

### **3-28-19 HC COLA Committee Reports:**

#### **AIS Operating Team:**

Mid-March: Wolf Lake Rapid Response Update:

The Lakeshore Owners on Wolf Lake were provided a personal letter by their respective county environmental services AIS programs regarding the infestation of Starry Stonewort in mid-March 2019. The plasticized Starry Stonewort ID card was enclosed. HC COLA is co-hosting 2 informational meetings in May and June at the Family Center at Shangri-La Resort on Wolf Lake. The proposed Eagle Scout project for the kiosk for the Wildlife Management Area undeveloped access has one approval mtg yet in early April. Targeting installation in May & the South Big Wolf Lake Association will maintain /care for it.

Friday 3-29-19, 10 AM, Bemidji:

Mark Apfelbacher from CD3 will provide a free Demonstration of the CD3 cleaning machine at 10 AM on the South Shore of Lake Bemidji on the Nymore PWA access next to the Double Tree Hotel. Feel free to share the info with others interested per Bruce Anspach, Beltrami County Environmental Services – AIS Program. <https://www.cd3station.com/>

Friday 4/12/19, 6 to 9 PM, Riverside UMC, Park Rapids Lakes Area Fishing Expo

Multiple Volunteers needed to help with welcome/orientation, eyes on the water survey opportunities and zebra mussel settlement sampler adoption, plus course offerings for AIS Volunteer for educating at the public access, resort programs & fishing events and AIS Detector for invasives identification. Helpers will also be able to attend the presentations too...

[https://volunteerheartlandlakes.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=408477](https://volunteerheartlandlakes.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=408477)

The Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) is a co-sponsor of the fishing expo. The other co-sponsor fishing expo members are from Riverside United Methodist Church, the MN DNR, and Hubbard County Environmental Services. There is free admission to the fishing expo. The featured guest speaker, panelists, fishing guides and expo sponsors are all donating their time. The facility is being provided for no charge for the event also. Refreshments will be free-will offering. The event is bringing fishing awareness to the lakes area and will share AIS prevention techniques too.

Please forward the event to your lake association members:

<http://business.parkrapids.com/events/details/park-rapids-lakes-area-fishing-expo-free-admission-25045>

4/9/19, 5 PM - MN AIS Research Center personnel at the Science Museum of MN for event on the Asian Carp Crisis in North America: Event is Free but Requires Registration

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-andrew-reeves-author-of-overrun-dispatches-from-the-asian-carp-crisis-tickets-57999256337>

Author, Andrew Reeves will take attendees on a behind-the-scenes look at the Asian carp crisis in North America -- how did we get here, and where do we go now? Reeves proposes a radical scientific and political shift to rethink how we can bring back our degraded and ignored rivers,

and reconsider how we create equilibrium in a shrinking world. Attendees will also briefly hear from MAISRC Director Nick Phelps and St. Croix River Association Executive Deb Ryan.

~~4/13/19~~ – To Be Rescheduled per email 3-28-19 – Angling, AIS and Water Access

Scheduling conflicts have arisen with the planned *Angling, AIS and Water Access* meeting scheduled for April 13 in Brainerd. The DNR will be rescheduling the meeting for later in the year and will announce the updated date as soon as it's set. Please continue to spread the word to others that they can sign up for DNR meeting details by emailing [wip.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:wip.dnr@state.mn.us) with subject line "I'm in".

5/3/19 :

AIS Volunteer Training 5/3 from 1-4 PM Northwoods – Register with Sharon or Mike at DNR; Learn to Educate on AIS at the public access through schedule – Ideal to get 2 to 3 trained per each lake .... <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/volunteer.html>

Early June class is in Backus – closest to us:

AIS Detector Training – help detect invasives on your lake & more  
<https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/ais-detector>

**Civic Team:**

- 1) Sports Sale – safe items as you do your spring cleaning!!  
Wed 6/5 – Sports Sale Prep – Delivery for pricing/setup – Environmental Bldg, Fair Ground  
Thurs & Fri 6/6-7 - Sports Sale – please plan to help for a 3-hour shift  
Sat 6/8 – Complete cleanup
- 2) Water Quality Monitoring Info – still the same as in Feb – see link:  
[http://www.hubbardcolumn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/cr\\_2019\\_02\\_28.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolumn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/cr_2019_02_28.pdf)

**Education Team:**

- 1) Public Comment Period – DNR – Line 3:** From 3/18/19 to 5/17/19, the DNR will be accepting public comments on Enbridge's permit and license applications. The DNR is trying to improve public participation in the Line 3 licensing and permitting. The following link on the DNR website contains the public version of all submitted DNR applications: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/line3/index.html>  
You may sign up for updates by entering an email address at the bottom of their website.
- 2) Watercraft Inspector Hiring through "Always There Staffing" in Bemidji:**  
[https://alwaystherestaffing.com/alwaystherestaffing.com/?id=7&item\\_id=1116](https://alwaystherestaffing.com/alwaystherestaffing.com/?id=7&item_id=1116)
- 3) Save the date 6/17 PM and 6/18 MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Celebration** in Cass County at Northern Lights Casino, Walker, MN with appointed DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen and MPR Meteorologist Paul Huttner as plenary speakers. Also MN COLA quarterly meeting there also at that time.