# Lake Gaston Stakeholders Group Meeting February 11th, 2021





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# **2021 Lyngbya Treatments**

- Timeline
- Treatment Acreage



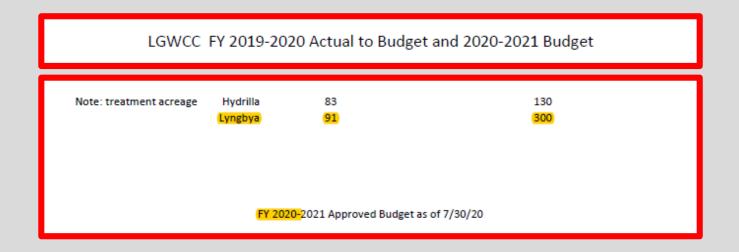




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- WCC has to approved it's upcoming budget prior to results of previous year
- July 2020: WCC approved a budget that included up to 300 acres of treatment for lyngbya (currently treating 91 acres)
- Early TAG meeting: Is that amount of treatment appropriate?



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#### <u>March</u>

- TAG recommendation for complete treatment design presented to LGWCC
- Treatments begin when water temperature exceed 64 °F (late March late April)

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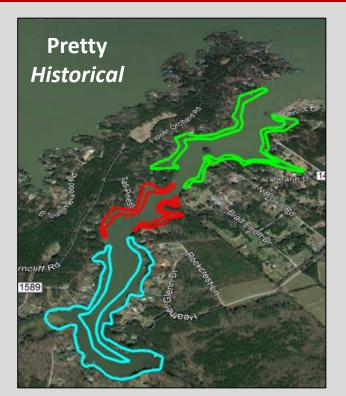
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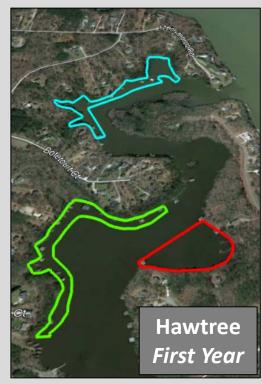
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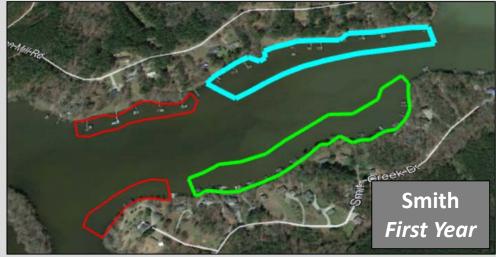
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Applied Biochemist

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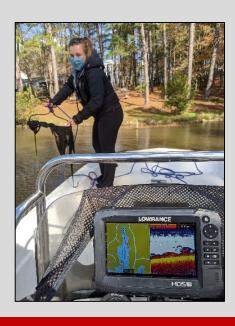


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  - Historical Treatment Combinations
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    - Cutrine Ultra & AMP





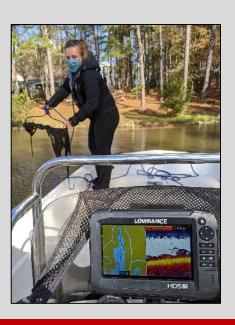


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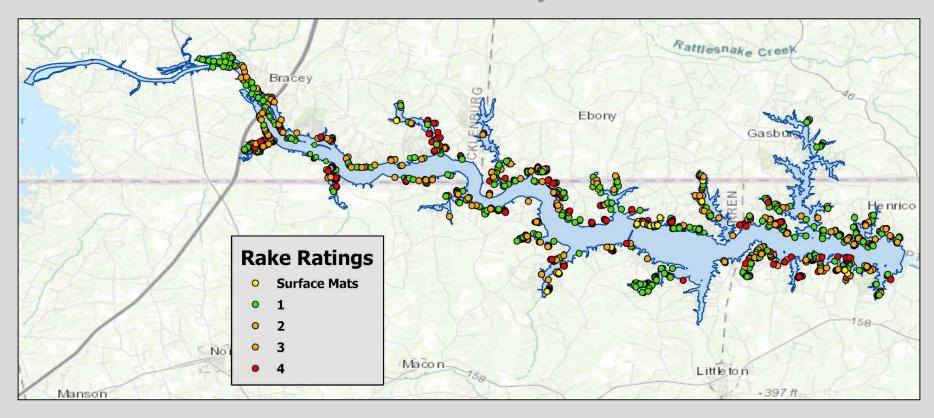
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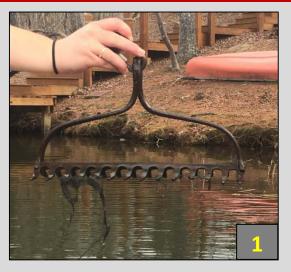




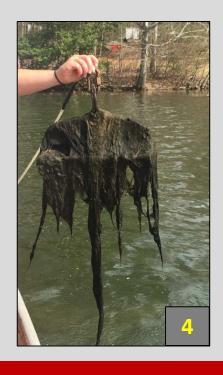


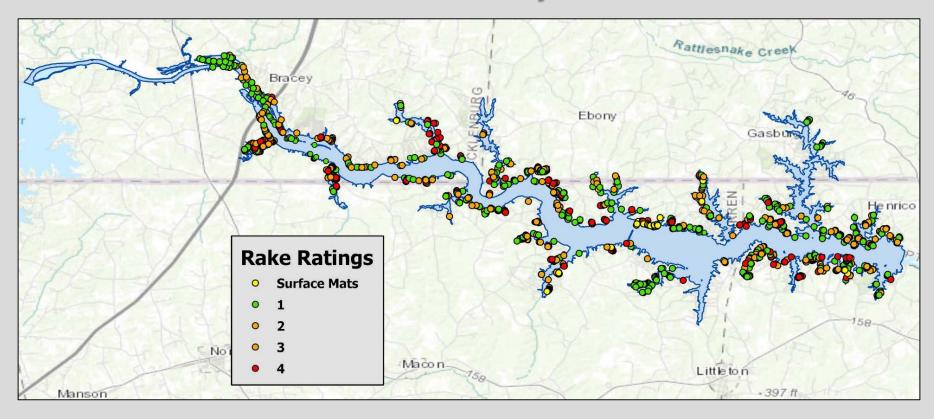
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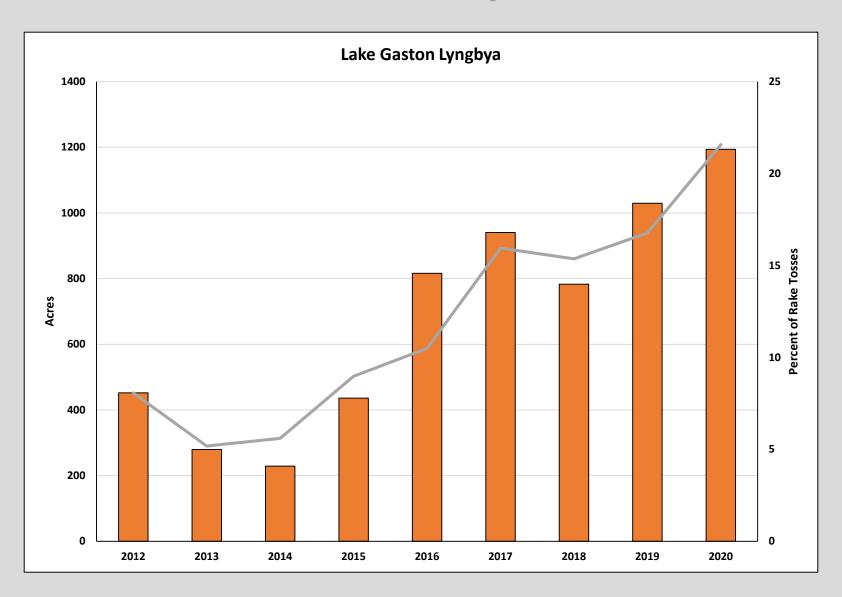


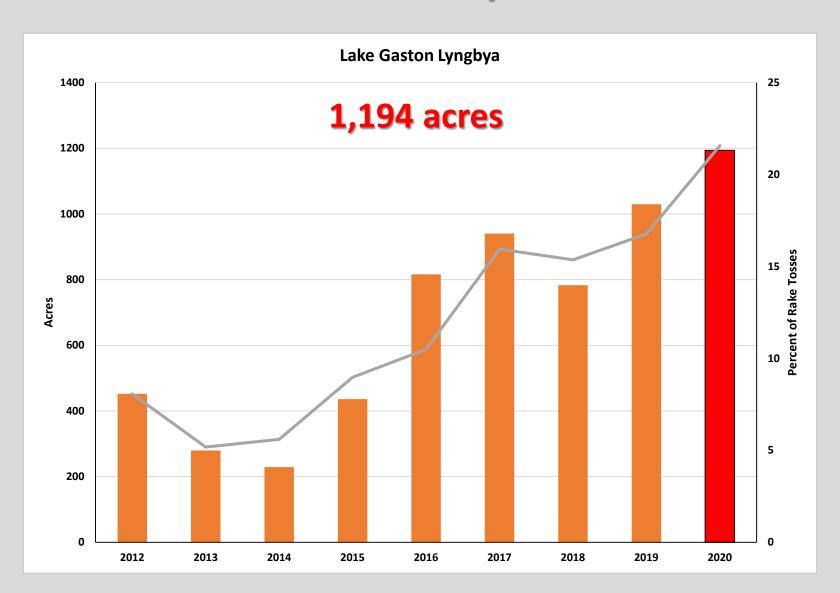
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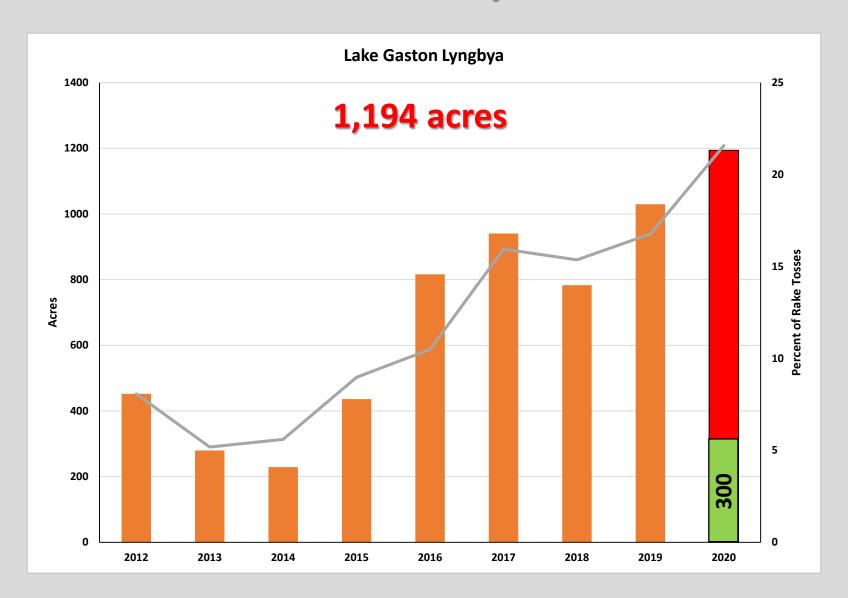
**Lyngbya: 1,158** 

22% of all survey sites

30% of vegetated sites

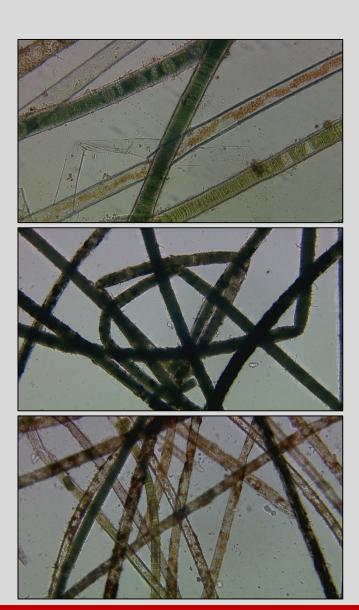






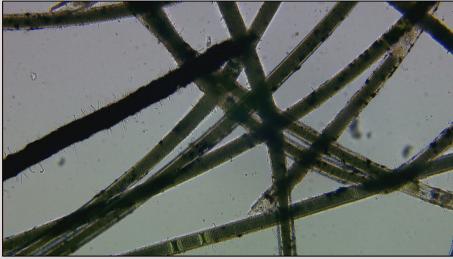
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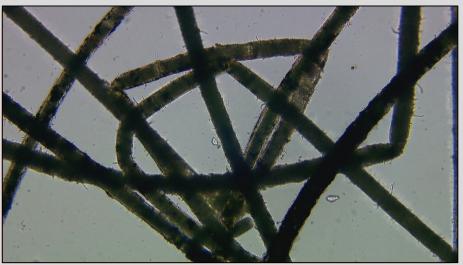
- Monthly samples collected from July to October
  - Damaged
- New samples were collected in December from Hawtree, Smith, and Control sites



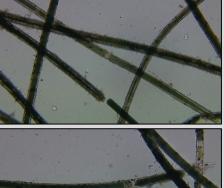
#### **Control Site**







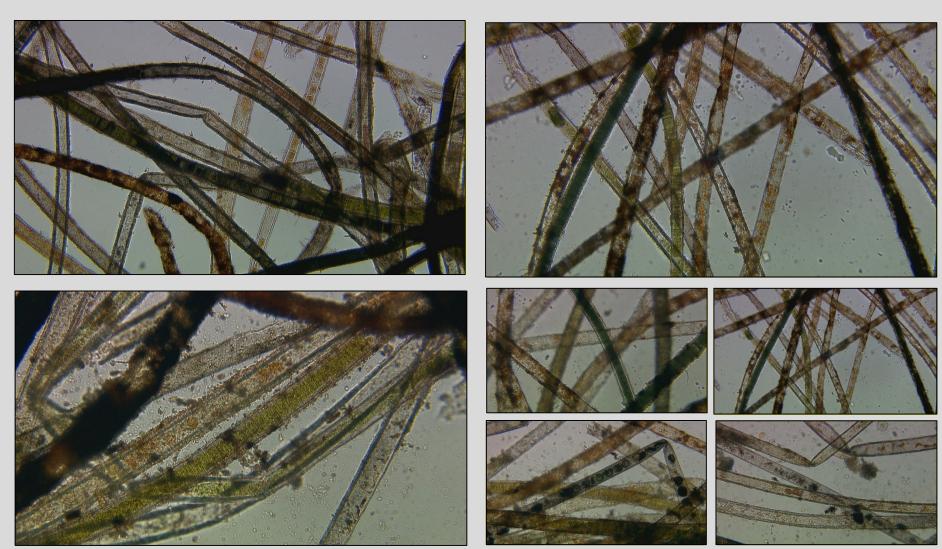




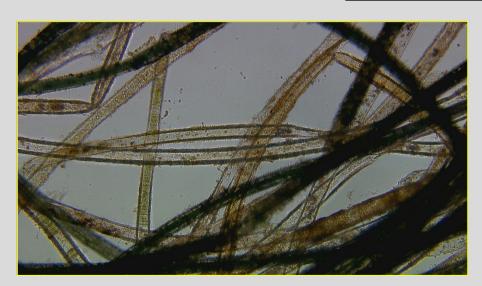
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<u>Hawtree – Captain XTR</u>

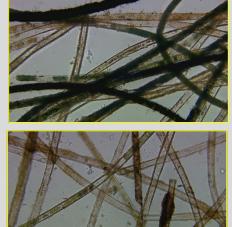


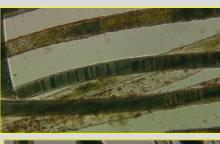
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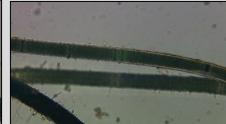




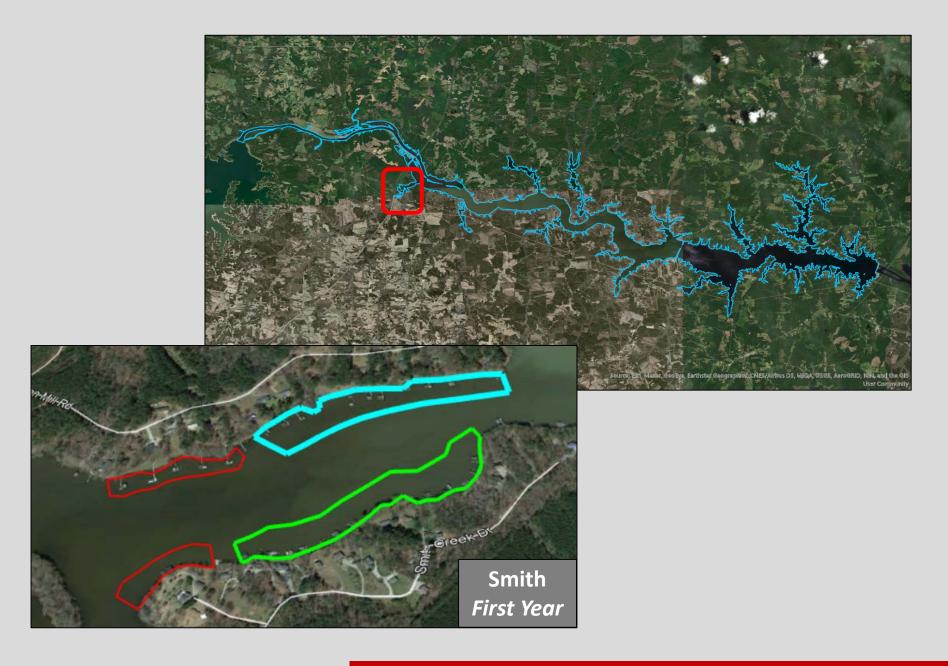




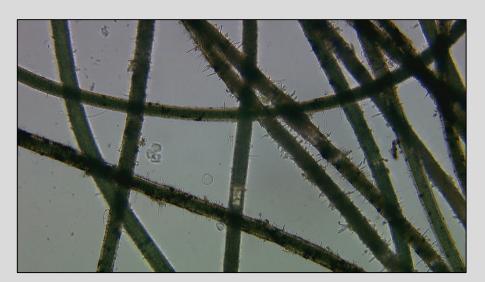


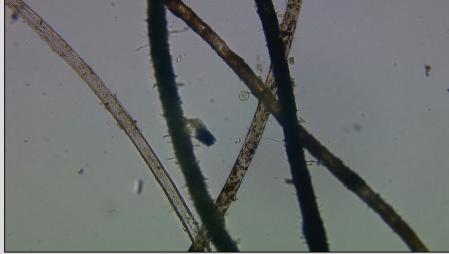


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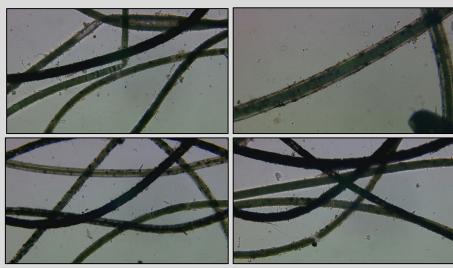


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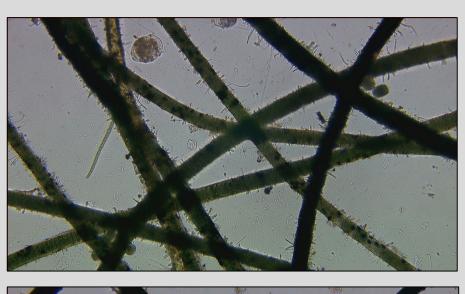


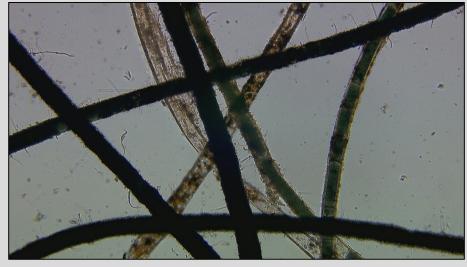




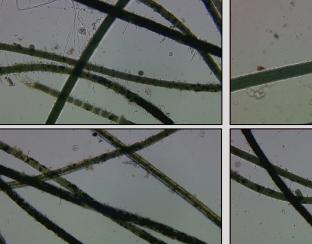


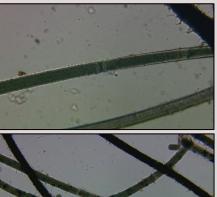
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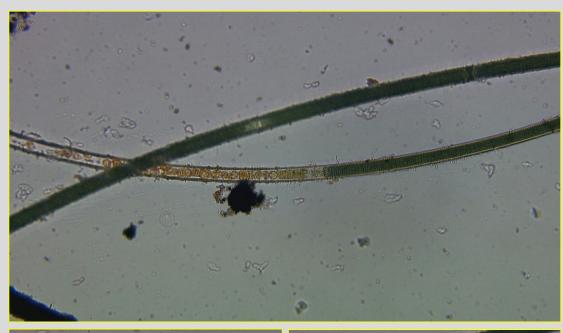


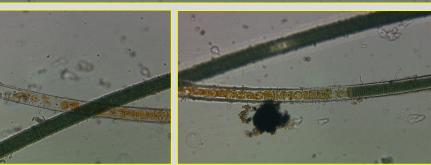


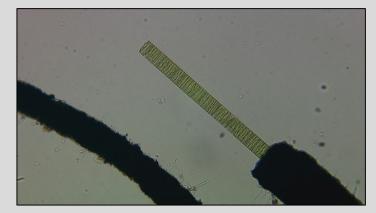




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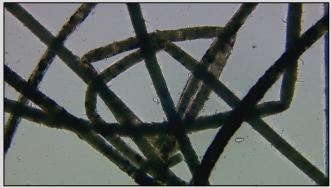
#### **Survey Results**

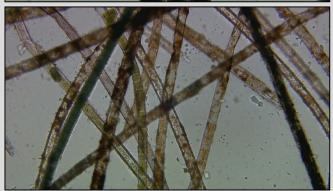
- Increasing tread for percent of lyngbya detected in volunteer rake tosses
- Increasing tread for overall lyngbya acreage

## **Viability Samples**

- Cellular damage occurring in Hawtree using both treatment protocols
- Level of efficacy not observed in Smith Creek







#### **TAG Recommendation**

Treat a maximum of 300 acres of lyngbya in 2021



