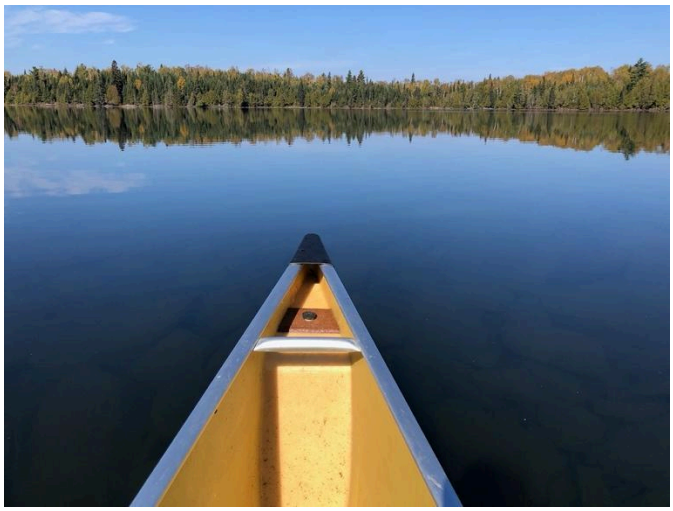
Greetings, MAISRC partners!



I hope this message finds you well. My name is Dr. Alex Bajcz and I am the Quantitative Ecologist for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) at the University of Minnesota. MAISRC recently sent out an email looking for **new submissions of Point-Intercept (PI) aquatic plant survey data sets** to add to our statewide database. Point-intercept surveys provide an **assessment of the entire aquatic plant community in a lake**. They are repeatable and great for evaluating management progress and lakewide changes in the plant community over multiple years. MAISRC recently launched an updated version of **P.I. Charter**, an **online tool that allows users to submit new PI survey data in minutes, explore summaries of the thousands of surveys we already have, and visualize these data in new ways**.

If you are curious about **P.I. Charter** and want to learn how you can contribute:

- **Learn what PI surveys are and why they are valuable**. Visit **P.I. Charter** and click the "New to P.I. Charter? Start here!" button to find brief explanations of these and other topics.
- **Determine if lakes you care about have been surveyed recently**. On P.I. Charter's "Overview" tab, locate your lakes on the state map. If there's no marker for a lake, it means we have no records for that lake (yet!).
- **Ask local stakeholders** (watershed districts, lake associations, city or county officials, etc.) if a PI survey could be performed on lakes you care about. **Become a PI survey advocate**!
- If new surveys are performed or missing survey records found, **let us know!** We'll work to see that those records get into our database. If a contract for a PI survey is formed, we recommend incorporating submission language into that contract; **template language is available** on our website.

If you want to know more about P.I. Charter and why MAISRC is compiling PI surveys, check out the AIS Detectors free webinar about it.

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For any inquiries or assistance, feel free to contact me directly. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
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