

# **LAKE MANAGEMENT WORK GROUP**

## **Interim Report**

### **June 2009**

S.E.A. 88 (2008) amended P.L. 35-2006 to continue the 26-member Lake Management Work Group, 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, 2009. Complete notes from all meetings are available upon request. Work group members as of March 2009 are listed below.

The work group met four times since continuation was enacted (July 10, 2008; November 25, 2008; March 4, 2009; May 4, 2009). 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 August 2009.

A wide variety of lake-related topics have been discussed at the meetings resulting in recommendations that would help resolve concerns related to several of the topics.

Since the interim report was submitted in June 2008, topics under discussion include but are not limited to the following issues:

- Coordinating land use and lake use with respect to “funneling” (lake access)
- Proliferation of piers, shore stations, aerators, and other structures.
- Mandatory seasonal removal of “temporary” structures (piers, boat lifts)
- Weed control, lake shoreline construction, and dredging regulations
- Control of aquatic nuisance (invasive) species
- Toxic bluegreen algae impacts on recreational use and drinking water supplies
- 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
- Livestock impacts and manure management near lakes
- Updating the Indiana Lakes web site as a resource for work group actions
- Conservation of wetlands around lakes
- Lake level maintenance and impacts on ecological systems
- Lowering of 10-acre Lake Act and relationship to Lakes Preservation Act
- Development of a list of public freshwater lakes
- Dredging guidelines (nonrule policy of the Natural Resources Commission)
- Public trust doctrine

The work group developed formal recommendations for a number of topics, some of which resulted in legislation that was enacted (HB 1381 on shoreline permits and dispute resolution).

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