



# WATERCRAFT DATA

**Standardized Inspection Data Collection, Analysis, and Applications**

NYSFOLA Watercraft Inspection Steward Program Leaders Workshop

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# WHY COLLECT DATA?

# WHY SHOULD WE COLLECT AND ANALYZE DATA ON INVASIVE SPECIES AND WATERCRAFT?

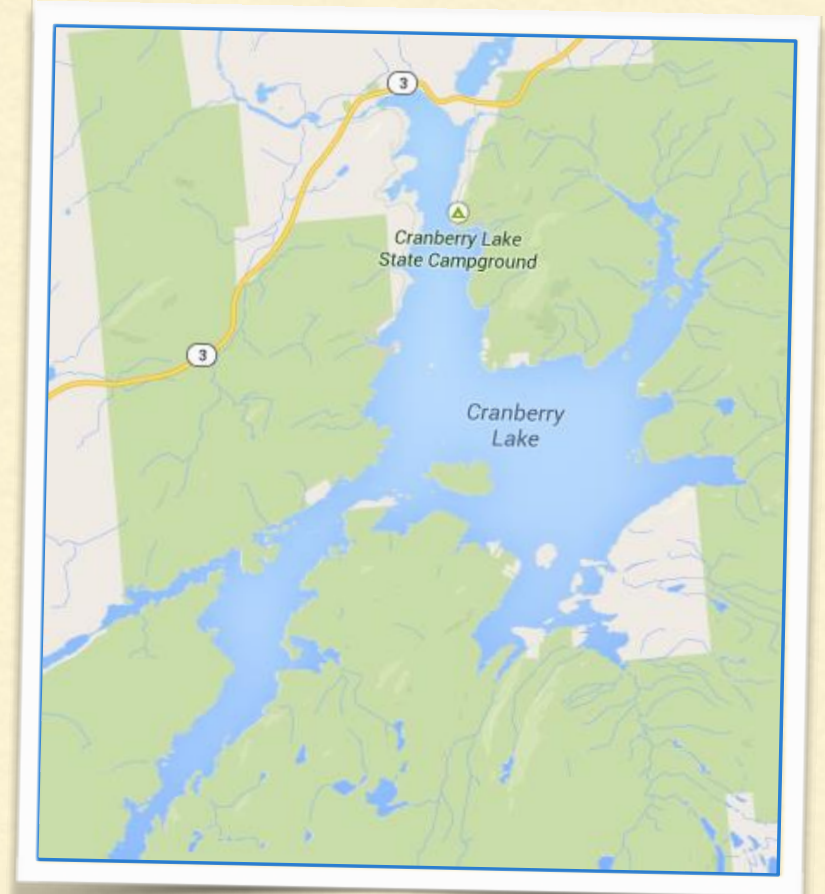


- Planning- *Do we know where we're needed? Traffic levels? Time? Boat types? Comparative Risk of locations?*
- Accountability- *Do we know if the employee was on duty? Can we follow up on a key find or incident?*
- Impact- *Can we determine if our program makes a difference? "Saves," finds, and changed user behavior.*
- Justification- *Are program dollars well spent? \$ per inspection? \$ per save? \$ per week? Builds buy-in.*



What does the data show us?

# USE PATTERNS



**Boats inspected: 1,343**    **% of visitors taking spread prevention measures: 45%**  
**AIS intercepted: 10**        **% inspected boats with organisms: 3%**  
**# visitors: 3,270**            **# of previously visited waterways: 65**

Waterbody	Boat Type									total # boats
	M	PWC	S	C	K	B	R	SUP	Docks	
Cranberry Lake	1158	50	0	71	56	0	7	0	1	1343
percentage of total boats	86%	4%	0%	5%	4%	0%	1%	0%	0%	100%

M = motorboat; PWC = personal watercraft; S = sailboat; C = canoe; K = kayak; B = construction barge; R = rowboat; SUP= stand-up paddleboard; Docks = boat docks launched for seasonal installation/maintenance



What does the data show us?

# AIS FOUND



Waterbody	total # people	organisms found		# boats dirty	# of inspections	% of inspected boats dirty
		entering	leaving			
Cranberry Lake	3270	30	17	36	1160	3%

boats dirty = watercraft with any organic material, invasive, non-invasive or unknown.

Waterbody	Organism Type																total AIS	% of inspected boats with AIS
	BW	CLP*	ELO	EWM*	GRS	NM	UM	VLM*	PN	SWF*	WC*	H*	ZM*	NP	WL	other		
Cranberry Lake	0	4	1	5	19	2	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	10	1%
percentage of organisms removed	0%	9%	2%	11%	40%	4%	2%	2%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	9%	11%		

BW = bladderwort; CLP = curly-leaf pondweed; ELO = elodea; EWM = Eurasian watermilfoil; GRS = grass; NM = native milfoil; UM = unknown milfoil; VLM = variable leaf milfoil; PN = pine needles; SWF = spiny waterflea; WC= water chestnut; H= Hydrilla; ZM = Zebra mussel; NP= native pondweed; WL= water lily; \*/AIS = aquatic invasive species.

Cranberry Lake: Aquatic Invasive Species Intercepted by Stewards, 2014	# found on boats launching	Previous Waterway	# found on boats retrieving	Previous Waterway
Curly-leaf pondweed	3	St. Lawrence River (2), None	1	Cranberry Lake (1)
Eurasian water milfoil	5	Lake Bonaparte (3), St. Lawrence River (2)	0	N/A
Variable-leaf milfoil	0	N/A	1	Thousand Islands (1)
Totals	8		2	





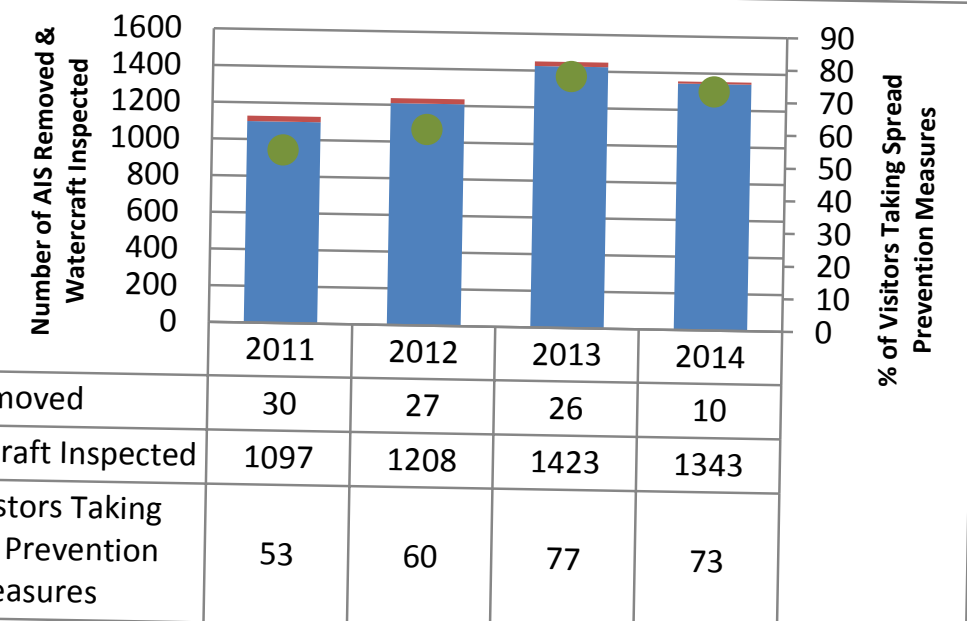
What does the data show us?

# USER BEHAVIOR



Waterbody	# groups taking AIS spread prevention measures									# groups asked
	yes	I	WB	DB	BB	LW	Dis	Dry	didn't ask	
Cranberry Lake	513	269	358	160	92	116	85	98	109	1135
percentage of total # groups asked	45%	24%	32%	14%	8%	10%	7%	9%	NA	

Yes = took one or more AIS spread prevention measures; I = inspected boat; WB = washed boat; DB = drained bilge; BB = emptied bait bucket; LW = drained livewell; Dis = disposed of unused bait; Dry = dried boat.





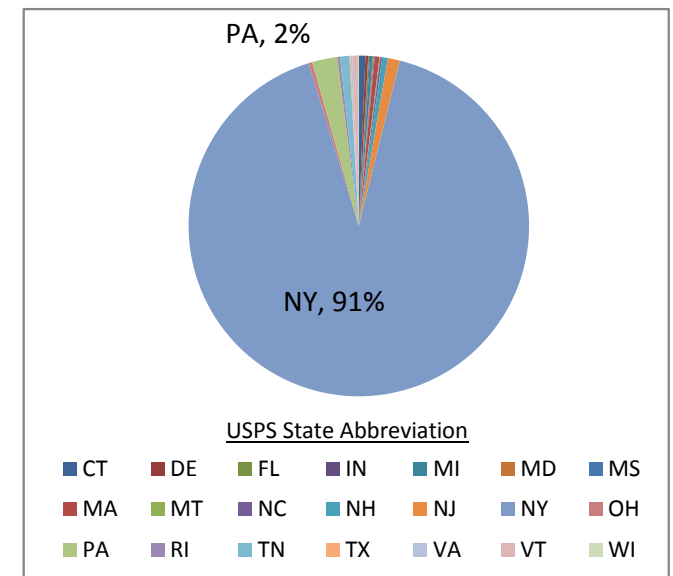
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# USER ORIGINS



Cranberry Lake: Previous waterways visited, 2014	# visits	Cranberry Lake: Previous waterways visited, 2014	# visits	Cranberry Lake: Previous waterways visited, 2014	# visits
Cranberry Lake	625	Tully Lake	3	Fish Creek Ponds	1
None	315	Black Lake	2	Great Sacandaga Lake	1
Did not ask	81	Brantingham Lake	2	Green River Reservoir, VT	1
St. Lawrence River	28	Cayuga Lake	2	Irondequoit Bay	1
Lake Bonaparte	24	Conesus Lake	2	Joe Indian Pond	1
Lake Ontario	22	Grasse River	2	Lake George	1
Tupper Lake	18	Lake Champlain	2	Lake Kushaqua	1
Rental	10	Lake Winnepesaukee, NH	2	Lake Pocotopaug	1
Black River	6	Massawepie Lake	2	Long Island Sound	1
Carry Falls Reservoir	5	Mohawk River	2	Lower Saranac Lake	1
Higley Flow	5	Raquette River	2	Massachusetts	1
Lake Erie	5	Red Lake	2	New Jersey	1
Oneida Lake	5	Saratoga Lake	2	Oswego River	1
Saranac Lake Chain	5	St. Regis River	2	Owasco Lake	1
Lake Flower	4	Star Lake	2	Pine Lake, WI	1
Butterfield Lake	3	Balsalm Pond	1	Schroon Lake	1
Chateaugay Lake	3	Buck Pond	1	Schuyler Lake	1
Flat Rock Reservoir	3	Canandaigua Lake	1	Silver Lake, Western NY	1
Fourth Lake	3	Charleston Lake, Ontario	1	Stillwater Reservoir	1
Lake Placid	3	Clearwater Reservoir	1	Thousand Islands	1
Long Lake	3	Connecticut River	1	Unknown Lake	1
Oswegatchie River	3	Duck Lake	1	Vermont	1
Skaneateles Lake	3	Erie Canal	1	Whitney Point Reservoir	1
				<b>Total</b>	<b>1244</b>

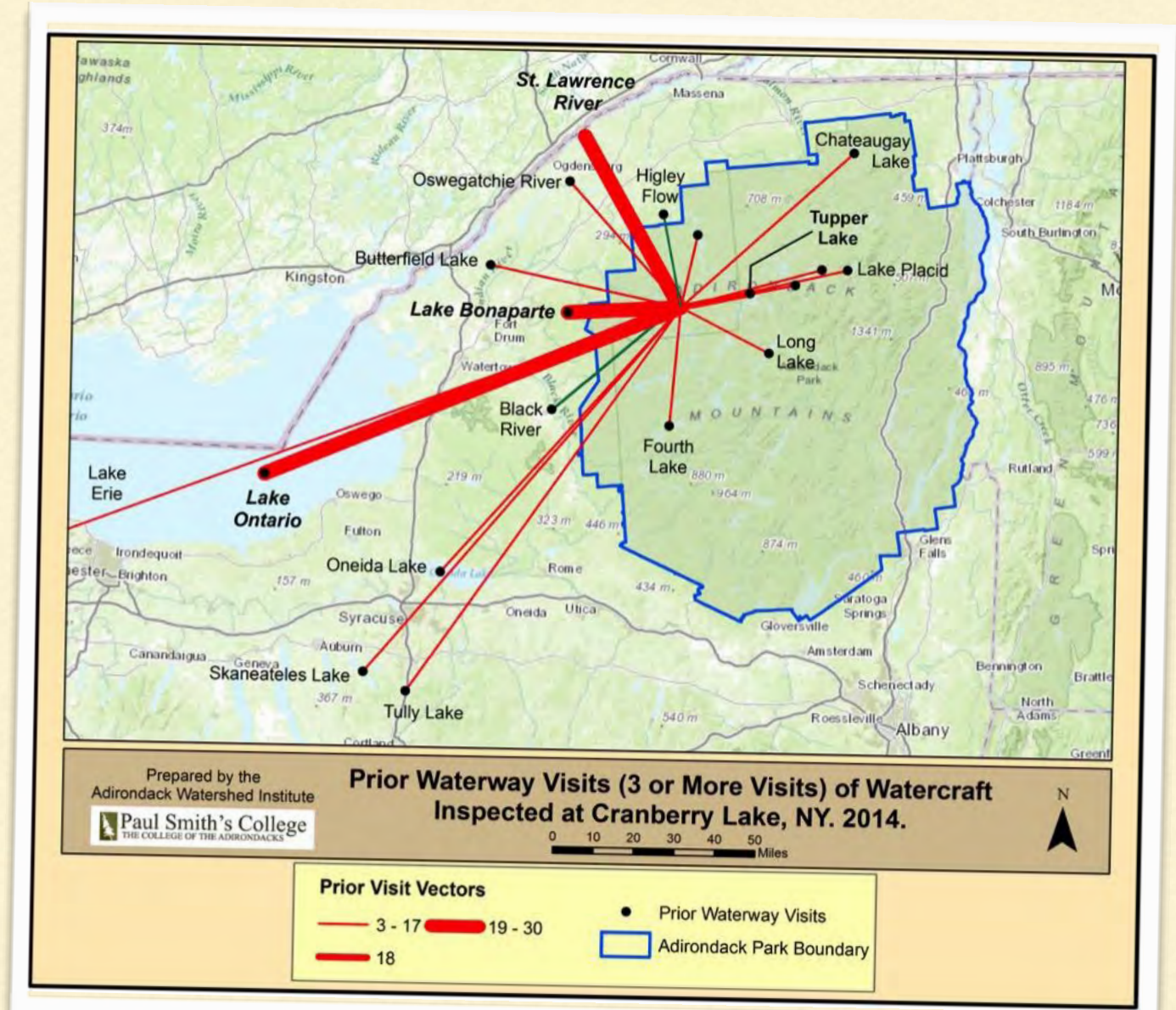
State of Boat Registration





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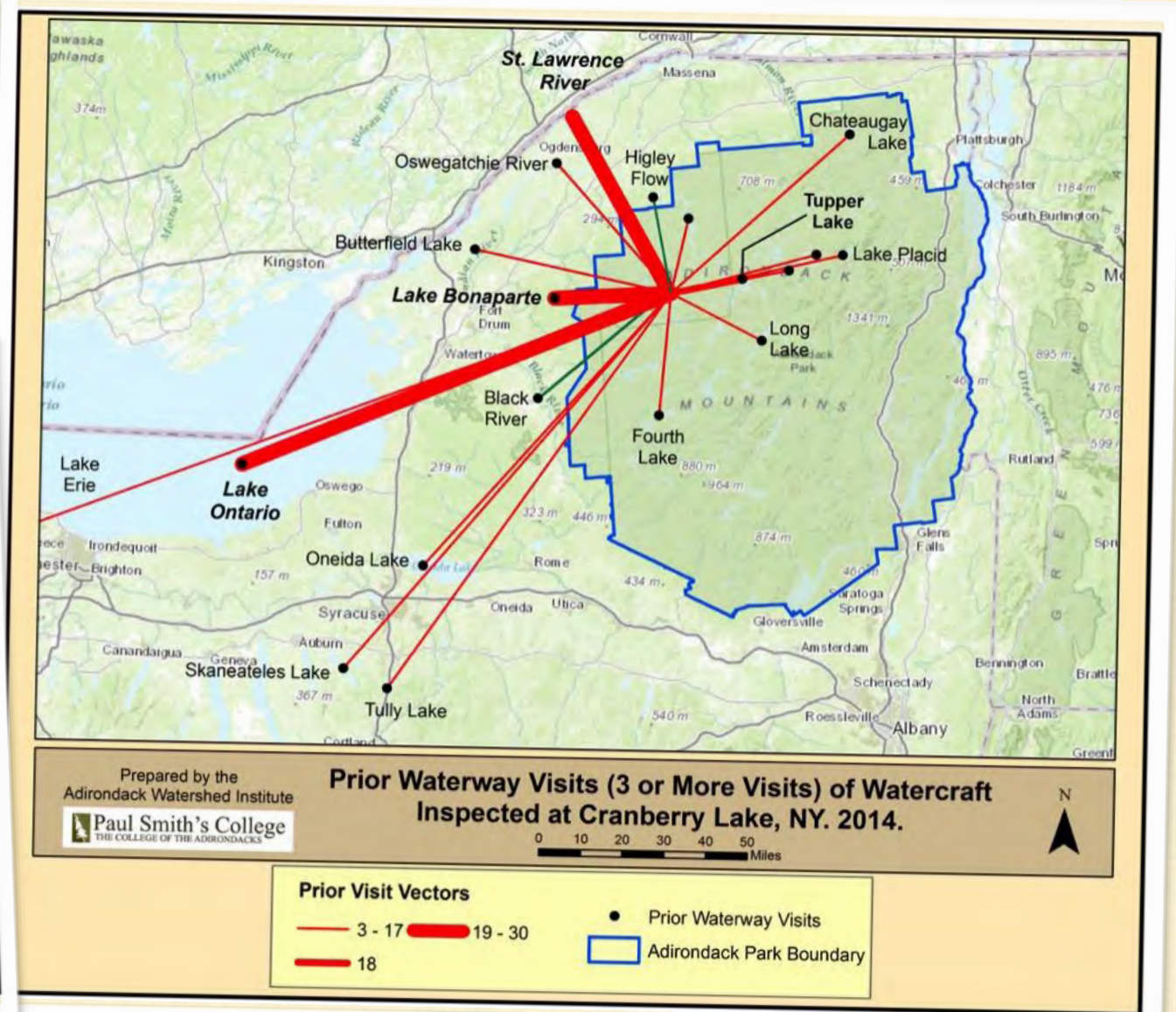
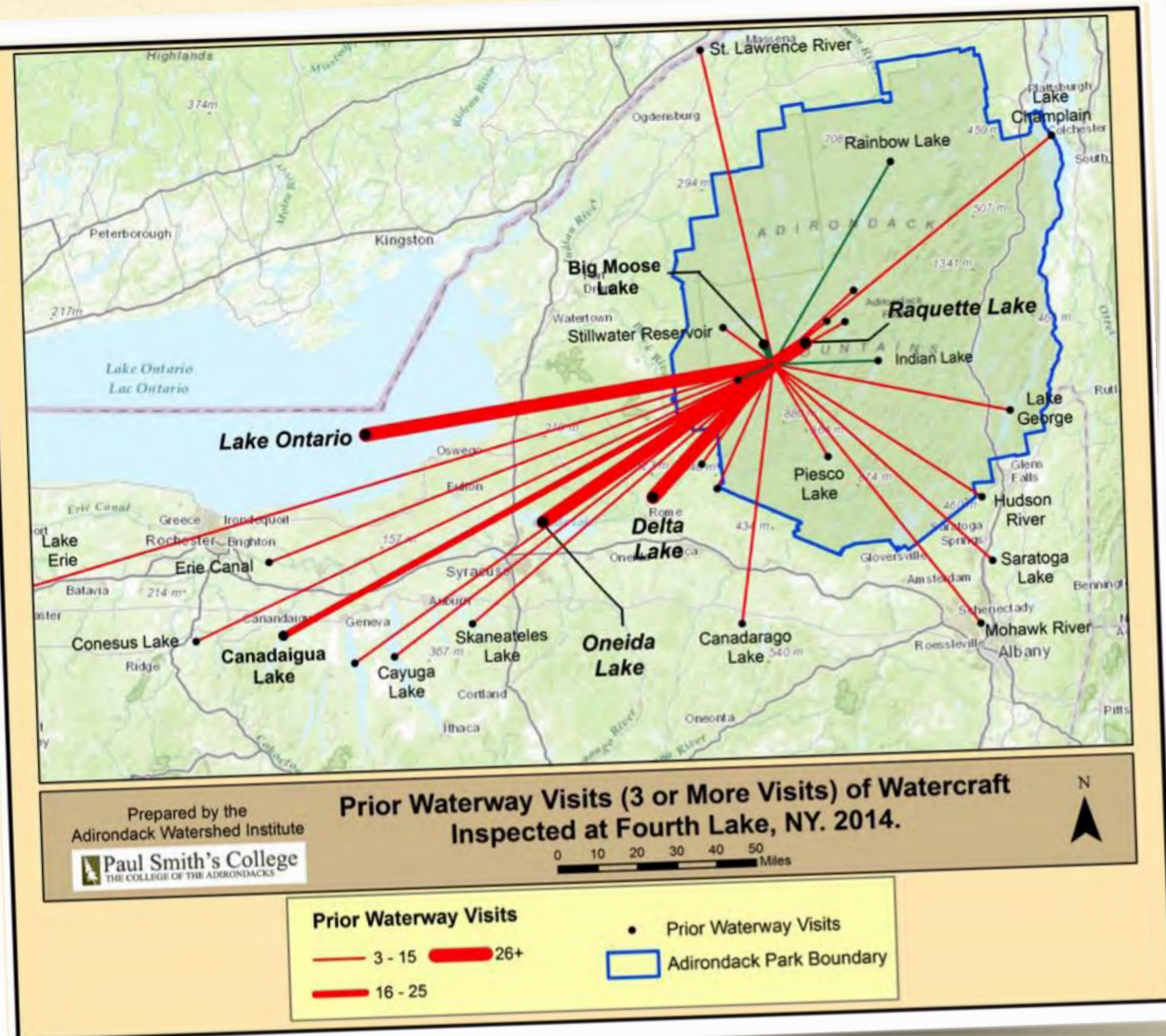
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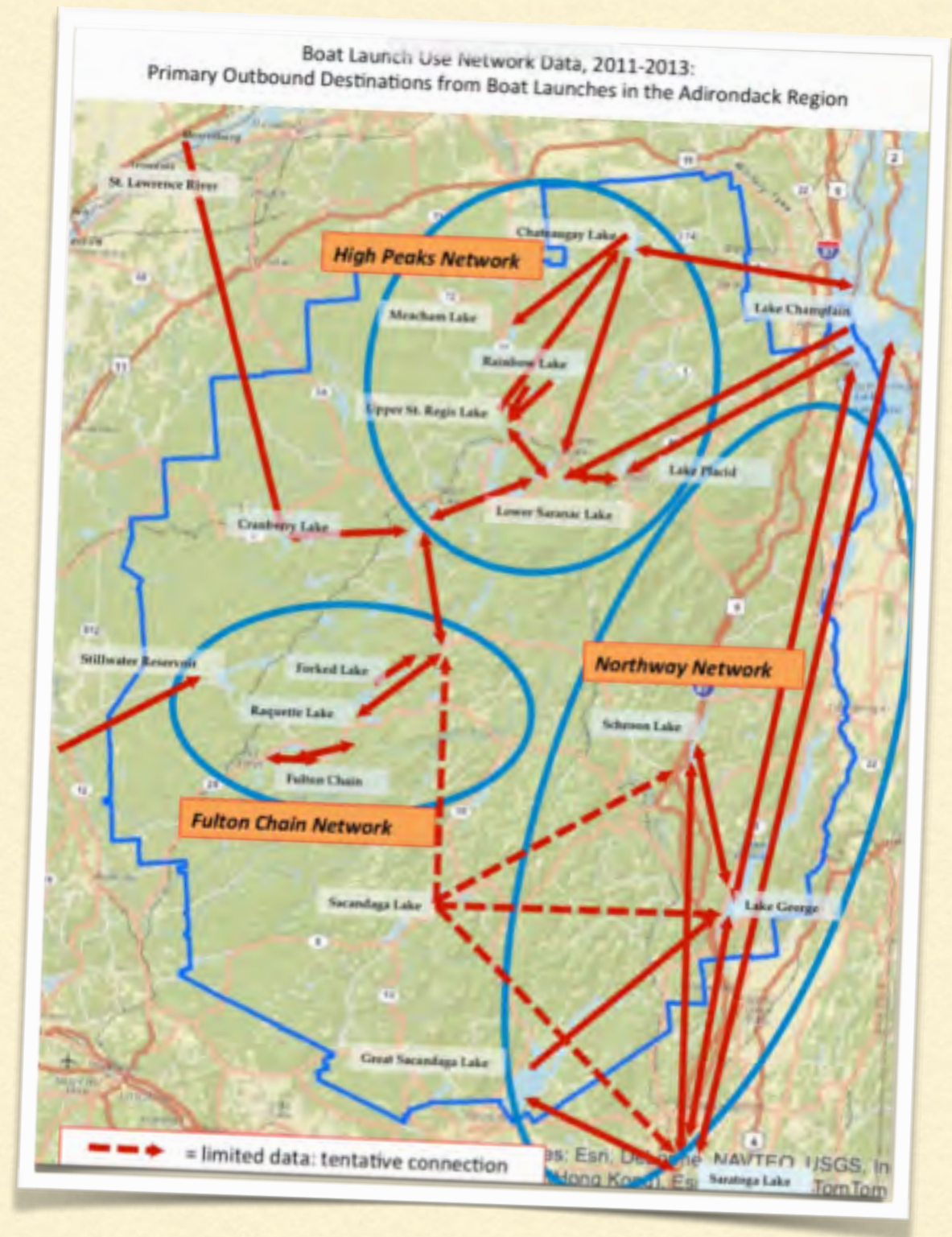
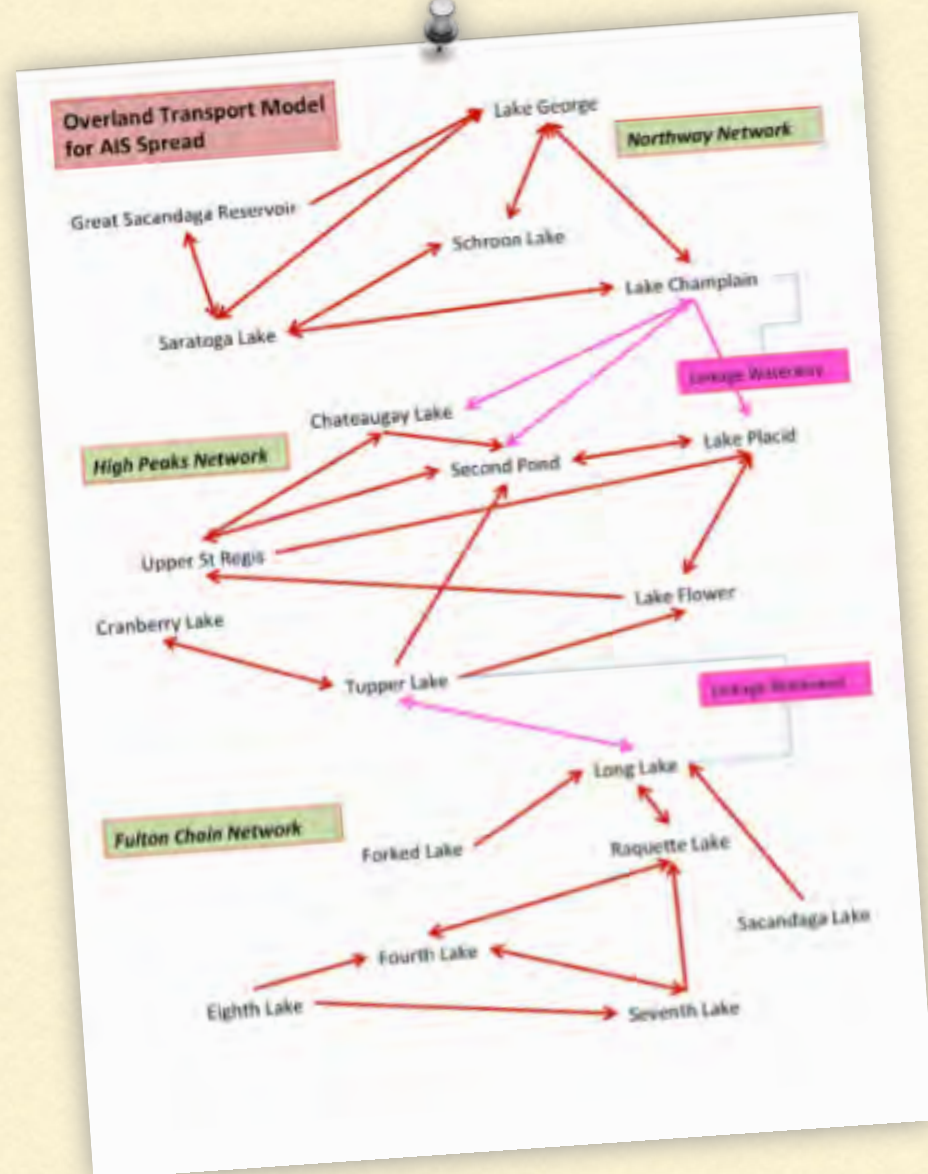
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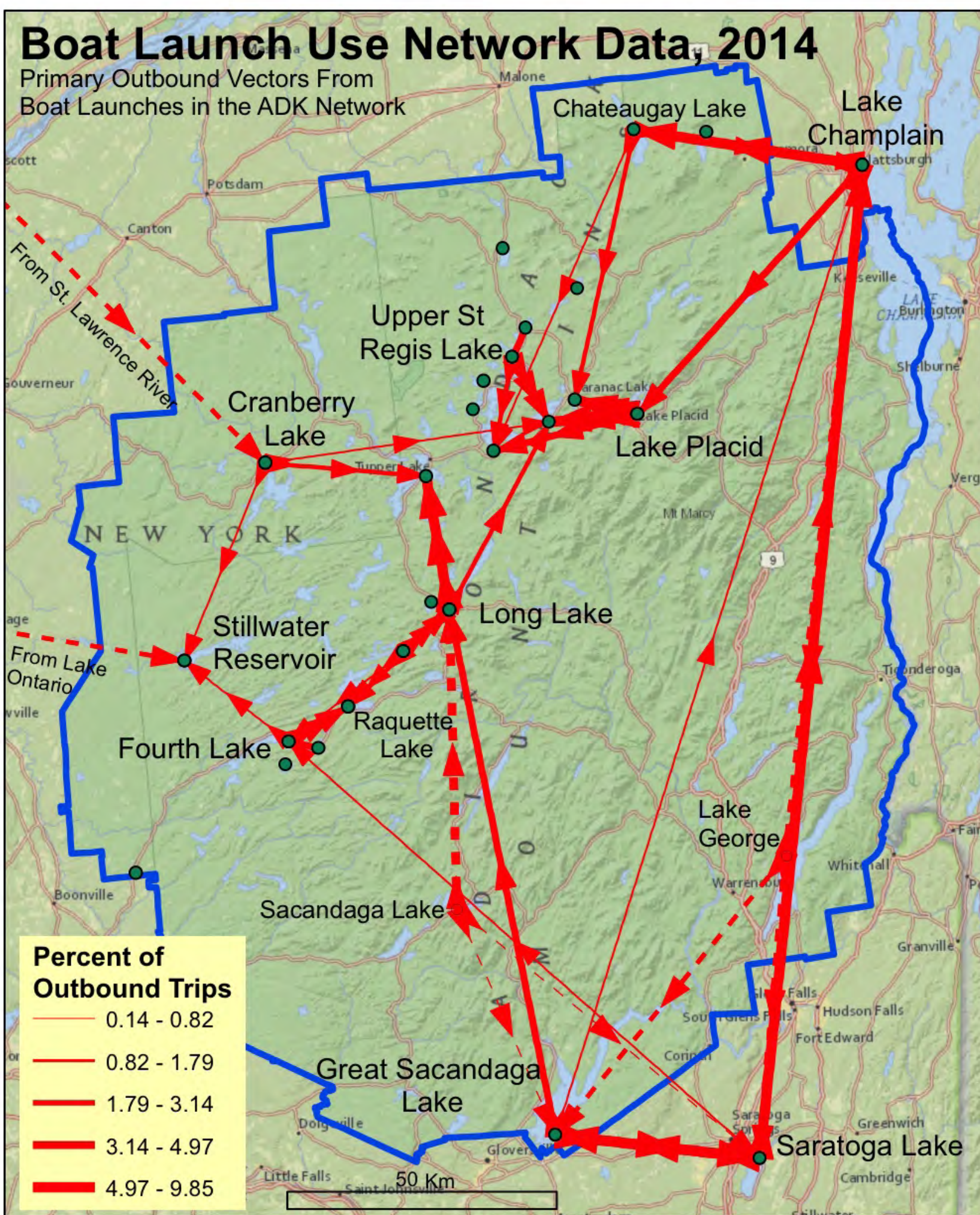
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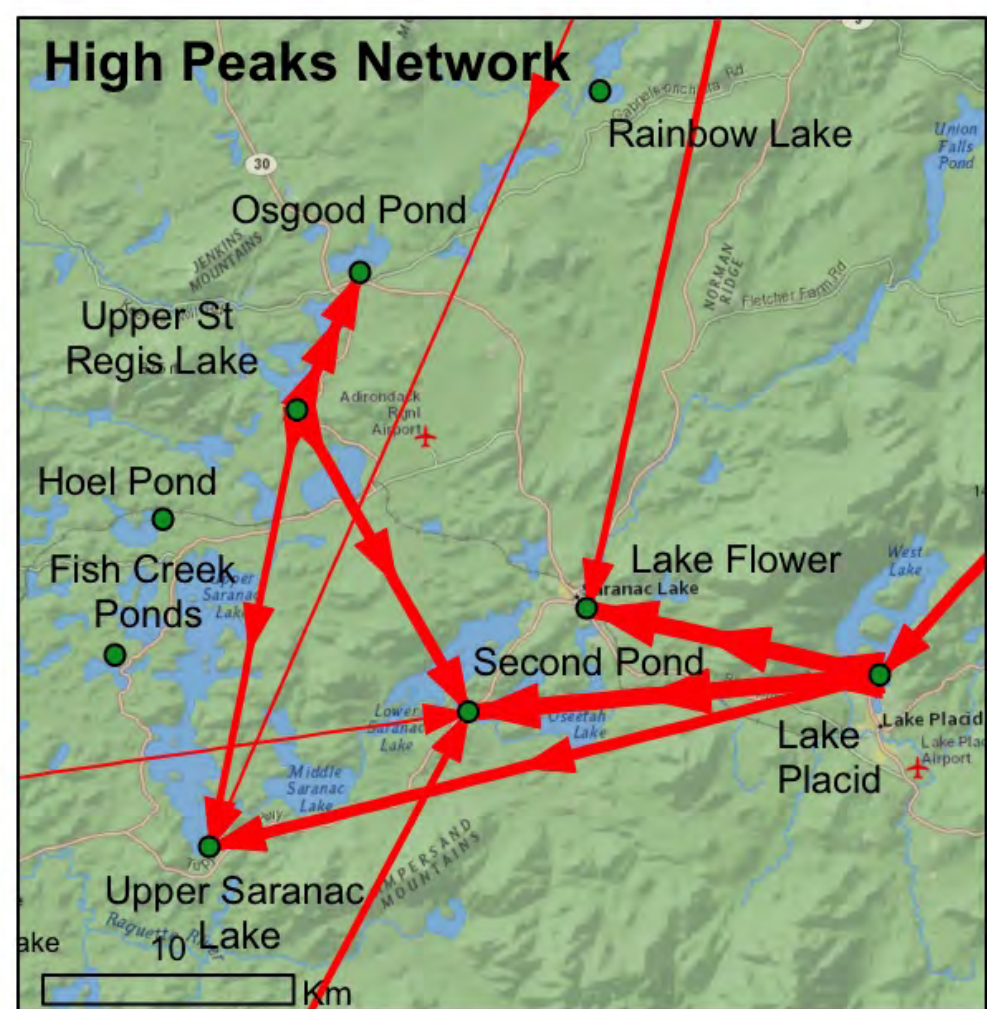


# Boat Launch Use Network Data, 2014

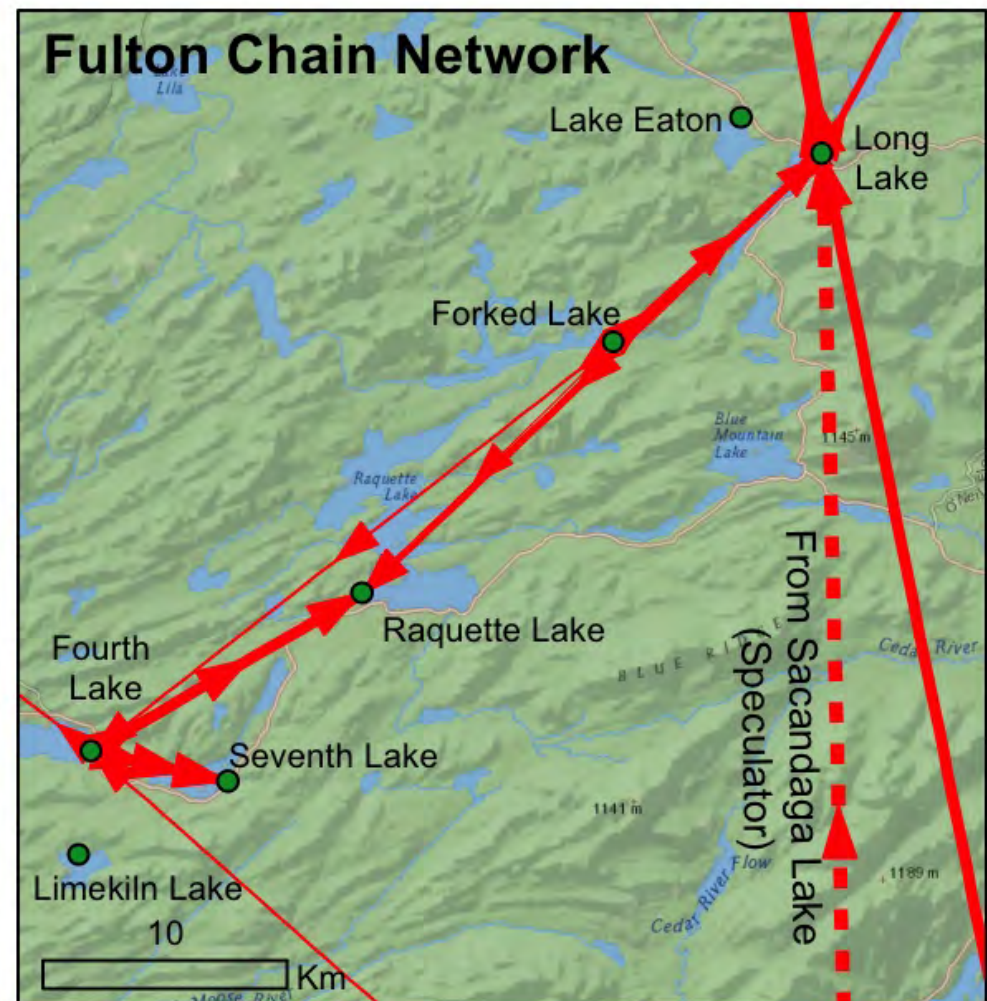
## Primary Outbound Vectors From Boat Launches in the ADK Network



## High Peaks Network



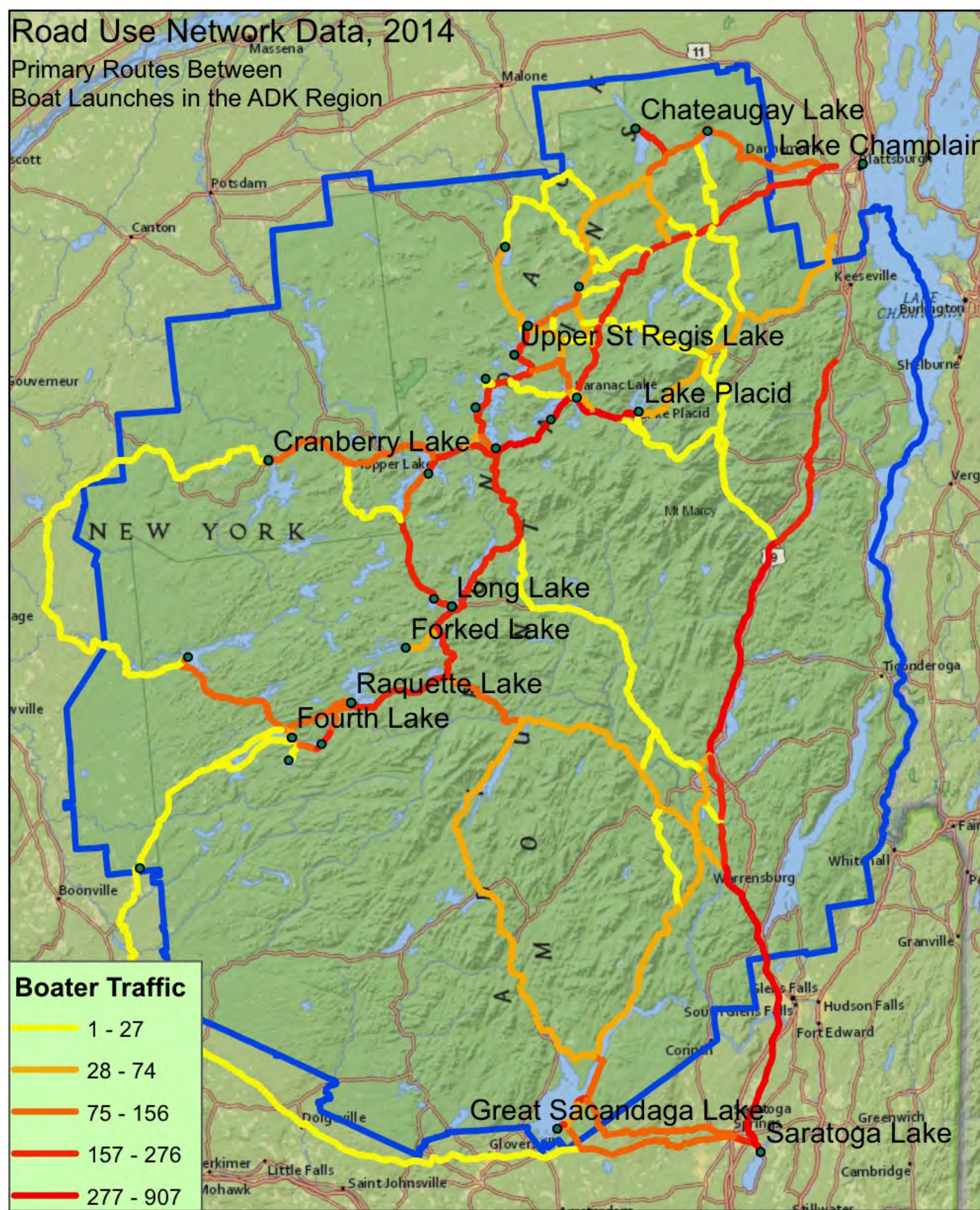
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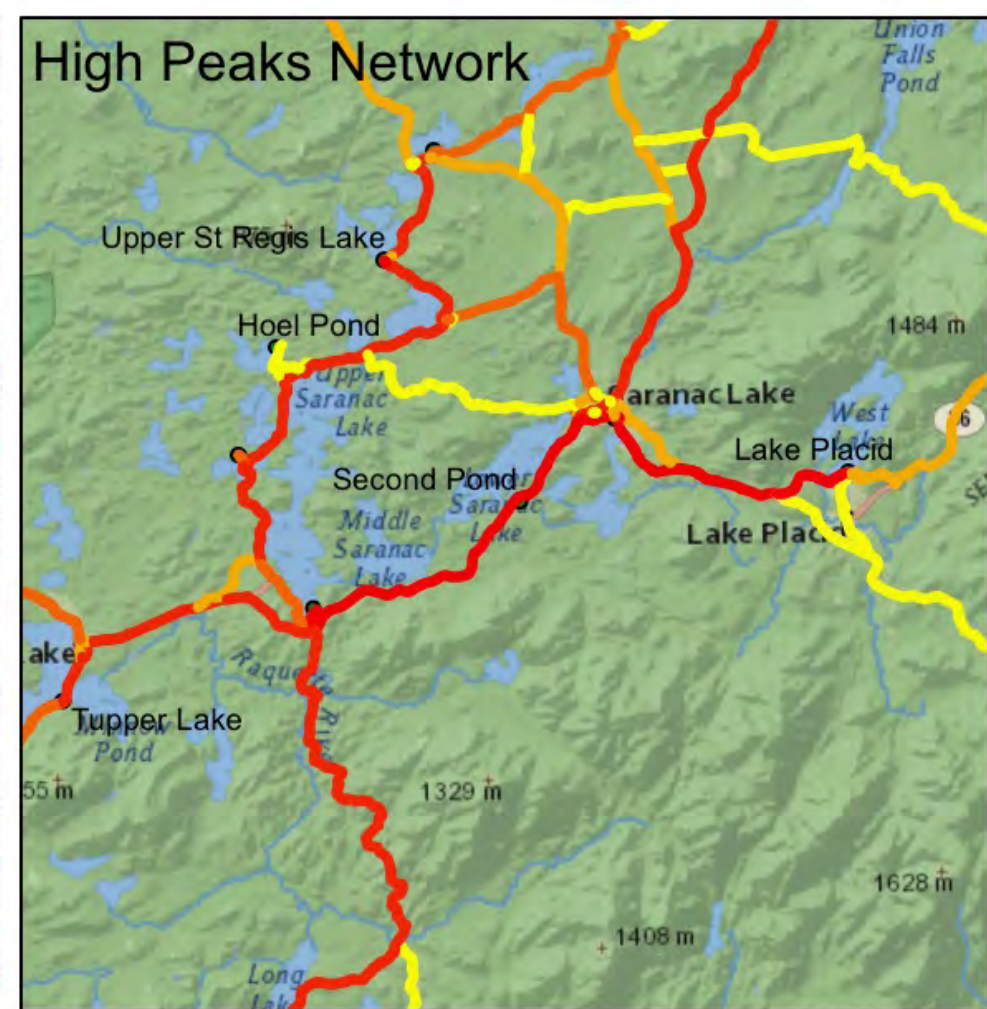


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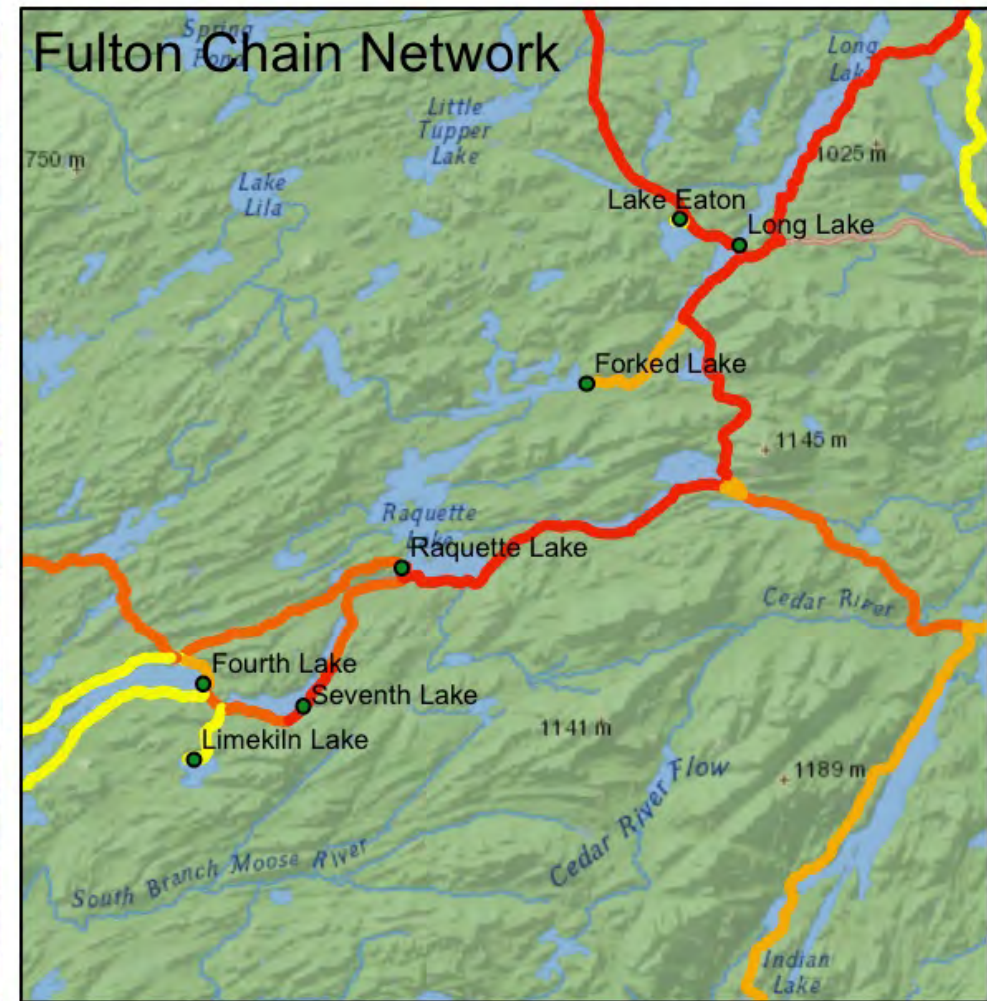
Primary Routes Between  
Boat Launches in the ADK Region



## High Peaks Network



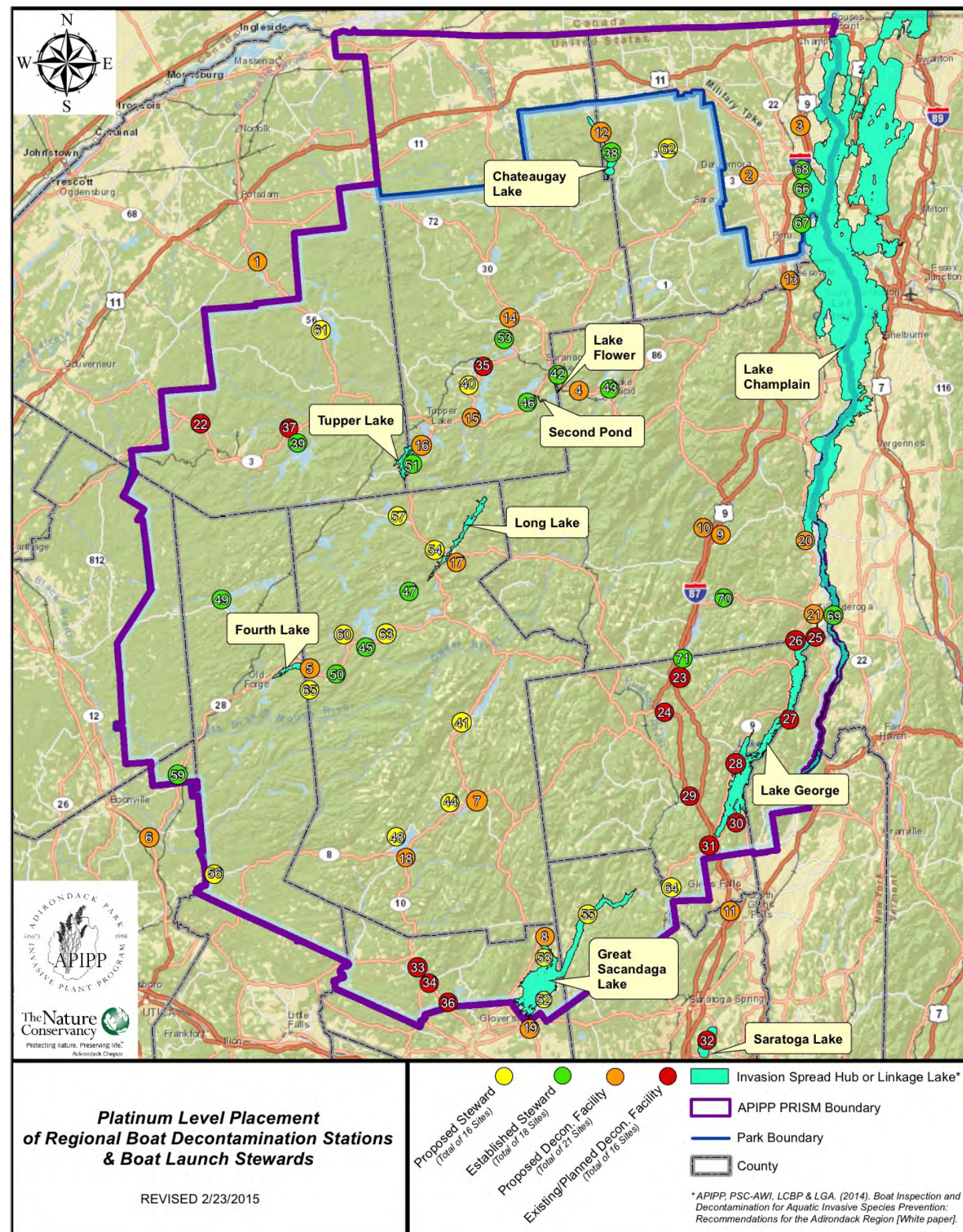
## Fulton Chain Network





Good Data = Strategic Placement of  
Stewards and Decon Stations

# ADIRONDACK PARKWIDE AIS PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM (NYSDEC)





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# WHAT KINDS OF INFO DO WE COLLECT?



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# KEY DATA POINTS TO COLLECT

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- Top Priority:
- Previously Visited Waterway (Q)
- Boat Type (O)
- Date/time (O)



# KEY DATA POINTS TO COLLECT



- Second Priority:
- Organism type (O)
- Launching or Retrieving (O)
- Spread Prevention Measures  
THEY took BEFORE arriving (Q)
- Inspector name (O)



# FORMATTING



- Collect data the same way, each time
- Easier to interpret and share
- iPad mini- works for us

Two screenshots of the Snap Mobile Anywhere app interface on an iPad mini. The top screenshot shows the 'Watershed Stewardship Program' title and a 'Boat Launch User Survey' form. The bottom screenshot shows a list of invasive species checkboxes, including Fanwort, Grass, Hydrilla, and Milfoil, with 'Hydrilla' and 'Milfoil, Eurasian' selected. The form also includes questions about AIS spread prevention steps and the purpose of the visit.

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Watershed Stewardship Program

Boat Launch User Survey

1. Location  
--Click Here--  
Other, please specify

2. Steward's 3 initials

3. Date (MM/DD/YYYY, example: 7/4/2012)  
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4. Time of inspection (24-hour, military time, example: 13:32)  
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5. Weather  
--Click Here--

6. Type of watercraft  
--Click Here--  
comment or clarification

7. Horsepower of Outboard Motor only

8. Is outboard motor a 4-stroke, E-TEC or environmentally friendly?  
--Click Here--

9. Size of group accompanying watercraft(s)  
--Click Here--  
other

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☐ Fanwort  
☐ Grass  
☒ Hydrilla  
☒ Milfoil, Eurasian  
☐ Milfoil, native  
☐ Milfoil, unidentified  
☐ Milfoil, variable-leaf  
☐ Pine needles  
☐ Spiny Waterflea  
☐ Water Chestnut  
☐ Zebra mussel  
Other, specify

16. Did the VISITOR take AIS spread prevention steps prior to arriving at the boat launch?  
Yes

17. If yes, please select all applicable AIS spread prevention steps  
☒ Inspect boat  
☐ Washed Boat  
☐ Drained Bilge  
☐ Drained Bait Buckets  
☐ Drained Livewells  
☒ Disposed of unused bait  
☐ Dried boat

18. What was the last waterbody used by this vessel in the preceding 2 weeks?  
Fourth Lake  
Other

19. Use this space for additional observations, notes, or comments

20. Lake Placid Only: What is the purpose of your visit?  
☐ Fishing  
☐ Recreation (excluding fishing)  
☐ Commercial- Guiding, construction, etc.

Restart Submit



# DATA ENTRY INTO EXCEL



- Paper forms = hand entry-laborious and prone to error!
- Standardize spelling, capitalization and spaces (St. vs. Saint vs. St)
- HUNDREDS of waterway names!
- Data manager enter AND check weekly for clarity and follow-up with field staff
- Memory fades....






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Did the VISIT	If yes, please	If yes, please	If yes, please	If yes, please	If yes, please	If yes, please	If yes, please	What was the last waterbody used		Other, include town and state	Use this space for a										
Yes		Washed Boat						Upper St Regis Lake													
Yes	Inspect boat	Washed Boat	Drained Bilge				Dried boat	Rental			St. Regis outfitters										
Yes	Inspect boat	Washed Boat					Dried boat	None													
Yes	Inspect boat							Upper St Regis Lake													
Yes	Inspect boat							None													
Yes		Washed Boat						Upper St Regis Lake			Frontier company b										
Yes		Washed Boat	Drained Bilge					Lake Flower													
Yes			Drained Bilge					Upper St Regis Lake													
Yes							Dried boat	None													
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Yes			Drained Bilge					Upper St Regis Lake													
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Yes		Washed Boat					Dried boat	Upper St Regis Lake													
No										Bear Creek											
No										Cazenovia Lake											
No										Conesus Lake											
No										Dalhousie Lake, Ontario											
Visitor does not know										Hinckley Reservoir											
No										Hinckley Reservoir											
No										Kayuta Lake											
No										Kayuta Lake											
Yes							Dried boat			Lake Pleasant											
No										Otisco Lake											
No										Otter Lake											
Raw Data	All Lake Table	Steward Network	Previous Waterway	Coverage	Lake Tables	AIS Found Tables	State Pie	multi year charts	Historic Data	Pivot	Outbound Visit	Prev. Wtrwy Total									



Table 2. Comprehensive data summary, 2014. Total # of visitors and # of organisms removed from watercraft entering and leaving AWISP boat launch sites.

Waterbody	total # people	organisms found		total organisms found	# boats dirty	# of inspections	% of inspected boats dirty
		entering	leaving				
Chateaugay Lake	4024	49	351	400	244	1556	16%
Chazy Lake	4	0	0	0	0	2	0%
Cranberry Lake	3270	30	17	47	36	1160	3%
Eighth Lake	84	2	0	2	1	35	3%
First Lake (Hollywood Hills)	41	0	0	0	0	18	0%
Fish Creek Ponds	341	8	34	42	23	129	18%
Forked Lake	91	0	0	0	0	31	0%
Fourth Lake	4190	24	7	31	28	1563	2%
Great Sacandaga Lake	7938	93	30	123	102	3564	3%
Lake Eaton	33	0	0	0	0	14	0%
Lake Flower	2284	49	158	207	141	997	14%
Lake Placid	4899	38	30	68	53	2006	3%
Limekiln Lake	61	0	0	0	0	21	0%
Long Lake	4826	4	6	10	10	1726	1%
Meacham Lake	267	2	3	5	4	101	4%
Osgood Pond	785	91	114	205	140	345	41%
Rainbow Lake	1218	70	98	168	117	462	25%
Raquette Lake	2089	24	61	85	75	840	9%
Saratoga Lake	9292	473	618	1091	774	3717	21%
Second Pond	4701	53	53	106	89	1679	5%
Seventh Lake	836	5	5	10	7	316	2%
Stillwater Reservoir	3617	37	11	48	44	1323	3%
Tupper Lake	3906	12	98	110	102	1654	6%
Upper Saranac Lake	2403	16	24	40	35	819	4%
Upper St. Regis Lake	1303	39	34	73	57	559	10%
White Lake	968	2	0	2	2	396	1%
Totals				4		25033	8%

Table 8. Twenty-five most-visited waterways in previous two-week period for all AWISP lakes, 2014.

Previously Visited Waterway	total visits 2014	% of total visits	2014 rank	2013 rank	2012 rank
Same Lake - Previous Visit	10960	44.412%	1	1	2
None	7102	28.779%	2	2	1
Rental	809	3.278%	3	3	3
Saranac Lake Chain	445	1.803%	4	4	4
Lake Champlain	281	1.139%	5	6	6
Fulton Chain of Lakes	253	1.025%	6	5	5
Hudson River	201	0.814%	7	7	8
Lake Flower	188	0.762%	8	22	18
Lake George	169	0.685%	9	9	12
Lake Placid	166	0.673%	10	19	7
Lake Ontario	150	0.608%	11	12	14
Saratoga Lake	144	0.584%	12	42	32
Mohawk River	136	0.551%	13	14	18
Tupper Lake	125	0.507%	14	16	15
Lake Kushaqua	123	0.498%	15	27	51
St. Lawrence River	122	0.494%	16	10	11
Oneida Lake	107	0.434%	17	13	13
Long Lake	106	0.430%	18	15	17
Raquette Lake	100	0.405%	19	8	9
Sacandaga Lake	96	0.389%	20	11	35
Raquette River	81	0.328%	21	29	26
Unknown Lake	75	0.304%	22	41	267
Upper St Regis Lake	72	0.292%	23	25	16
Great Sacandaga Lake	70	0.284%	24	22	22
Canandaigua Lake	67	0.271%	25	37	39

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2014 TUPPER LAKE BOAT LAUNCH USE SUMMARY

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Tupper Lake

Boats inspected: 1,951    % of visitors taking spread prevention measures: 64%  
AIS intercepted: 6    % inspected boats with organisms: 6%  
# visitors: 3,906    # of previously visited waterways: 83

Waterbody	Boat Type										total # boats
	M	PWC	S	C	K	B	R	SUP	Docks		
Tupper Lake	1394	58	6	271	211	4	3	2			2 1951
percentage of total boats	71%	3%	0%	14%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%		100%

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Tupper Lake	3906	12	98	102	1654	6%

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Waterbody	# groups taking AIS spread prevention measures								# groups asked
	yes	I	WB	DB	BB	LW	Dis	Dry	
Tupper Lake	1043	422	588	106	1	22	7	346	56 1625
percentage of total # groups asked	64%	26%	36%	7%	0%	1%	0%	21%	NA

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Tupper Lake	2	1	1	2	75	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	7	10	6	6	0.4%
percentage of organisms removed	2%	1%	1%	2%	68%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	6%	9%	5%		

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Curly-leaf pondweed	1	None (1)	0	N/A
Eurasian water milfoil	2	Oneida Lake (1), Tupper Lake (1)	0	N/A
Water chestnut	2	None (2)	0	N/A
Zebra mussel	0	N/A	1	None (1)
Totals	5		1	



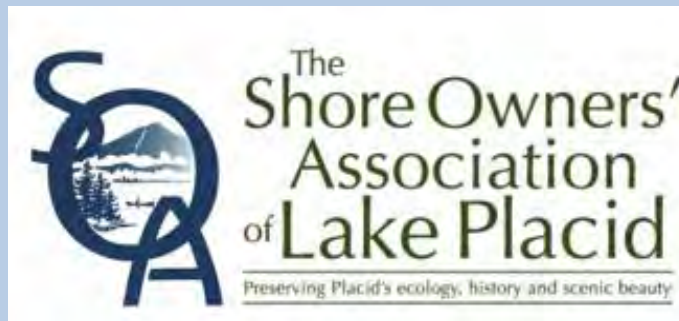
# TIME FOR QUESTIONS...



- Why?
- How?
- Who?
- What?
- How much?
- ??



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**Lower Saranac Lake Association**

**Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council**

**Rainbow Lake Association**

**Upper Saranac Lake Association**







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