

2010 Circle Lake Association Survey

Lake and Water Quality

1. Which of the following is important to you?

(✓ all that apply)

- Swimming
- Boating
- Fishing
- Ice Fishing
- Ice Skating
- Snowmobiling
- Viewing nature, plants and wildlife
- Other _____

2. What do you think affects our lake water quality?

(✓ all that apply)

- Algae level
- Phosphorus levels
- Coliform levels
- Noxious or exotic aquatic plants
- Sediment sources
- Septic systems
- Agriculture runoff
- Residential runoff
- Shoreline erosion
- Inadequate government regulation and enforcement of pollution sources and zoning restrictions
- Don't Know
- Other _____

3. What do you think affects the quality of boating activities on Circle Lake?

(✓ all that apply)

- Lake water level
- Boat use during the year
- Boat use during holidays
- Boater's use (personal water craft) and observation of safety and shoreline protection rules
- Trash/refuse discard in lake and around public landing from boaters
- Condition of public landing and its access road
- Boating water craft noise
- Personal water craft noise
- Boating wakes

**4. What factors do you think affect the quality of fishing on Circle Lake?
(✓ all that apply)**

- Game fish population
- Rough fish population
- DNR stocking program
- Winter aeration program
- Fishing pressure
- Other_____

5. During the past 3 years, would you say the quality of Circle Lake has been:

- getting better
- about the same
- getting worse

If your answer was getting worse, what is your thought of why?

6. Name two things over the last few years that have gotten better about Circle Lake.

- 1.
- 2.

7. Name two things that have gotten worse about Circle Lake.

- 1.
- 2.

8. Would you prefer the water level on Circle Lake to be

- higher
- about the same
- lower

9. Would you support a formal process to increase the water level on Circle Lake?

- Yes
- No

10. How many months per year do you use your lake home/property?

11. Please mark each of the following that you feel contribute to poor lake quality on Circle Lake.

- Pollution due to agriculture runoff
- Inadequate response of public officials
- Lakeshore erosion
- Aquatic plant growth
- Algae growth
- Water pollution due to faulty/substandard septic systems
- Overall water quality
- Zoning ordinances not properly followed
- Water level fluctuations
- Improper alterations to shoreline
- Noise from personal watercraft
- Too few fish
- Litter
- Not enough law enforcement
- Density of development
- Boat access
- Fish stocking
- Rough fish control

12. Would you be willing to support a private or public funding initiative to purchase private property around Circle Lake?

13. Have you participated in weed control in the past years?

14. Have you used manual cutting or other means of weed control? If other, what was it?

15. Would you like to see another aerator installed in Circle Lake? If so where would you suggest.

16. Do you know anyone owning property on the west side of county road 9 through which the county ditch inlet to the lake flows?

- Yes
- No

Would you be willing to work with the association and landowners towards possible improvements to this ditch which reduce soil erosion and help reduce pollution from this ditch?

- Yes
- No

If yes, to what degree?

Circle Lake Area Association

17. What are three things that you would like to see your association accomplish in the coming year?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

18. Would you like to become a CLAA board member within the next couple of years?

- Yes
 No

19. Would you support an increase in association dues? (currently \$30)

- Yes
 No

If yes, how much?

20. List three priorities for how the association dues should be spent.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

21. What do you feel are the benefits of our association?

Other

22. Please list, in order, the 5 most critical issues to you concerning Circle Lake.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

23. How do you feel the DNR has managed Circle Lake as a resource?

- Meets your expectation
- Not meeting your expectation
- See an improving trend

If not meeting your expectations what else could be done?

24 .How do you feel Rice County has managed Circle Lake as a resource?

- Meets your expectation
- Not meeting your expectation
- See an improving trend

If not meeting your expectations, what else could be done?

25. Do you have any input from others who utilize Circle Lake but are not members of the association?

If yes, what are their concerns?

26. If you are not a member of Circle Lake Association, why? Please explain.

27. What is your preferred method of receiving communication from Circle Lake Association?

- Regular Mail
- Email
- Website

28. Other comments?