

EWM growth and spread varies by year with the factors that influence the variance not well known. Research is ongoing into control methods and their unknown effects.

Wake Boats

Another topic of high visibility in Oneida County and around the state is the effect of wake boats.

Research suggests that the use of wake boats in shallow water can cause problems with the sediment and vegetation. The wakes too close to shore can cause erosion and may cause unsafe conditions for kayaks, canoes, etc.

The recent Lake Management Plan survey says there are 7 wake boats on Pelican. The PLA asks that operators of these boats limit their use to the large main basin away from shore and out of the bays.

Lake Management Plan

The plan is being constructed by Onterra LLC a consultant from DePere and longtime partner of Pelican Lake. The first year of data collection was completed in 2023 and we are now in the second year of the plan where the data is interpreted, and the actual written plan is developed

Two four(4) hour meetings have been held this year with 15-20 Planning Committee members spending time to review and comment on areas of the LMP. The first was held in April and the second in May.

The finalized rough draft uses discussion and comments from these meetings to reach its final stage. After the PLA reviews the copy developed by Onterra, the rough draft will be sent to the DNR and the tribes for a 45-day review. Within that time period the PLA members and the public will be offered a 21-day period to review and comment. This review timeline will allow the PLA to apply for 2025 DNR grants.

Thanks to all who gave their time to attend the Planning Meetings and help form the Lake Management Plan.

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