

GBA Phragmites Network Initial Conference Call – June 2018

Association	History	Mapping	Current Phrag situation	2018 Cut? Resources needed?	Composition of Group
12 Mile Bay Ray Boots	2017 cut along 50' beach, 10% survival to 2018		Little phrag remaining, goal to educate cottages to recognize/control on private property	Concern re: gaps between monitoring groups i.e. stand behind Hurontario Camp at Loon Portage, cut once, who is watching, mapping crucial to be aware Would appreciate description to share with volunteers, including clothing and equipment needs, as well as a "tips and tech" sheet – recommended cutting tools, batteries, etc.	"on our own" no organization, Alan Bowers and Ray, wife and volunteers
Bayfield Nares Frank Pointner					
Bay of Islands Michael Dewson	GBF spoke at board meeting 2-3 yr ago, emphasized ID of invasive plant as native present in area. Have cut 50-60 m stretch along Whitefish R/Charlton L/Killarney for 2 yrs, vigour diminished but still present, gas cutter purchased at GBF's recommendation	Interested in mapping on EDDS Ontario	Cut along steep bank; barge acts as barrier, limited areas for phrag to establish	2 cuts planned, 1 day, borrow barge from contractor, take bundles to local resort for burning, committed to control of source along Hwy 6, ditches to Espanola area, council aware and supportive	Few adults/teens – adults work in a.m to cut due to awkward location, teens (kids/grandkids of board members) bundle and load barge, paid in ice cream ☺ and community service hours
Blackstone Lake Rob Moos	No phrag on Lake, have cut small patched found on roads in from Hwy 400, wants to keep informed and proactive, concerned about contaminated road equipment coming into area			Interested in learning best practices for removal on land, TOA spraying program, GBR recommends: cut old seed heads, bag and burn, cut stalks, bundle and remove to higher ground away from standing water, to decay	
Cognashene Sandy Thompson				.	

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<p>Honey Harbour</p> <p>Kathryn Davis – Community Phrag Champion since 2014</p>	<p>We had a first cut 4 year ago with a group of keen volunteers and a university student who was doing her masters thesis on Phrag and I believe was connected with GBF.</p> <p>Since that time we have in partnership with GBF hired 2 student ambassadors each summer who have been mapping, cutting, and educating our community via dock visits and participating in community events such as our AGM and Canada Day . WE have held demo cut days and helped to organize community cuts each summer We help individual cottage owners cut stands that they would not be able to do alone.</p> <p>We purchased one STIHL underwater cutter and GBF has a number of them which they loan to use.</p> <p>Local contractors have been very generous in lending us a barge with a bin that we have used to organize large community cuts each summer. load with Phrag on our bigger cuts which is then taken to the district composting site for invasive species outside of Gravenhurst.</p>	<p>They map using GPS co ordinates on a google map.</p>	<p>The Phrag in our area is plentiful. We are seeing great progress on the smaller stands that we have been cutting . They are getting smaller and smaller and in some cases are gone. We have huge issues with gigantic stands on Parks Canada property and some stands that are too big for us to be able to manage via community volunteers.</p>	<p>In the summer of 2017 we cut 71 Phrag stands, 49 families cut Phrag from their shorelines and 32 families volunteered their time to help with community cuts.I believe that we identified around 140 stands in total and cut over 500 sq metres of dense Phrag and 60 sq metres of scattered Phrag.</p>	<p>The students are funded by our association, the township, and GBF. We did apply for grant from FOCA last year which we obtained, approximately \$850.00 to purchase our underwater cutter. We will be applying for a grant again this year.</p> <p>Well over 80% of the community is well aware of what Phrag is , and many are actively taking ownership of their shorelines while others continue to look the other way and need more encouragement.</p>

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Madawaska Club Kelly Killoran	3 years of cutting to date, initially 8-10 stands of varying sizes, submitted article to Update sharing their experience, GBF did workshop with volunteers, have attended GBF seminars. Set up cuts by kayaking shoreline to locate stands that can be tackled in 1 -2 hours, cut and bag stems, construction company assists with burns, water access only so don't see need in contacting municipality for disposal help. Communicates updates and cut dates in "Mad Mail" and on their Facebook page	Sizes of stands and dates of cuts recorded yearly, 2016 mapping set up by GBF summer employees	Initial stand is now gone completely, Kelly "on call" in community to visit properties and ID plant. Property owners assisted with cut the first year, then monitor on their own unless unable, in which case the volunteers will return Successive years of growth different – smaller, only one site produced flowers	2016 GBF hired students in boats, were not needed in 2017, no need for power cutters, hand tools sufficient for small stands that reoccur Also stands are mixed with native plants and other species so "selective cut" method needed	Lots of volunteers available to monitor and help with cuts, no incentive needed One year, Kelly did a workshop at the sailing school and challenge the kids to look for phrag on Sandy Run – had gift certificates donated
Manitou Tom Pinkham	The Twelve Mile Bay association area is at much greater risk for Phrag proliferation as they have had a significant stand near the Moose Deer Marina for several years.	Understand that Twelve Mile will be focussing on the mapping exercise going forward.		We do not have a phrag cut date set yet but we only have 1 small stand in the Twelve Mile Bay area and I handled it in coordination with the Twelve Mile Bay Association and David last year. I will handle it in coordination with Twelve Mile again this year	
Pointe au Baril Scott Sheard Jane Wilkins Heather Sargeant spoke	2016 – Marine Patrol (student hires by ass'n) trained by GBF to recognize, 2017 Scott led cut			GBF training Marine Patrol	
Sans Souci Copperhead Tom Denune Rupert Kindersley spoke for Pete Andras	2016 local cut at Amanda Island; 2017 Katherine Denune had grant to map stretch of shoreline from Parry Sound to Loon Isl and up Moon R, IDed 34 patches, many in the Massasauga Park, cut last year, Surprise Isl cut over past few years, plants growing in 4' water	Mapped 2017	Multi-group plan to work on 4 stands in the Park this summer, continue to monitor and remove on private land	GBF co-ordination, local volunteer recruitment, 2 days planned, concerned re: accessing stands in deep water Purchased Cdn Tire shears with 3' extendable handle, cuts 4-5 stalks at a time, ~\$50	Volunteer support available, students hired by GBF for 2018

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South Channel Peter Adams					
Wah Wah Taysee					
Woods Bay Sue McPhedran	Phrag identified and first cut in 2016. GBF made presentation at AGM to make local residents aware. Cuts in 2016 and 2017 removed much of the phrag biomass located on private property. Landowners encouraged to monitor existing stands		Stands cut in previous years are small and monitored Goal of 2018 is to cut, in partnership with other organizations, several large stands in the Massasauga Park	Yes, 2 dates end of July. Sue to attend MNRF/GBF cutter training July 4	First few years, all volunteers. 2018 – GBF has funding to hire students

Follow up:

1. Provide resources/training to members to map on EDDS Ontario
2. Connect with townships re: spraying, disposal
3. Determine gaps between monitoring groups
4. Send resource links to GBF/GBA webpages to members
5. Members send updates/cut dates to GBF to post
6. Continue to connect with remaining associations (Sue to call Kelly early July)
7. Distribute notes to associations thru network
8. Plan follow up conference call in September