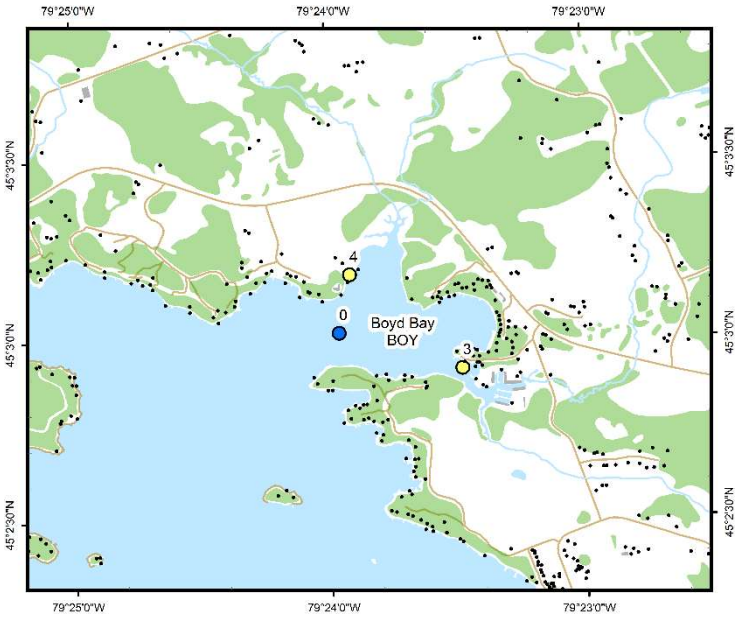
Boyd Bay (BOY)



Area Description:

Boyd Bay, in the central part of eastern Lake Muskoka, is a small bay which includes a marina in the southeast, a large wetland in the north, Highway 118 to the east and several inflowing creeks. Inflow from creeks drain agricultural land and therefore may be a source of high nutrient waters. The shoreline of Boyd Bay is highly developed including many residential properties with manicured lawns. MLA monitoring of Boyd Bay began in 2006.

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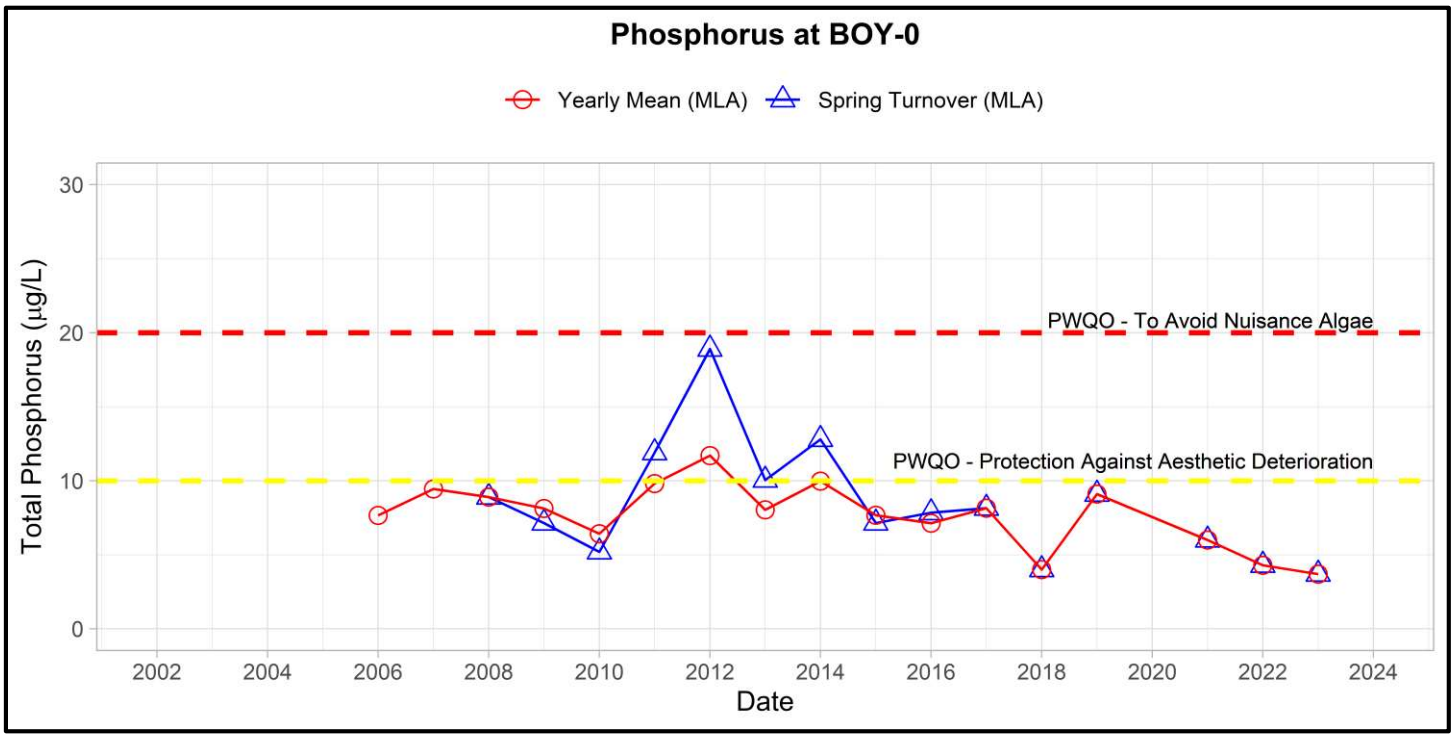
2023 Water Quality Results:

	Mean Secchi Disk (m)	Total Phosphorus (µg/L) Spring Turnover	Total Phosphorus (µg/L) Yearly Mean	E. coli Yearly Geometric Mean (cfu/100mL)	Total Coliforms Yearly Geometric Mean (cfu/100 mL)
BOY-0	2.1	3.7			
BOY-3		14.4	11.8		
BOY-4		8.0	8.0		

Note: Grubbs test indicates data collected in 2012 are considered an outlier



Spring phosphorus concentrations in 2023 at the deep-water station (BOY-0) were below Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Objectives for Protection Against Aesthetic Deterioration (10 µg/L) and Nuisance Algal Growth (20 µg/L). Nearshore monitoring of annual average and spring phosphorus concentrations at BOY-3 and 4 were within the range of variability of previous monitoring years. Average annual Secchi disk depth (2.1 m) was consistent with previous monitoring (1.07 – 4.45 m). **HESL recommends ongoing sampling to continue to monitor for long-term trends and emerging issues.**