



FOX RIVER NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM AUTHORITY

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Dear Boater,

The Fox River Navigational System Authority is developing a plan to cleanse boats of AIS and transfer boats at the Rapide Croche Sea Lamprey barrier. Please review the accompanying partial results of the 2010 St. Norbert Rapide Croche Boater Survey. The questions below are a follow-up informal survey to specifically target boaters in the Lake Winnebago Watershed. These new results will be used to help determine a potential user profile. Thank you for participating.

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1. We are interested in knowing if you would anticipate using a boat transfer station at Rapide Croche?

2. If so, how many times per year?

If a Holiday, which Holiday(s)? (Holiday[s] & time[s]?)

If a weekend(s)? (How many weekend[s]/day[s] & time[s]?)

If a week day(s)? (How many days & time of day?)

3. What size boat do you own? (type, length, width, draft and approximate weight)

4. Are there any results in the accompanying 2010 St. Norbert Rapide Croche Boater Survey that you strongly disagree with?

5. Please share any thoughts you may have concerning the proposal to develop a boat transfer station at Rapide Croche.

Thank you for your support and assistance in getting answers to the above questions.

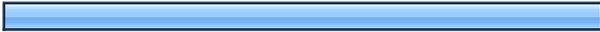
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Please let us know what you think by March 21!

1. Would you anticipate using a boat transfer station installed at Rapide Croche?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		90.5%	19
No		9.5%	2
answered question			21
skipped question			1

2. Which of the following days would you plan on using the Rapid Croche transfer station? (may have multiple answers)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Memorial Day		31.6%	6
4th of July		36.8%	7
Labor Day		31.6%	6
Weekends		89.5%	17
Weekdays		36.8%	7
answered question			19
skipped question			3

3. If your intent is to use the transfer station on weekends, would you be able to estimate how many weekends during the boating season?

	Response Count
	17
answered question	17
skipped question	5

4. If you would favor weekdays, please estimate how many days each month you would use the transfer station during the boating season.

	Response Count
	9
answered question	9
skipped question	13

5. Any other details about the "time of day" you could provide us regarding your use of the boat transfer station?

	Response Count
	9
answered question	9
skipped question	13

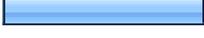
6. What type of boat do you own? (primary use boat if you own multiple craft)

		Response Percent	Response Count
V-Hull		90.0%	18
Tri-Hull		5.0%	1
Pontoon		0.0%	0
Canoe/Kayak		5.0%	1
Personal Watercraft		0.0%	0
Sailboat		0.0%	0
answered question			20
skipped question			2

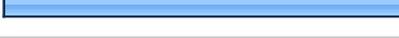
7. What is the approximate weight of your boat that you would use on the Fox River?

		Response Percent	Response Count
2,000 to 10,000 pounds		40.0%	8
10,001 to 20,000 pounds		35.0%	7
20,001 to 30,000 pounds		20.0%	4
30,001 to 50,000 pounds		5.0%	1
Over 50,000 pounds		0.0%	0
Not Sure about the weight...		0.0%	0
answered question			20
skipped question			2

8. What is the overall length of your boat that you would use on the Fox River?

		Response Percent	Response Count
12 - 15 feet		10.0%	2
16 - 20 feet		5.0%	1
21 - 25 feet		5.0%	1
26 - 30 feet		40.0%	8
31 - 40 feet		30.0%	6
40+ feet		10.0%	2
		answered question	20
		skipped question	2

9. What is the approximate beam (width) of your boat?

		Response Percent	Response Count
5 - 7 feet		10.0%	2
8 - 9 feet		30.0%	6
10+ feet		60.0%	12
		answered question	20
		skipped question	2

10. Are there any results in the accompanying 2010 St. Norbert Rapide Croche Boater Survey that you strongly disagree with?

	Response Count
	7
answered question	7
skipped question	15

11. Please share any thoughts you may have concerning the proposal to develop a boat transfer station at Rapide Croche.

	Response Count
	10
answered question	10
skipped question	12

3. If your intent is to use the transfer station on weekends, would you be able to estimate how many weekends during the boating season?

Response Text		
1	3 Weekends	Mar 11, 2011 7:17 AM
2	3	Mar 12, 2011 8:35 PM
3	At least Two	Mar 13, 2011 3:59 PM
4	3 to 4	Mar 14, 2011 1:54 AM
5	two	Mar 14, 2011 6:19 AM
6	Two	Mar 16, 2011 6:47 AM
7	Two	Mar 16, 2011 6:19 PM
8	2	Mar 17, 2011 3:41 PM
9	2	Mar 17, 2011 6:29 PM
10	Unknown.	Mar 17, 2011 7:28 PM
11	2	Mar 18, 2011 11:37 AM
12	3	Mar 18, 2011 12:23 PM
13	3	Mar 19, 2011 10:03 AM
14	We live in Wrightstown, so we'd probably use it a couple of times a summer, more depending on how much time it takes to get through.	Mar 19, 2011 1:13 PM
15	5	Mar 20, 2011 11:51 AM
16	2	Mar 22, 2011 7:37 AM
17	3	Mar 22, 2011 4:24 PM

4. If you would favor weekdays, please estimate how many days each month you would use the transfer station during the boating season.

Response Text		
1	Based on our experience in the past when the system was open we would travel to Green Bay to start our vacation on the Bay and Great Lakes and return once per summer. Going through 16 locks in one day is work so the usage for us is dependent upon what facilities and attractions are available in the system otherwise the river and lock system would be used as our means to get to a new waterway for vacationing and returning to our home port.	Mar 11, 2011 6:45 AM
2	4	Mar 12, 2011 8:35 PM
3	Two	Mar 16, 2011 6:19 PM
4	4	Mar 17, 2011 6:29 PM
5	I would use the system only once a year.	Mar 17, 2011 7:28 PM
6	Two times per month	Mar 18, 2011 7:16 AM
7	4	Mar 18, 2011 11:37 AM
8	1	Mar 20, 2011 11:51 AM
9	1	Mar 22, 2011 7:37 AM

5. Any other details about the "time of day" you could provide us regarding your use of the boat transfer station?

Response Text		
1	Very hard to answer this question; however, because of the routines and time factors involved with that passage a boater should provide a timely notice in advance as to when they might arrive (i.e., a tentative float plan for the day including the intentions of the captain) which could be accepted or rejected by the authority operating the transfer station..	Mar 11, 2011 6:45 AM
2	10AM to 8PM	Mar 11, 2011 7:17 AM
3	Depending upon the number of river destinations. The arrival time may vary.	Mar 13, 2011 3:59 PM
4	early am	Mar 14, 2011 1:54 AM
5	Am	Mar 16, 2011 6:19 PM
6	Can not say what time of day that I would use the transfer station because it would depend on to many factors like when I departed Oshkosh going down river or when I departed Green Bay going up river.	Mar 17, 2011 7:28 PM
7	Impossible to predict, varies with traffic in system	Mar 18, 2011 7:16 AM
8	Mostly between 10: AM and 2:00 PM	Mar 18, 2011 11:37 AM

5. Any other details about the "time of day" you could provide us regarding your use of the boat transfer station?

Response Text

9 mid-day

Mar 20, 2011 11:51 AM

10. Are there any results in the accompanying 2010 St. Norbert Rapide Croche Boater Survey that you strongly disagree with?

Response Text

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| 1 | In my opinion the answers were directly related to the size of the boat the respondent owned and that is what makes it so difficult to "nail down" the statistics you are seeking. Some have "day boats" or "play" boats (PWC) while others have cruisers and houseboats and each type provides a completely different set of interests and needs (or lack of) for the owners. The attempt is worthwhile but the results of these questionnaires should be used as interesting information and only providing useful ideas that perhaps had not been thought of previously. | Mar 11, 2011 6:45 AM |
| 2 | Not familiar with the document | Mar 13, 2011 3:59 PM |
| 3 | Question #11. Seems to me this is a result of marketing a position rather than statement of fact. How can the blocking of a small navigation channel prevent aquatic life from spreading? Is it not true these species can travel upstream via bird activity, or by getting around dams through eddy currents? There must be numerous ways that a variety of life forms could get around this dam other than through the lock. | Mar 15, 2011 6:46 AM |
| 4 | Have not reviewed it. | Mar 16, 2011 6:47 AM |
| 5 | None. | Mar 17, 2011 7:28 PM |
| 6 | Multiple use of the transfer station during a boating season seems to be overstated. With no traffic in the system, transit from Appleton to Green Bay will take a full day. After the novelty wears off, or until there is some intermediate destination, only serious cruisers will put up with the frustration of the locks for their annual cruise. | Mar 18, 2011 7:16 AM |
| 7 | I'm not sure of this question. I haven't seen the accompanying survey. I'll try to find it. I would have thought if there was a survey that would have questions asked about it, that it would directly precede this survey so that everyone was on the same info level. | Mar 18, 2011 11:37 AM |

11. Please share any thoughts you may have concerning the proposal to develop a boat transfer station at Rapide Croche.

Response Text

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| 1 | I am a firm believer that whatever "mechanism" is eventually chosen for the transfer station that it affords the larger cruising vessels the opportunity to utilize the system. They are the ones which will have the most sustained economic impact. I feel equally as strong about my conviction that the system needs to be marked with navigational aides before it is "open" to boaters in order to prevent creating a negative reputation at the start (whether deserved or not) that would discourage any further future usage of boaters using the system. We at the Appleton Yacht Club continue, even to this day, attempt to encourage boaters to | Mar 11, 2011 6:45 AM |
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Response Text		
2	It is important to open, and maintain this station to allow traffic, commerce and pleasure boating to be developed on the river.	Mar 13, 2011 3:59 PM
3	I just feel that as long as the system is not completely open, we will never see the resurgence of navigation (and the resulting economic benefit) on the river that we'd love to see. PLEASE open the Rapide Croche Lock!	Mar 15, 2011 6:46 AM
4	I am still not convinced that no matter what you do, and I know the intentions are good, will 100% guarantee that some terrible invasive won't be transferred. And I don't feel that people who don't use the facility should pay to have it built and share in the cost of having others use it. Lake Winnebago is my lake and the Upper Fox is my play ground. It even drives me nuts when I see Sea Planes landing in Winnebago during EAA!	Mar 17, 2011 6:45 PM
5	None.	Mar 17, 2011 7:28 PM
6	The locks have been closed for over 30 years and during that time Lake Winnebago acquired its share of AIS. Consider practical procedures at the transfer station, while keeping in mind all the boat ramps and marinas will not be using those same procedures before transporting boats.	Mar 18, 2011 7:16 AM
7	I'll go back to the e-mail to see if the St. Norbert survey is there. I didn't see it. Pete Green 616 Hunters Point Ed. Neenah Wi. 54956 920-725-1317 pete@milwpc.com	Mar 18, 2011 11:37 AM
8	I had already taken this survey before I realized the St. Norbert survey was at the very bottom of the e-mail. I do agree with the survey. I feel bad that I didn't know about that Survey in time to participate in it. I'm not sure how we fell between the cracks. The Rapid Croche survey found it's way to our e-mail, but the St. Norbert survey did not. Could this be a result of not all the survey people talking to one another? I took the river from Lake Winnebago to Green bay the last year the locks were operating and have been waiting years for it to reopen. Thank you everyone working on this. Pete Green 616 Honters Point RD Neenah Wi. 54956 920-725-1317 pete@milwpc.com	Mar 18, 2011 11:57 AM
9	I think it's a great idea! My family has boated on the Fox River my whole life (43 years) and my own family now enjoys it as well. The only concern I have is the length of time it will take to get through the boat transfer, especially during busy times.	Mar 19, 2011 1:13 PM

11. Please share any thoughts you may have concerning the proposal to develop a boat transfer station at Rapide Croche.

Response Text

- 10 I think having to lift a boat out of the water to clean it is ridiculous. Remember the Zibra mussel scare? Well they ended up in the lake while the locks were closed.....hmmm how did that happen? And, guess what...it looks like the results were more a good thing than a bad thing.
- Mar 22, 2011 7:37 AM
- That said I would pay a substantial charge to get my boat into the great lakes. But I don't want to be burning hours worth of gas waiting to be lifted out. Meaning, make the system efficient even if that means expensive and higher charges for utilizing it.