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Servicing corporations & institutions that are experiencing migratory bird problems.

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Wild Goose Chase, Inc., Prairie Crossing Presentation Summary

1) Goose Management mission- *to significantly reduce fall migratory Canada goose populations and their associated negative affects by use of site specific control techniques to achieve satisfying balance to all parties involved*

A. Integrated Approach techniques:

- Harassment- Border Collie Patrols, laser, boats
- Exclusion- grids, barriers—around beach after beach season
- Repellants- Flight Control Plus in “No Tolerance Zones”—LM12 and 14, but not on sand areas.
- Habitat alteration- prairie—prevented geese from utilizing ponds at NO15, not effective for keeping geese out of main pond, but prevents them from walking out of pond at most locations (except beach and village green)
- Egg-depredation—*island is a likely spot for nesting concentration.*

2) Wild Goose Chase service program- “Harassment”

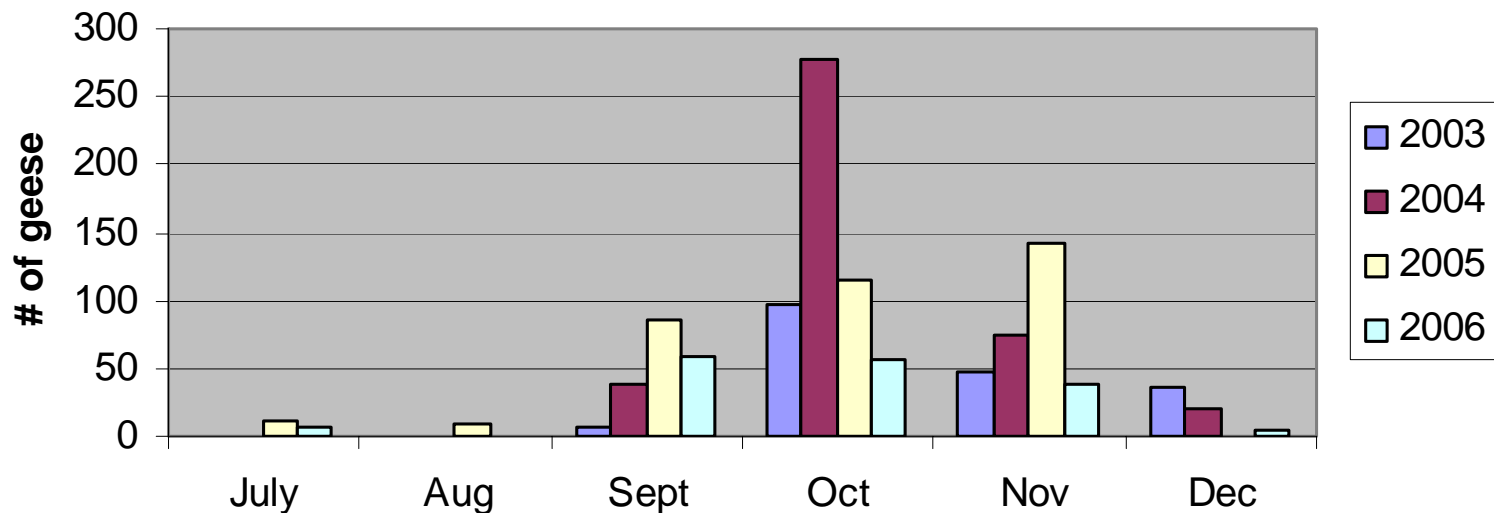
- Service – September through December—what happens at other times during the year?
- Migratory peaks – 1st or 2nd week in October then monthly until pond stays frozen for a week (usually late December)
- Property primarily viewed as “hotel” with most activity at dusk/dawn (all open water areas)—harassment visits during this time helped to reduce use of area during day.
- “Restaurant”- on site primarily LM12 and 14 (in areas around beach at 14), but mainly forage for grain in neighboring fields after harvest
- Have continued to see increase in gull activity LM14-15, even after water froze over. Began moving off of beach when large numbers were found loafing there.

3) 2007 recommendations

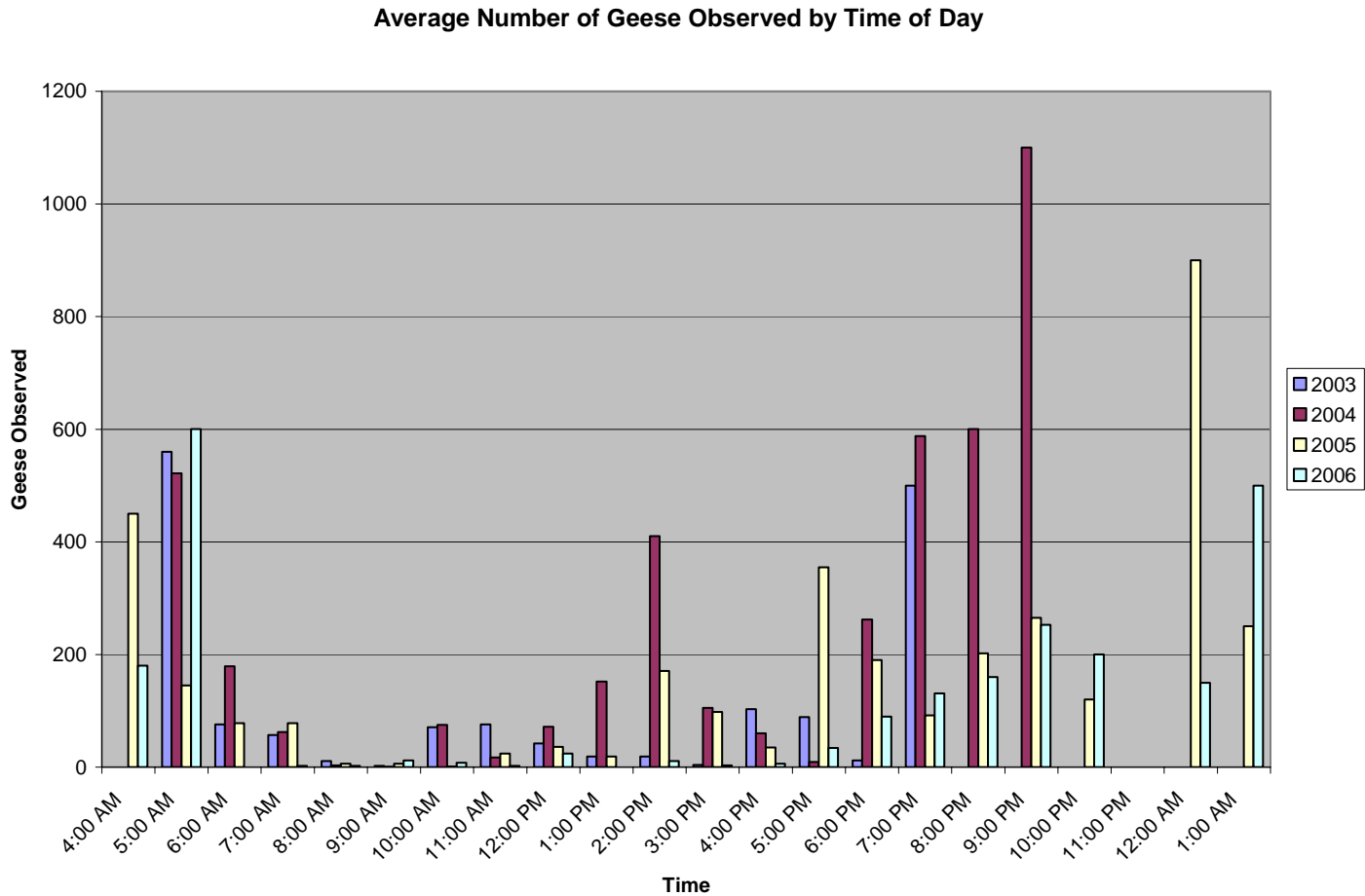
- continue with harassment program in fall 2007
- incorporate Flight Control Plus at “restaurant” locations (LM12 and grass bordering beach area at LM14)
- Install exclusion/fencing around beach area and village green area after boating/swimming season ends.
- Reallocate service weeks 13 and 14 (last 2 weeks in December) and add pre-molt and/or spring migration service period as needed
- Determine what the impacts of increased gull populations are on water quality and beach cleanliness and what times of year gulls are present (ie are they there during summer swim season?)
- Incorporate integrated gull harassment program along with goose program at appropriate times of year

Peak Migration October and Early November

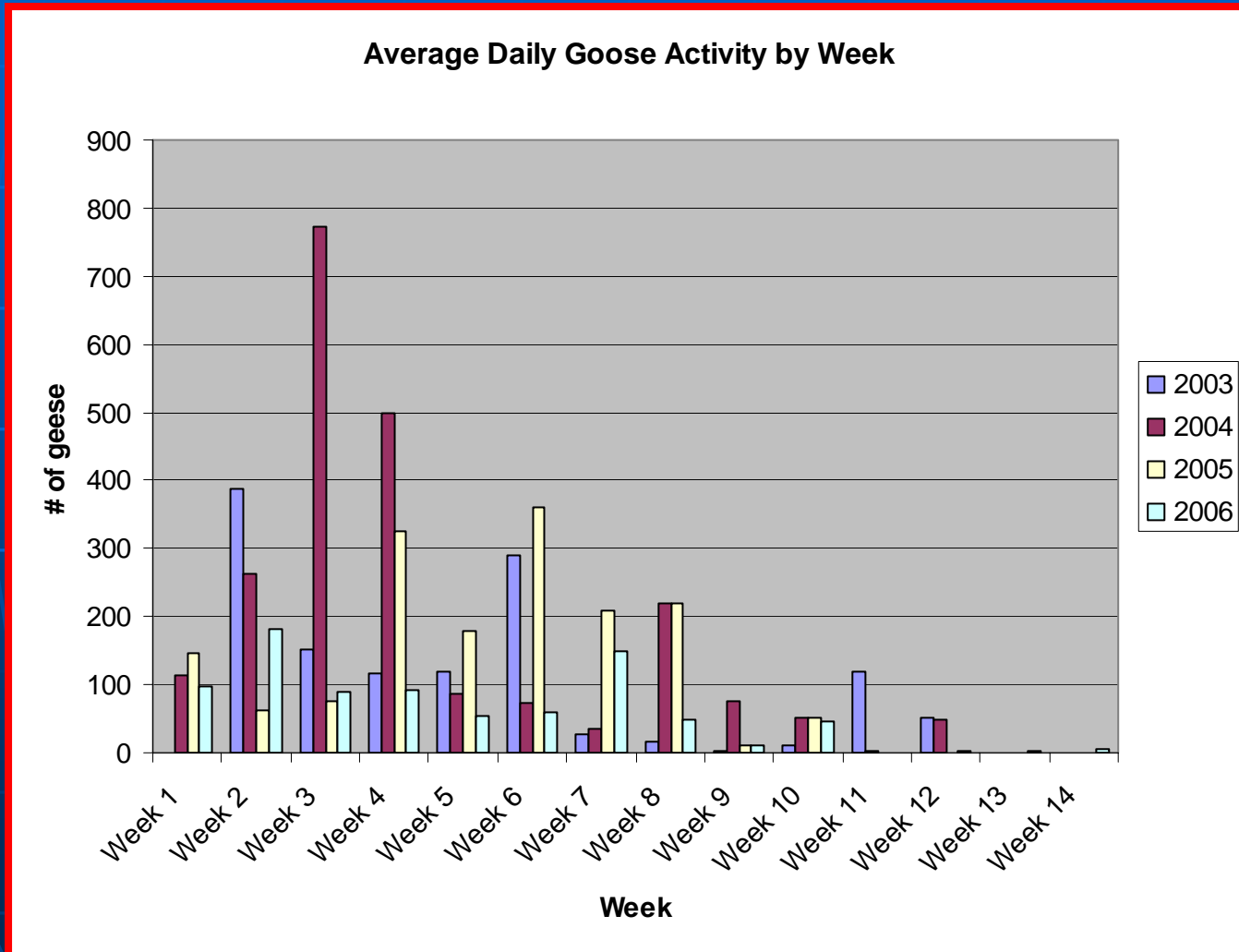
Average Geese Observed per Visit
Prairie Crossing

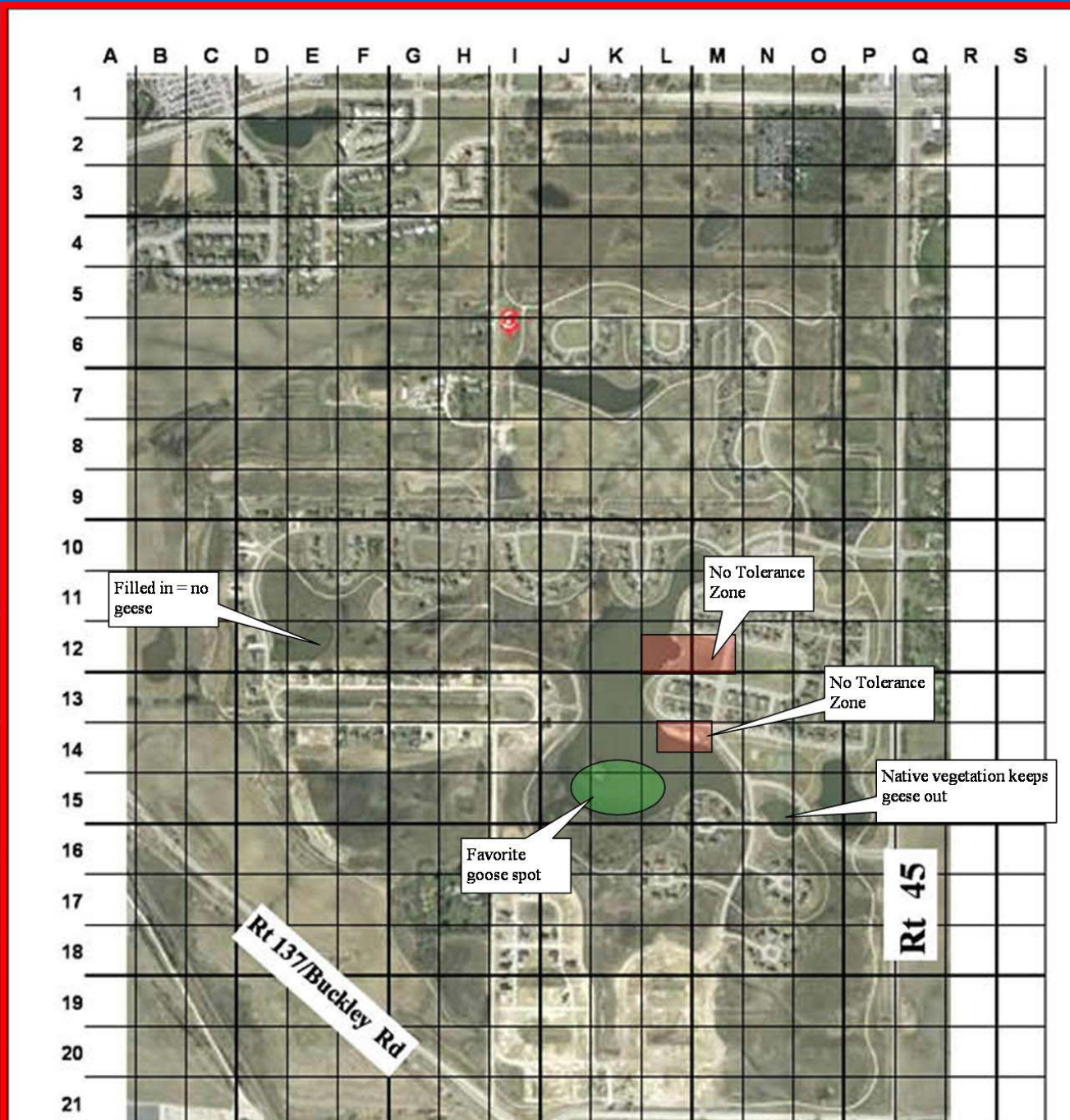


Geese Most Common Dawn and Dusk



Goose Activity By Week





Filled in = no geese

No Tolerance Zone

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Native vegetation keeps geese out

Favorite goose spot

Rt 137/Buckley Rd

Rt 45







GULLS?



Gull Impact to Water Quality

