

**Consolidated Water
Power Company**

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Noxious Plants Workshop

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

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Wisconsin Rapids Hydroelectric Project – FERC No. 2256



- Low Hazard Dam – Small project
- 455 surface acres, Run – of – River Operation



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Hydroelectric
Project

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Project



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Issued July 18, 1996 (30 yrs)

- Article 409 required a Purple Loosestrife Monitoring Plan
 - **Method**
 - Formal and routine – part of our annual compliance requirements
 - Water and shoreline surveys
 - Primarily focused on monitoring – mechanically removing
 - **Frequency**
 - Annual monitoring
 - **Documentation and Reporting**
 - Biennial reports to the FERC and resource agencies
 - Status of previously known colonies, reporting of newly discovered colonies
 - **Public Information Program**
 - DNR publication provided with all requests for recreation maps (PUBL-WM-250-95)

Current Situation on the Flowage



- From 1997-2001, we only observed low-density colonies (1-5 plants each)
- One new site discovered in 2001 had 40-50 plants
- Two sites which had been mechanically removed in 2000 did not return in 2001
- No change in status in 2002 survey
 - 2 sites of 1 and 2 plants respectively
 - 1 site of 40-50 plants (considering spraying)
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