

HC COLA Committee Reports – 7/25/19:

AIS Operating Team – Peter Tuomisto:

Water Monitoring plus Zebra Mussel Veliger and Spiny Waterflea Sampling:

The ZM Veliger, SWF and Water Monitoring were completed for the month of July. In the case of the 22 samples for ZM Veliger and the 12 samples for SWF, there were no lakes testing positive for either. Also the 2019 Water Monitoring results are starting to show up on the RMB website <https://www.rmbel.info/data/>

The next Water Monitoring date is August 18 with coolers returned to Charlie's by 11:00 AM on Monday, August 19th.

Nicholas Macklem, Hubbard County Environmental Services provided this AIS Program update as of 7/23/19:

- 14,500 inspections 60% entering 40% exiting
- 77 with drain plug in at entering .5%
- 189 with plants, mud
- 79 decons so far this year
- 39 lakes being inspected with around 50 inspectors
- \$15.00 per hour for starting inspector (\$21.00 per hour charged)

We are updating the AIS ID card as nearing end of inventory and are half-way thru season. It will now include gear and equipment message. We are co-sponsoring purchase with Hubbard County Environmental Services again. See the sample at the meeting on back table please.

Start checking your zebra mussel settlement sampler on your dock every couple weeks now. Consider doing a lake vegetation meander looking at the vegetation below the waters surface as you cruise slowly, peering down on the sunny, calm water with polarized sunglasses. Check the access & shoreline.

Membership: Created a "Welcome / Thanks for Attending" email for the public as outreach.

Education:

Join in the discussion with the MN DNR on Angling, AIS and Access in 3 locations. Register here: http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=155354036250&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Starry Trek is Sat Aug 17. Your help is needed to check area lakes for Starry Stonewort and other AIS for a few hours. Training is provided that day. Please register here: <https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/get-involved/starrytrek>

Community-Based Social Marketing AIS Prevention flyers available at the meeting in 2 sizes. The MPR radio interview is helping us get the word out to focus on gear and equipment too: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2019/07/18/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-hubbard-co-mn-lakes>