



July 25, 2026 – WSLA updates, Purple Loosestrife and Shorelines Workshop

Good Morning, Everyone.

-Just a few updates to share today.

1. Reminder: Federal Court Hearing – August 11

A reminder that the White Sand Lake Association has asked the U.S. District Court to transfer the Tribal Court proceedings against the Association into Federal Court and to allow the reopening of the Association's landing.

A one-page summary of the case is available here:

<https://whitesandlakeldf.com/landing/#FederalCase>

Hearing Details

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

U.S. District Court

120 N. Henry Street, Suite 320, Madison, WI 53703

This hearing is **open to the public**, and members are strongly encouraged to attend. Parking is readily available adjacent to the courthouse. Please plan on the proceedings lasting several hours.

If you plan to attend, please let me know so we can estimate how many Association members will be present.

2. Purple Loosestrife Is Now Blooming

Purple loosestrife is currently in full bloom around portions of our shoreline. While attractive, it is a highly invasive plant that spreads rapidly and displaces native vegetation.

*At a minimum, please inspect your shoreline and **cut off the flowering spikes before they go to seed**. Taking a few minutes now can help prevent thousands of new plants next year.*

Without control, a small patch can quickly become a dense stand.



Control methods include:

- **Hand pulling or digging** young plants, removing as much of the root system as possible.

- **Cutting** flower spikes before seeds mature. Bag all seed heads before disposal to prevent spreading.
- **Biological control** using approved beetles through WDNR programs for large infestations.
- **Chemical treatment** may be appropriate for some upland infestations on private property when used according to label directions.

Be careful not to confuse purple loosestrife with native plants such as fireweed or other look-alikes.

For identification and control information, visit:

- Wisconsin Environmental Education for Kids (EEK!):

<https://eekwi.org/veg/plants/purpleloosestrife.htm>

- Wisconsin DNR:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/fact/PurpleLoosestrife.html>

- Minnesota DNR:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticplants/purpleloosestrife/control.html>

3. Found Bench

A bench has washed ashore at Jody Johnson's dock. If you recognize it as yours, you are welcome to retrieve it by boat.

Jody Johnson

13400 Sand Creek Lane



4. Shorelines 101 Workshop

A **Shorelines 101** workshop will be held on **Monday, July 27**.

Workshop information:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:6d56db05-ff49-435c-9c98-7c0caed54ebd>

If the link does not work, please contact:

Cathy Higley, Vilas County Land & Water Conservation, 715-479-3738

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We encourage anyone interested in protecting and improving their shoreline to attend.

5. I have information to share: I can drop any of these off on your doorstep-just let me know. (text: 5133096527, Diane)

Respectfully,

Clark J. Albert

White Sand Lake Association

Attachment: Shorelines 101.pdf

