

HC COLA September Committee Reports:

Lake Water Quality Team

- 1) Restore the Shore Coordinator Form & Instructions available - Theora Goodrich, Chair
- 2) Integrated Samplers cleaned by Peter & family and now stored in Ken Grob's

AIS Operating Team

- 1) Peter Tuomisto was present at the Wildlife Management Area on Wolf Lake in Northern Hubbard County on Saturday morning for opening of Duck Hunting. No hunters were evident then. Peter installed a clear plastic container on tree containing copies of 3 flyers for educating the public on Starry Stonewort (permission granted -WMA & Hubbard Cty).
- 2) Starry Trek II conducted 9/10 on 12 lakes' public accesses in northern Hubbard Cty by volunteers – bringing the total number to 20 lakes examined. No new AIS was detected.
- 3) A meeting for all Lakes' AIS Coordinators is being planned for Oct / Nov – date / time to be determined. The focus will be on 2018 – what went well and what we can improve on and then the 2019 AIS prevention program for HC COLA.
- 4) The following email with Eyes on the Water survey was sent for the first time this year to survey participants from last year. We **are asking that Lake Association Presidents / HC COLA Reps also consider sending this survey below to your lake association's email distribution** list to engage others as they remove their docks / lifts too this season.

Subject: Hubbard COLA "Eyes on the Water" Survey 2018

Dear Lake Association members:

Welcome to Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) 2018 "Eyes on the Water" on-line survey. We invite you to participate in this very important "Eyes on the Water" survey and help us prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in Hubbard County. HC COLA continues to expand our "Eyes on the Water" with over 220 volunteers joining our lake monitoring campaign in 2018. We hope you become one of them too.

With the discovery of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Bad Axe Lake, Zebra Mussels in Garfield Lake and the more recent discovery of Starry Stonewort in Wolf Lake in northern Hubbard County, it is essential for lake associations in Hubbard County to expand their "eyes on the water" looking for AIS. Early detection is the best defense if a lake is infested with an invasive species.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Should you have any questions about this study, please contact Dan Kittilson at drkittil@q.com, 218-732-5566 or Jeff Mosner at jmosner@gmail.com, 218-732-0707.

Please use the following link to participate in the survey: <https://jlm264survey.typeform.com/to/hOxRDr>

See attached "Protocols for AIS Lake Monitoring" for how and when to search for AIS on your lake.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this survey.

Education Team:

- 1) See the attached HC COLA Legislative Topics which were prioritized and condensed at our 7/26/18 mtg.
- 2) There are League of Women Voters – Candidate Forums in Park Rapids Lakes Area starting 9/27/18
http://lwvparkrapidsarea.blogspot.com/p/blog-page_98.html
- 3) Learn about the Board of Adjustment / Planning Commission process. Long Lake Area Assoc documented on
<http://www.longlakeliving.org/p/httpcms6.html> . Follow “case study” of sorts with Home page blog articles.

The Hubbard County Environmental Services website has all the information on meetings, agendas and minutes. The staff is very helpful in enabling you to navigate their website and to participate in the process and meetings.
http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/planning_commission_board_of_adjustment.php

- 4) Loon Center – Cross Lake – coming right along & has terrific loon info: <https://www.nationallooncenter.org/about-loons>
- 5) Planning meeting was held in Sept with Pastor Chip, Nicholas Macklem and HC COLA for early Spring 2019 educational event with potential speaker(s) – speaker availability being determined which will guide date.