

# Lake of the Woods Water Quality Study Stakeholder Meeting Survey

November 2016



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# Response Rate: 78%

Total Attendees: 32

Total Responses: 25

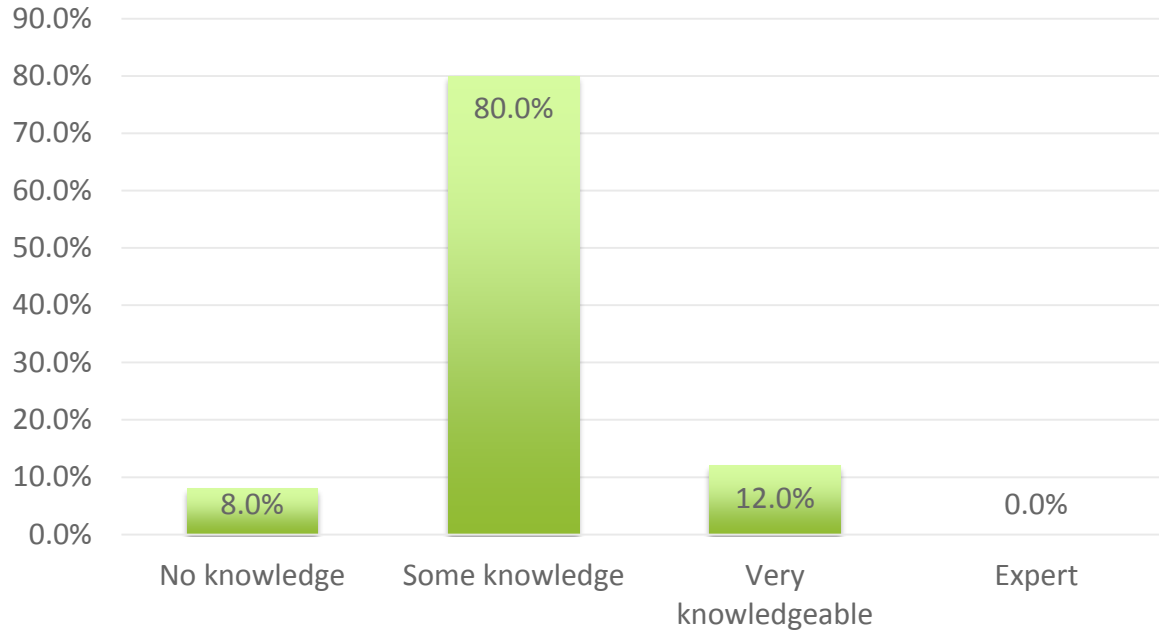
A series of 3 public meetings and one webinar were held from October 24-October 31. The meeting locations, dates, and attendance are as follows:

- Monday, October 24; 7:00 PM, Rainy River Community College, International Falls; 9 attendees
- Tuesday, October 25; 1:00 PM, Lake of the Woods County Board Room, Baudette; 8 attendees
- Tuesday, October 25; 7:00 PM, Warroad Senior Living Center, Warroad; one attendee
- Monday, October 31; 2:00 PM, Webinar; 14 attendees

*Attendee numbers do not include the facilitators*

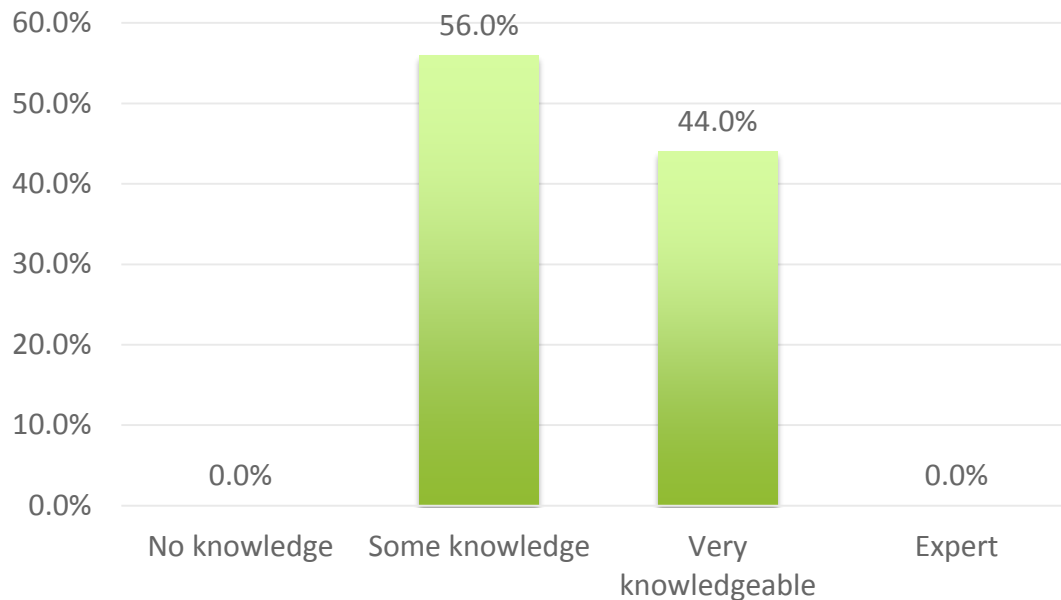
# Q1: Please rate your knowledge and understanding of Lake of the Woods water quality before attending this meeting by selecting the category below.

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



## Q2: Please rate your knowledge and understanding of Lake of the Woods water quality after attending this meeting by selecting the category below.

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



# Q1: Please share your thoughts as to what you think are the main issues affecting the water quality in Lake of the Woods

Answered: 16 Skipped: 6

Number	Response Text
1	Nutrient loads
2	Internal loading, lack of programming and funding for restoration on Canadian side
3	Sediment and nutrients entering the water body from other streams as well as internal loading from historical loads.
4	Ditching and hydrology modification. Erosion from ditch bottoms and sides is extreme in some cases. Ditches in peat-lands and/or full of beaver dams do not suffer the same erosion issues as those going through Ag areas.
5	water quality and altered hydrology. Focus on downstream, not much sediment coming out of Rainy Lake.
6	have not identified cause of phosphorus levels
7	Sediment, P, algae, volume changes
8	Developments causing erosion/stormwater pollution/ extreme weather patterns causing flooding/bad septic systems/ road salt runoff.
9	Not sure
10	Development along shoreline and close proximity.
11	Easement use to protect vulnerable sites is important, land acquisitions is not popular here due to amount of public land.
12	Non-point
13	Getting the numbers straight in the budget, monitor the quality and turbidity within acceptable levels, protection for fish.
14	Nutrient loading and algal blooms; human and animal health risks of algal toxins
15	As a desirable area for development especially with the quantity of natural resources in the area, there isn't just one main issue. The issue lays within the cumulative impacts seen by the area as a whole.
16	Nutrient loading
17	Internal loading from historical anthropogenic influences, as well as downstream effects from other unstable systems and anthropogenic practices.
18	Historical excessive nutrients and metal contaminants. Current point sources are controlled but effective control of non point sources remain an issue. Internal recycling of nutrients/contaminants in the lake is a factor with no manageable solution.
19	Internal loading due to sediment resuspension, and boundary water nutrient incoming loads.

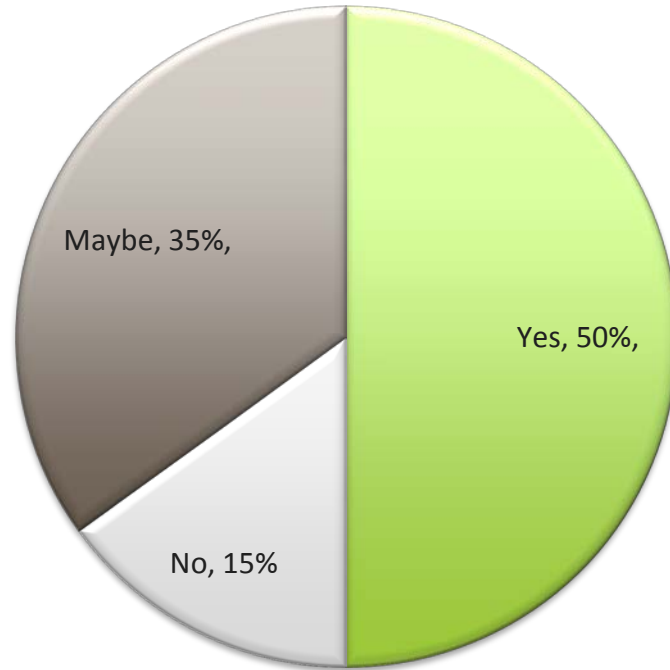
# Q4: What types of practices and activities do you think will have the most success on reducing pollution from entering Lake of the Woods. Please only select the top five.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 3



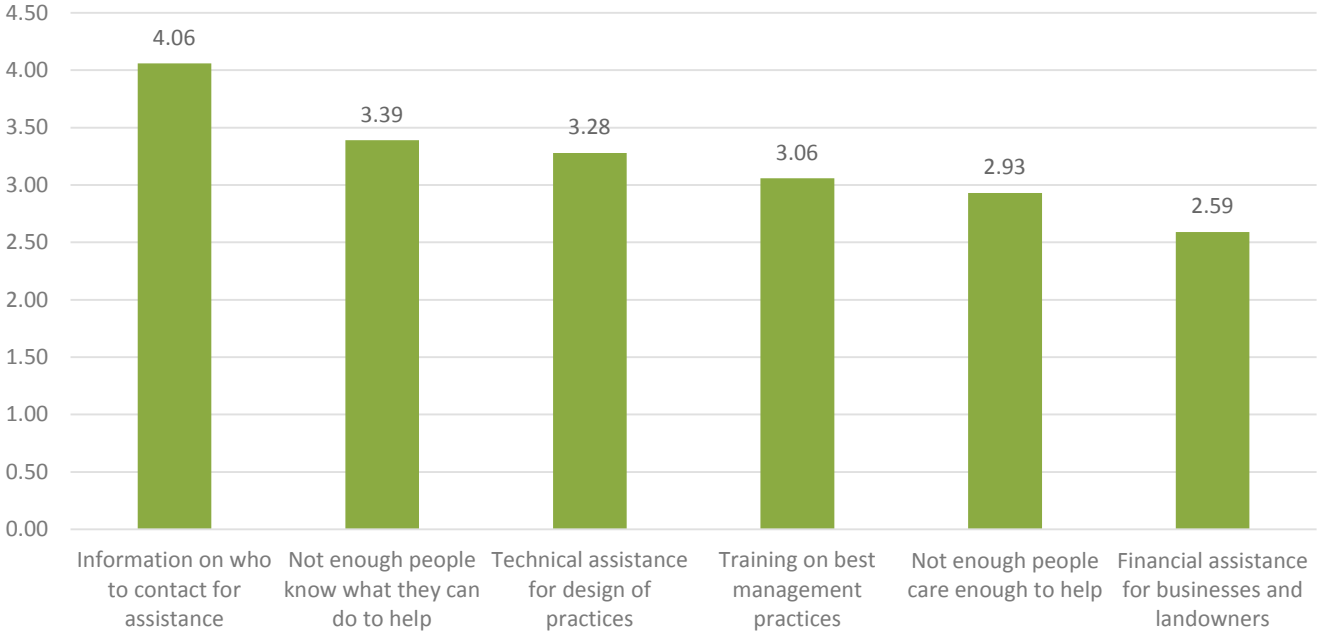
**Q5: Are you willing to be part of the solution and implement a best management practice or restoration activity? Select one.**

Answered: 20 Skipped: 5



**Q6: Please rank the most critical barriers that need to be addressed so that best management practices and restoration activities can take place in the Lake of the Woods watershed. Please rank the top 5 barriers with number 1 being the most critical.**

Answered: 20 Skipped: 5





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