Fox River Navigational System Authority

Boater Survey

August 2010

Research Objectives

- Determine support for the development of a cleansing and transfer station at the Rapide Croche Lock;

- Determine demand for and usage of the Rapide Croche Lock, cleansing area, and lift and transfer station;

- Identify concerns that boaters might have with the transfer process;

- Determine familiarity with Aquatic Invasive Species;

- Identify amenities boaters would like to see at the Boat Transfer Station;

Support for Development of Transfer Station

- Significant majority (70%) Favor the Boat Transfer Station Project;

- About a third (32%) feel it is IMPORTANT to be able to travel from Green Bay/Great Lakes to Lake Winnebago;

- 86% Agree it is necessary to clean boats using the Boat Transfer Station to reduce the spread of AIS;

- Many are Likely to Use it as an Information Center (50%) or Would Use it as an Educational Center (40%);

Use of the Boat Transfer Station

- About a third (36%) would USE the Boat Transfer Station 1 -5 times a year;

- $20 -$59 is an acceptable amount to charge for using the transfer station and most feel the price should be based on length rather than an average calculated price;

- The lift station should be made available on a first come, first serve basis, a 20-30 minute wait is considered reasonable;

- Station availability for short trips, mainly on the weekend, for only a couple of days;

Concerns About Use

- 42% Are concerned about potential damage done to their boat and who will pay for it;

- 25% Would like to know the cost of building the facility and who will pay for it;

- 24% Worry about the time it will take to pass through the station

- 9% Think the facilities are insufficient to handle the boats

AIS Knowledge

- 83% of boaters have heard of Aquatic Invasive Species;

- 86% are supportive of measures to stop the spread from Lake Michigan to Lake Winnebago;

- 70% Favor the Boat Transfer Station project at Rapide Croche Lock.

Amenties Respondents Would be "Very Likely" to Use.

Amenity	Percent
Public Restrooms	43%
Place to Eat/Restaurant-Bar	26%
Waterway Information	24%
Educational Visitor Center	18%
Daily/Short-term Dockage Facilities	14%
Electrical Hookups	10%
Ship Store	10%
Overnight Dockage Facilities	8%
Water Hookups	7%
Pump Out Hookups	7%
Overnight Outdoor Accommodations	5%
Overnight Indoor Accomodations	4%