

Description of Discussion

1. Agenda & Headcount: The 2026 MLA Annual Meeting held at Primal Eats started at 9:05 am. The sign-in sheets listed 56 attendees representing 41 Moshawquit Lake properties. Based on a manual count, the actual headcount was about 65. The presentation deck is attached as Exhibit #1. The agenda topics are below:

- Introductions
- 2025 MLA Annual Meeting minutes
- New property owners
- **Neighbors that we've lost**
- Security update
- Financial update
- MLA website
- Curley leaf pondweed (CLP), Eurasian Milfoil (EWM) & DASH program & volunteering
- Dam update
- Property Tax Issue & Menominee County Taxpayer Association (MCTA)
- Fun at the lake
- July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade
- Compost sites
- Safe boating and lake rules
- Lights and aerators
- Boat launch rules
- Board positions available
- WAMSCO

See the deck for further information about each subject.

2. Introductions: Nick Romenesko #140, the MLA president, led the meeting which started with the introductions of the MLA board members.

Name	Property	Title	Status
Corbin Keller	103	Member at Large	Present
Glen Weyenberg	57	Treasurer	Present
<b>Steve O'Shea</b>	114	Vice President	Present
Nick Romenesko	140	President	Present
Gary Sturtevant	126	Secretary	Present
Michael McDowell	127	Member at Large	Not available
Gene Finn	145	Member at Large	Present

3. 2025 MLA Annual Meeting Minutes: The approved minutes are available on the MLA website.

4. Curley Leaf Pondweed (CLP): The DASH program to mitigate CLP and EWM patch is underway. We will work Mondays & Fridays until the end of August provided that we have DASH volunteers and the diver available. We are in urgent need of volunteers to operate the unit. The MLA dues will waive the

annual dues for any cottage with dock space available to host the DASH unit this year or who provides volunteers for 4 shifts of topside or captain's duties or fills the weed hauler role for 4 days.

5. EWM Locations: In response to a question about where we found EWM during the full lake survey completed in August 2025, this information is provided in Exhibit 2.
6. Property Tax Issue and Menominee County Taxpayer Association (MCTA): Gary Sturtevant #126 discussed the property tax subject, the lawsuits and the MCTA. The MCTA needs donations to help with legal expenses and volunteers to help with the work. **We won't be successful without such support.** One crucial ingredient is to develop Neighborhood Ambassadors who are willing to learn about this subject and spread the word to their neighbors.
7. Buoys: A suggestion was made to move the buoys along the northwest shore further away from the shoreline. **Steve O'Shea will investigate this idea.**  
**Action: Steve O'Shea #114.**
8. Blue Green Algae Blooms & Lawn Fertilizer: We had significant blue green algae blooms last year on Moshawquit Lake. The leading cause of the blooms is runoff from lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus and nitrogen. Minimize these harmful blooms by limiting or preferably eliminating fertilizer use, installing shoreline buffer zones, and properly maintaining your septic system.
9. Leaf Removal: **As we've discussed previously, leaves cannot be dumped across the road onto tribal property.** You can haul them yourself to the Shawano county or Legend Lake compost sites or use a service that properly disposes of the leaves. Interest was expressed in the service at least one cottage on our lake used where the leaves were immediately mulched into a large truck. Someone thought that this might be the service provided by Dave Dobberstein. Contact Gary Sturtevant if you need his phone number.
10. Moshawquit Lake Boat Stickers: Last year, Jennifer Hurley made copies of the Moshawquit Lake boat stickers for property owners to put onto their boats. We still have some of the stickers left. Contact Gary Sturtevant if you need stickers.
11. If you plan to sell your property: We have multiple leads about people who want to buy a cottage on the lake. Please let Gary Sturtevant know if you want to sell your property.
12. Board Positions Are Available: All board positions are available to anyone who is interested. Contact any board member or email Gary Sturtevant if you want to join the board.
13. WAMSCO: Zac Locklear from WAMSCO provided an **overview of WAMSCO's** activities and services available to MLA members The WAMSCO brochure is in Exhibit 1.

Mark Emerick discussed the WAMSCO meat raffle fundraiser. The prizes are meat baskets valued at **\$150 each from Charlie's County market.** Tickets are **\$20** and can be purchased from Mark.

14. Meeting Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at about 10:50 am.

Submitted by:

Gary C. Sturtevant  
May 26, 2026

Exhibits

1. Moshawquit Lake Association 2025 Annual Meeting presentation deck
2. EWM locations from 2025 full lake survey

**Exhibit 1**

**Moshawquit Lake Annual Meeting 2026**

**May 23, 2026**

**Protecting Our Lake • Building Our Community**

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**Introductions**

- Nick Romenesko – President
- Steve O’Shea – Vice President
- Gary Sturtevant – Secretary
- Glen Weyenberg– Treasurer
- Corbin Keller – Member
- Gene Finn – Member
- Michael McDowell - Member

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## Past year's meeting

- Meeting minutes from last year are available on our website  
<https://moshawquitlakeassociation.org/meeting-notes/>
- Motion to approve

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## Welcoming New Neighbors

- Property 104 Gerald Cornelius and Debra Melchert
  - ▶ \*If you are looking to sell your cottage, feel free to contact the board or Gary and we will inform our members. If someone knows of a potential buyer, we can help grow our community and save on costly realtor fees. I know of 4 families looking for a property on the lake currently.



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## In Memory

- Gary Jorgenson (property 112) passed away in January

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## Security Update

- None this year that we are aware of



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Checking account has a balance of \$104,775.50

- Our treasurer is having a family medical emergency and the usual summary was not prepared. When timing is better, we will be sure to send out the finance summary to the lake members.

#### Dues

- After several years of higher dues, as promised they have been decreased to \$200.
- As an incentive to help on the DASH Unit, dues will be forgiven when 4 shifts have been completed. When four shifts are completed you will be credited your dues back.

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## Moshawquit Lake Association Website

- <https://moshawquitlakeassociation.wordpress.com/>



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## Curly Leaf Pond Weed

- Curly Leaf Pond Weed has made an appearance 3 years ago just east of the south shore's point near Froehlich's. There were records of it being present years ago, however it was never noted after.
- Curly-leaf pondweed made its way to the Midwest through introduction of carp as game fish to the waterways in the mid to late 1800s
- Reproduces through turions (1/2 inch, brown, appearance of sharp small pinecones). These are hardy and can go dormant for years.
- There has been some spotted in the SE end of the lake and the West side of the lake so please check your shorelines and off your docks.

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## Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)

- It sprouts early season as the ice comes off and dies off and goes dormant by mid June.
- Grows from shoreline to 15' of water and can grow 15' tall.
- Initially, It was identified in the one location which consists of about a quarter acre, however we have seen it spread.



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## DASH Harvesting for CLP has begun

- We have to tackle CLP early. By June, it is on its way out.
- Our first dive was 5/15/26, myself, Gary Strutevant and Steve Buss manned the DASH topside and our faithful diver Barb worked in the water. A crew also worked Monday and Friday of this past week. Thank you Mark Emerick, Frank DeBruin, Tom and Beth Gorak also for working the DASH and Bob Weiske for handling disposal of the weeds.
- Harvesting CLP this year has led to an interesting finding. EWM is already growing, reaching 4' in height in some spots as of last week. In the SE corner, there is a very dense patch that we have been working on.
- We did not note signs of turions formed on the plants harvested which is ideal as we are grabbing it before they can reproduce.

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## DASH Volunteering

- We need more volunteers to keep the DASH program running effectively.
- There are two roles on the DASH that need to be filled.
- Topside: Assist the captain in readying the DASH by deploying anchors, deploying the intake valve and the vacuum hose. As the weeds fill the bags on the boat, switch the output tube to a different bag and remove the full bag and place a new empty bag. The captain assists in the process as well.
- Captain: Drive to the location (usually noted in the log from the previous crew). Start the air compressor (turn key) and assist the topside worker in deploying the intake and vacuum and replacing the bags of weeds. Make entry in log book of location, notes about the shift and what was harvested (number of bags and types of aquatic plants). \*Most importantly, keep eyes on the diver to verify they are safe and be attentive to her needs while in the water.
- \*Simply working on the boat as a topside volunteer will allow you to understand how to captain the boat. Mark created a wonderful manual on how it works and a great way to feel comfortable captaining our esteemed vessel is as simple as volunteering to work topside. See one, do one, teach one.
- We need assistance from a larger variety of volunteers.
- More volunteers means less work for everyone.



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## DASH Volunteering

- The best way to plan our schedule is to sign up early and often. The faster we can fill our schedule the better we can communicate to our diver of the shifts that are filled so we can maximize our efficiency throughout the summer.
- Chemical treatments are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain through the DNR. This means the DASH unit is now our most important and reliable tool for keeping the lake usable.
- In 2025, our plan was to operate the unit on 29 days, but we cancelled operations on 5 days because crews were not available. The reason it was only 5 days is because a few individuals pick up the slack and work the days that are not filled with volunteers. We cannot and should not rely on these few people any longer.
- We also need a place to park the DASH. If you have a second dock or a side of your dock with no watercraft on it, please consider housing the DASH. It is currently at my cottage, but it should not stay there all season.

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## DASH Volunteering

- As stated earlier and in a lake-wide email, we are forgiving dues if you work 4 half day shifts.
- If every property supplied 1 volunteer, every shift would be covered.
- If anyone has a young adult that would like a summer part time job, speak with me and we will discuss hiring a consistent worker(s).

### Takeaway:

1. Volunteer for topside work learn how it works
2. Talk to your neighbors and guilt them into helping you on your next shift
3. Volunteer as a captain and spend some quality time with your neighbor
4. Neighbor will talk to their neighbor and so on and so on (Following me?)

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### Why is this invasive plant harvesting important?



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- The DNR has flip flopped several times throughout our history of working with them on chemical treatments. Having the tribe sign off is another challenge.
- Currently, the DNR has halted Legend Lake from further chemical treatments and they are difficult to obtain permits. This is why we are choosing to spend money on forgiving dues because the DASH is our best tool to keep the weeds under control.
- Property values will nose dive if the lake becomes overrun. One reason we have gone after EWM in the SE corner already is there are some docks that would not be able to get their boats out from their dock without cutting through a dense patch, further spreading the problem. I promise you, 4 hours of your time will be the most valuable 4 hours you have spent based on keeping your property value high.

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### Education

#### We can all play a part in preventing the spread of EWM

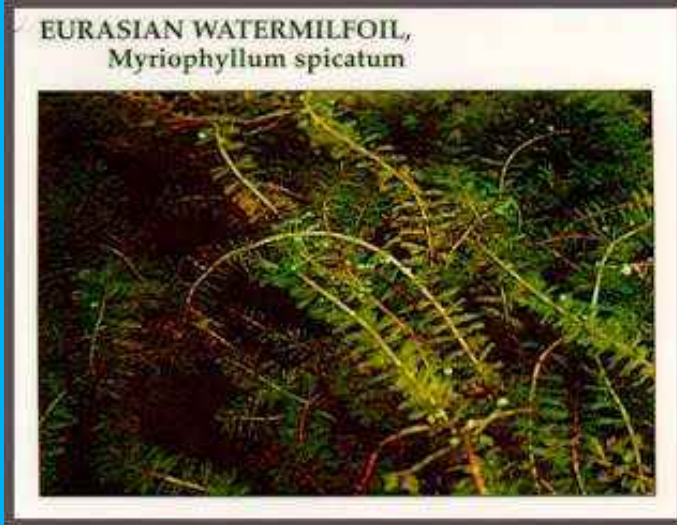
Here are a few tips...

- Know how to identify EWM and CLP, and distinguish it from other aquatic plants
- Clean your boat, motor, and trailer to remove aquatic hitchhikers whenever you launch or remove your boat from the water
- Pick up floating fragments, each fragment of EWM can re-root, and form a new plant
- Avoid areas where EWM is near the surface, fragments cut by propellers will float and re-root. In years past, colored bouys were placed at sites to mark dense patches and surface EWM.
- Monitor your lakefront, and pull any new EWM plants you find growing there
- The NW corner is too shallow for our diver but perfect for individuals to mask up and wade in and harvest EWM.

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**Education – Know how to identify EWM, and distinguish it from other aquatic plants**



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**Turion**



**No Good**

**Curly Leaf Pond Weed**

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## Dam Good News

- There was no new concrete in the structure, but there is extensive rock rip wrap on both sides of the dam.

The stones used were approximate 12 inches in diameter and have been layered to provide a slope of about 1:2. That is to say they come out about twice as long as the total height.

In addition, there was considerable work done below the dam to clean out trash.

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## MCTA and what it can do for you

- Menominee County Tax Association is a group that all residents in Menominee County should join.
- \$50 to join and donations are accepted
- Class action lawsuits have been filed and only members of MCTA will be rewarded in the case of success.
- Meetings are held at Legend Lake Lodge and email updates are sent out regularly.
- Email Gary a request for a letter to learn more
- Gary has attended the MCTA meetings for the last few months to gather more information

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## MCTA Lawsuit

- MCTA vs. County, Town & MISD (2023)
  - Claims: 11 county board actions that resulted in excessive or unlawfully imposed & collected taxes
  - Objective: refund or recovery of the excessive taxes
- Jan 2023-Feb 2025: Defendants motions to dismiss denied
- June 2025: Case moves into discovery phase (both sides exchange Q&A, documents)
- Jan 2026: MCTA files Motion to Compel plaintiffs to produce documents & answers
- May 7, 2026: Motion to Compel hearing in Shawano; decision expected June 2026

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## LLPOA Lawsuits

- #1: LLPOA vs. Guy Keshena & MITW (2018, State Court)
  - Claims: defendants purchase and transfer LLPOA properties into the trust to remove them from the tax base contrary to 2009 LLPOA covenants
  - Objective: stop this practice
  - Oct 2025: WI Supreme Court hearing; waiting for response
- #2: LLPOA vs. County, Town & MISD (2024, Federal Court)
  - Claims: various violations by defendants under US & WI constitutions
  - Objective: force the defendants to stop taking these actions
  - 2026: Case dismissed based on the court's perceived authority to take actions (not based on the merits of the case). Appeal filed with 7<sup>th</sup> District Appeals Court.

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## The MCTA needs your help

- Join: makes you a party to MCTA lawsuit and gives you access to the MCTA Facebook page
- Donate
  - Additional donations help to fund our legal efforts
  - Participate in the MCTA golf outing on August 22 at the Shawano Lake Golf Course
- Become a Neighborhood Ambassador to learn and spread the word about our situation
- Volunteer

***We must be successful to prevent  
excessive property taxes***

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## Lake Community Events

- Women's book club – orchestrated by Cathy Geimer ([KAGC1947@gmail.com](mailto:KAGC1947@gmail.com))
- First In & Last Out organized by Becky Weiske ([Weiske534@gmail.com](mailto:Weiske534@gmail.com)) Let her know when your dock goes in and when it comes out and she will announce the winner at the end of season.
- Chili Dump was cohosted by the Sellecks and Finns, look for information to come for the 2026 party
- Fourth of July Boat Parade 2025 Friday July 4, 2025
- Gary emails out the different activities going on at the lake, watch your emails for these fun events in our lake community.

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## Compost Sites

**Legend Lake's compost is the closest – Saturday 10-2 through sept**

Oct.-Nov Saturdays 9-4 & Wednesdays 10-4  
\$50 fee for year. Free fill and compost (shovel only).



**Shawano county landfill is free for leaves, possibly a fee for branches. You can get top soil there as well. It is located on the south shore of Shawano on Rusch Rd off of Green Bay (Hwy 22).**



**Don't dump across the road, that is tribal land and we want to respect our neighbors**



Is there a landscape service that removes and mulches leaves on site?

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## Safe Boating and Lake Rules

Moshawquit Lake does have county ordinances that apply to our lake and differ from state laws.

- Wake and towing hours 10am to 7pm
- Must stay 200' from the shoreline when towing or creating a wake (includes PWCs)
- Drive in the counter clockwise direction around the lake to help keep the flow.
- Drivers must be of appropriate age and hold boat safety certificate:
  - To operate a PWC – must be at least 12 with boater's safety
  - To operate a motorboat – must be at least 16 years of age with boater's safety or be accompanied by someone 18 years and older with boater's safety

Reminder:

- Towing behind a PWC: Must be a three person PWC and include a spotter.

There were unfortunate occasions in the past of near misses and inattentive drivers looking back at who they are towing and not where they were going.

Please use a spotter and drive carefully!

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## For those not in attendance today

- Written copies will be delivered in person by members of the board to those not in attendance today
- If you would like to volunteer to deliver and discuss the lake rules with friends and neighbors please speak to a board member to help lighten our load
- Our goal is to eliminate the most common excuse **IGNORANCE**
- There should not be an excuse for violating wake hours, dangerous towing habits and proximity issues with other boaters

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Please be respectful of your neighbors with regards to your lighting. Please direct lights down and don't have lights shining out onto the lake. Light pollution ruins amazing views of our night skies and is blinding to people across the water.

Be careful not to run over the buoys! They get cracked and water logged and is an added expense to replace. Plus Steve deploys and recovers them and he isn't getting younger. Water logged buoys are heavy!

In the winter time, aerators need to have a barrier around them with continuous rope/cord or similar material placed at least 2.5 ft and no more than 4.5 ft off the surface. Must be marked by a visual warning system that is lite, fluorescent, or reflectorized. It should not encroach on your neighbor's ice (without consent) in a way that would make the ice on their shoreline unsafe. This can be accomplished by using skirts to prevent the flow of water from your neighbors.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/documents/aeratorfactsheet.pdf>

### A few other issues to discuss

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As property owners we are afforded the ability to utilize the boat launch, which is on tribal property

When a boat is launched, the property owner must be present at the time. Guests launching their boats can be fined for trespassing.

Property and boat owners must inspect the watercraft for plants and empty live well and bilge tanks prior to launching

If you or a guest are stopped by a lake member inquiring if they are suppose to be on the lake should not be offended and simply tell the lake member the name of the property owner.

Please inform your guests of the lake rules

\*No Powerloading Please

If you see a problem, please address it. We need to police our lake ourselves.

### Boat Launch Rules

\*We have MLA stickers for boats that can be distributed to members so MLA boats can easily be identified\*

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## Board positions can be available

- The board has remained generally unchanged for several years and terms have expired. All roles are available, however all board members have agreed to continue to serve in necessary.
- Please speak to the board or email Gary Sturtevant if you are interested in helping out.
- You just need to be willing. Able is a bonus
- If you are sick of seeing Nick's face or hearing his voice at the meeting, the role is yours. At this point, it takes very little to be nominated for the role of president.

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## WAMSCO Membership and Goals Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties

- MLA is still participating in WAMSCO and it has provided a wealth of knowledge in our efforts to combat EWM.
- Website: [wamsco.org](http://wamsco.org)

WAMSCO has been growing rapidly, and now has secured 10 grants, and now has two full time professionals on staff working on youth education, AIS, shoreline restoration, and agricultural events.

WAMSCO was instrumental in helping us secure our most recent grant

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**Whether you live on the water, recreate on it, eat the fish out of it, or consume it, this resource affects everyone!**



**We are** a grass-roots, citizen-driven organization devoted to protecting and improving our area's waterways for current and future generations.

**We understand** recreational water resources are not only compatible with community growth and a strong rural economy, they bless us all with an enviable quality of life and a remarkable regional advantage.

**We work with** citizens, business and property owners, lake associations, and conservation groups to achieve best practices in restoration, runoff reduction, invasive species control, stream monitoring, groundwater quality and more.

**We deliver** boots-on-the-ground education to school children across Shawano and Menominee counties, inspiring them to value and protect the unique and abundant water resources right here at home.

**We rely** entirely on outside grants, donations and the generous volunteer and financial support of people like you.

**Why WAMSCO?**  
The answer is clear.

Those who live and work here enjoy the best of both worlds, with a good regional economy and a beautiful natural setting. Our landscape boasts mature forests, attractive neighborhoods, prime farmland, numerous ponds, streams, and wetlands rich with fish and wildlife, and scenic sites for nature exploration and active recreation alike. Clean and plentiful water is the common denominator. When you support WAMSCO, you help keep our home a special place.



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**About WAMSCO**

WAMSCO is a citizen-driven, watershed-focused 501(c)(3) organization based in Shawano. We, an association representing all lakes and streams in Shawano and Menominee counties, WAMSCO works to achieve greater biodiversity, reduced runoff, reduced nutrient load, fewer algae blooms, better fishing, and greater recreation and enjoyment. Supported entirely by state and other grant programs, member dues and donations, we accomplish our work with a small paid staff but mostly through the volunteer efforts of dedicated friends and neighbors.

**Major Projects: Working with You, For You**

- Water quality monitoring in streams, lakes
- Native plantings at schools and on private land
- Streambank and shoreline assessments to reduce erosion and runoff
- Selected removal of invasive species
- Bio-control of invasive purple loosestrife
- Farmer- and watershed councils that share new ways for farmers to keep precious soil and nutrients in place on the land

Visit [WAMSCO.org](http://WAMSCO.org) to learn more.

**Individual Advice/Assistance**

- Shoreline restoration
- Pollinator gardens
- Native plantings
- Rain gardens
- Cost-sharing options
- Control of invasive aquatic species

WAMSCO@gmail.com can be your first contact to get started.



**WAMSCO**

WAMSCO is 100% funded by grants and donations. Your tax-deductible support enables us to extend our reach and improve the watershed. Become a member or contributor today!

\$25 Individual or Household  
\$50 Business  
\$1 Sponsorship (minimum of \$250)  
\$ Contribution

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**Zac Locklear from Wamsco is here to present**

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**Thank to the Folletts and Primal Eats for hosting**



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**Questions & Adjournment**

- Any questions or comments?

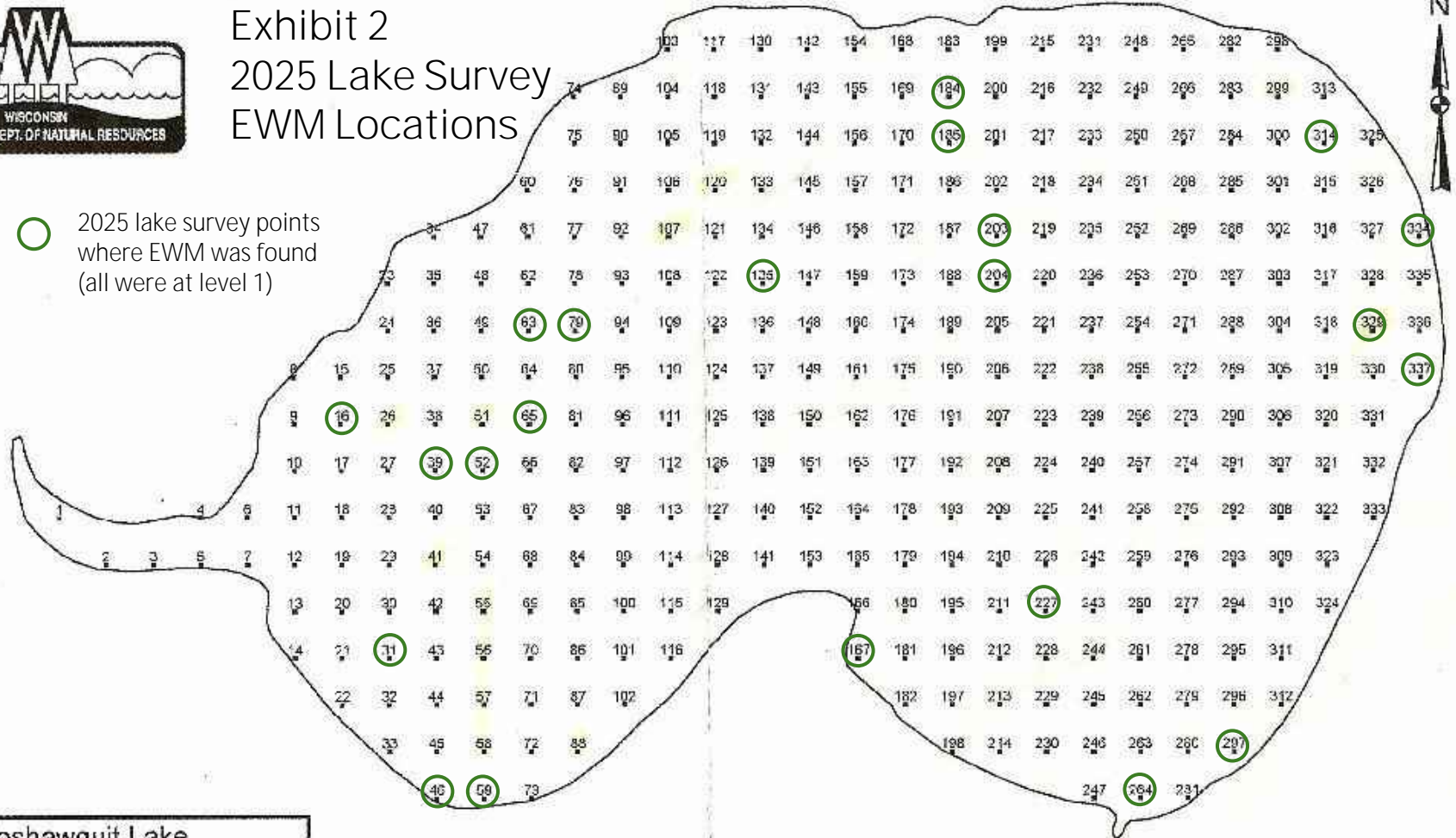


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# Exhibit 2 2025 Lake Survey EWM Locations

○ 2025 lake survey points where EWM was found (all were at level 1)



Moshawquit Lake  
Menominee County  
WBIC 454200  
T28N R16E S13  
301 acres / 122 ha  
337 Sampling Points  
60m between Points  
Site1: Lat. 44.89606893  
Long. -88.51347360

