

## Rasmussen, Russell A - DNR

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**From:** Jonas, Samuel J - DNR  
**Sent:** Monday, October 9, 2017 3:02 PM  
**To:** Rasmussen, Russell A - DNR  
**Cc:** Paulios, Andy T - DNR  
**Subject:** RE: Lake Koshkonong Evaluation  
**Attachments:** HTML - LakeKoshkongAOCTrapperSurveySummary17.zip

Hi Russ,

While the wildlife program did nothing for surveying in the month of June we did send out furbearer trapper surveys to licensed trappers within a 9 zipcode radius of Lake K watershed, about 500 people this spring. Attached are the survey results. The gist of this is, there wasn't a whole lot of trappers that actively trapped and even fewer that trapped Lake K. Part of this was due to the high number of Patron license holders that were in our sample (there were just a lot of patron license holders in the area of concentration (AOC) zip codes we used, and we know from past experiences that patrons are 3-4x less likely to be active than regular trappers).

Our sample sizes were very small but... we could not find a detectible difference in the amount of trapping or the success of trappers inside and outside the AOC, for Mink, Muskrat, and Otter. We will continue to survey in an attempt to measure differences in trapping success through time on Lake K.

We also had waterfowl survey cards at boat landings last fall and this fall – return rate was very poor with less than 10 responses. Thus far, data is insignificant as to differences on hunter waterfowl harvest based on water levels.

Note: To view the attachment, extract all files in the zip file to a local directory location. You can then open the file 'HTML - LakeKoshkongAOCTrapperSurveySummary17.html' from that location.

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**Cc:** Aquino, Mark D - DNR; Biersach, Pamela A - DNR  
**Subject:** Lake Koshkonong Evaluation

Hi All,

This past June there were plans to conduct some baseline evaluation activities on the wetlands surrounding Lake Koshkonong. These were to be, in some plans, coupled with previous data to provide a better picture. I have a meeting with the district coming up on October 18 and it would be good to have information on what was done and the results so far. If you could, please let me know what activities were actually completed and an executive summary of what was found by COB on October 17, so I can have this information for the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. If nothing was done, I need to know that also.

Thanks much for your help!!

Russ

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