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15. Boating Practices

Recommended Actions:

Inform the public about environmentally safe boating practices through education and inspections activities.

Implementors:

LSRI (UWS), USCG, USACOE, marinas, boat launch operators/owners, sporting goods stores.

Actions Taken:

4/98: Letter sent to USCG. Response received on 5/98.

12/98: USCG efforts: USCG Auxiliary programs include Sea Partners (later Sea Keepers), school programs, displays, demonstrations. LSC developed a CD. USCG held a marina program in Superior in 1997 and has a local brochure on marina disposal practices.

9/00: Increased presence on waterfront and monitoring of oil transfers on bigger ships has had positive results. Oil spills continue to be on a downward trend since 1997. Programs detailed on 5/98 response have been effective and are still being implemented. They have a receptacle for used oil and monitor the marina closely for illegal dumping. There is no literature available to educate the public, but the marina would be happy to distribute something if it were available.

9/1/01-4/1/02: Marine Safety Office Duluth is visiting all marinas along the coastal area to document information about the marina operations and to educate the marina operators and resident boaters on pollution prevention practices and spill response procedures, exotic species prevention, etc. Handouts are being provided to marina operators.

Project Status:

A course of action has been established. It will be implemented at a future date.