from clients/constituents about the fishing?

(1) When did you first start hearing these complaints?

b) Based on your own experience or what you have heard from client/constituents how has the success of fishermen changed in the:

i) last 25 years

ii) last 10 years

iii) last 5 years

iv) Since CLP management began

c) Do you have any wildlife concerns related to the lake?

i) What is the reason for your concern? Why do you have this concern?

ii) Do you think management actions to date have affected the wildlife that uses the lake?

(1) How? Or maybe Why?

iii) Do you think future management actions could affect the wildlife that uses the lake?

(1) How? Or maybe Why?

3) Aquatic Plants

- a) What are your views on aquatic plant growth in the lake? Too much? Too little? Just enough?
- b) Is the distribution of aquatic plants in the lake satisfactory?
- c) Is the density of aquatic plants in the lake satisfactory?
- d) Is the diversity of aquatic plants in the lake satisfactory?
- e) Who should be responsible for determining when aquatic plant growth or lack of aquatic plant growth becomes an issue?
- f) Do you think aquatic plant growth in the lake is an issue?

4) Aquatic Plant Management

- a) What management actions are you aware of for dealing with aquatic plant growth?
- b) How much change in aquatic plants do you think management actions to date have caused?
 - i) Is this good or bad?
- c) Are you concerned about the changes to aquatic plants that could be caused by future management actions?
 - i) What outcomes would concern you?
- d) What aquatic plant management strategy would you be most inclined to support?
 - i) If large-scale aquatic plant harvesting was the main aquatic plant management action, would you support it?
 - ii) If Yes
 - (1) How would you be willing to support it?
 - (2) Would you be willing to support the formation of a Lake District if the majority of lake residents supported it?
 - iii) If No
 - (1) Why not? What are the reasons for not supporting it?

5) Water Quality

- a) What does water quality mean to you?
- b) Are you concerned about water quality in the lake?
- c) What are your expectations for water quality?
- d) What is acceptable in terms of water quality?

6) Water Quality Management

- a) Does water quality need to be improved?
 - i) If yes, how much improvement would be needed to satisfy your water quality expectations?
- b) How much change in water quality do you think management actions to date have caused?
 - i) Is this good or bad?
- c) Are you concerned about the changes to water quality that could be caused by future management actions?
 - i) What outcomes would concern you?
- d) What management actions are you aware of for trying to maintain or improve water quality?
 - i) What water quality management strategy would you be most inclined to support?
 - ii) If application of alum was the main water quality improvement management action, would you support it?
 - iii) If Yes
 - (1) How would you be willing to support it?
 - (2) Would you be willing to support the formation of a Lake District if the majority of lake residents supported it?
 - iv) If No
 - (1) Why not? What are the reasons for not supporting it?

7) Monitoring and Survey

- a) Where do you get most of the information used in deciding what management actions to support or not support on Big Chetac and Birch lakes?
- b) What sources of information do you consider most credible?
 - i) Why?
- c) What sources of information do you consider least credible?
 - i) Why?
- d) Do you feel that the information you have received or heard from the WDNR is accurate and truthful (not intended to deceive)?
- e) Do you feel that the information you have received or heard from the Lake Association is accurate and truthful (not intended to deceive)?
- f) Do you feel that the information you have received or heard from specific individuals is accurate and truthful (not intended to deceive)?
- g) What level of monitoring would be satisfactory under any management strategy?
 - i) Does this change if herbicide application is continued?
 - ii) What additional monitoring would need to be done in order for you to support the use of herbicides?
 - (1) How long do you think it should be done?

8) Stakeholder Involvement/Discussion

- a) Do you feel that the Lake Association has done enough to reach out to, inform, and seek approval for management actions on the lake from the stakeholders likely to be affected by the management?
 - i) What would you have liked them to do?
- b) Do you feel that the WDNR has done enough to reach out to, inform, and seek approval for management actions on the lake from the stakeholders likely to be affected by the management?
 - i) What would you have liked them to do?
- c) In your opinion has the Lake Association made a satisfactory effort to address the questions and concerns related to lake management you have?
 - i) Have these efforts (or lack of) helped to form your opinions about management actions implemented on the lake?
 - ii) What more should the Lake Association do to address the questions and concerns you have?
- d) In your opinion has the WDNR made a satisfactory effort to address the questions and concerns related to lake management you have?
 - i) Have these efforts (or lack of) helped to form your opinions about management actions implemented on the lake?
 - ii) What more should the WDNR do to address the questions and concerns you have?
- e) Who are the stakeholders that should be included in discussion pertaining to management action on the lake?
 - i) How should they be represented?
- f) How often should these discussions be held?

- g) There are five levels of public participation. Which one do you feel should be in play regarding management decisions for the lake?
- i) **Information** – provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, and/or solutions
 - ii) **Consultation** – Obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives, and/or decisions
 - iii) **Involvement** – Work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered
 - iv) **Collaboration** – Partner with the public in each aspect of the decisions including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solutions
 - v) **Empowerment** – Place the final decision making in the hands of the public
- h) How should management decisions be made? WDNR? Lake Association? Majority? Weighted input? Other?
- i) What role should the WDNR play in these discussions?
- j) Would you participate in Stakeholder Discussions related to management action proposed and implemented on the Lake?
- i) If yes, under what pretenses? What would have to be assumed? What conditions?
 - ii) If no, why not?
- (1) Why has the Town not been represented at Lake Association Meetings in the past?