

LAKE MANAGEMENT WORK GROUP

Interim Report

June 2010

H.E.A. 1040 was signed by the Governor in March 2010 as P.L. 59-2010 to continue the 26-member Lake Management Work Group until July 1, 2011, whose activities are to be directed to problems and issues associated with public freshwater lakes. Since its inception in 1997, similar work groups have existed in various forms previously, either as the result of statutory creation or on an *ad hoc* basis under the auspices of the Department of Natural Resources.

This report fulfills the legislative requirement to provide an interim report before July 1, 2010. Complete notes from all meetings are available upon request. Work group members as of May 2010 are listed below.

The work group met four times since the previous interim report was submitted (August 6, 2009; October 21, 2009; March 24, 2010; June 9, 2010). Task-related subgroups met informally between these sessions to prepare for meetings of the work group. The next meeting for the work group is tentatively planned for September of 2010.

Since the interim report was submitted in June 2009, topics under discussion include but are not limited to the following issues:

- Proliferation of piers, shore stations, aerators, and other structures.
- Mandatory seasonal removal of “temporary” structures (piers, boat lifts)
- Lake level and dam maintenance and impacts on ecological systems
- Control of aquatic nuisance (invasive) species
- Toxic bluegreen algae impacts on recreational use and drinking water supplies
- Restricting phosphorus in lawn fertilizer
- Conservation of palustrine wetlands adjacent to lakes
- Promoting the economic value of lakes in Indiana
- Communicating with other entities to implement work group recommendations
- Education and outreach to lake property owners, users, realtors, and others
- Updating the Indiana Lakes web site as a resource for work group actions
- Public trust doctrine
- Effectiveness of soil and water conservation districts in implementing conservation practices
- Midwest Glacial Lakes Fish Habitat Partnership strategic planning in Indiana
- Status and use of Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) grants and funds
- Memorial to honor retired Lt. Ralph Taylor, former LMWG committee chair

The work group developed formal recommendations for a number of topics, some of which resulted in legislation that was introduced (HB 1101 on lowering of 10-acre lakes). Non-rule policy was developed as a result of other recommendations (dredging guidelines, NRC Information Bulletin #60; listing of public freshwater lakes, NRC Information Bulletin #61; group piers on public freshwater lakes, emergency rule filed 12/17/09; aerators on public freshwater lakes, emergency rule filed 11/18/09).

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