

HC COLA Committee Reports for 5-28-2020:

Water Monitoring

Adjustment in timeframe for HC COLA Cooler Shuttle Monday's for the season. Steve Hall will have the water monitoring shuttle trailer available now at 9 AM instead of 8 AM at Charlies Boats & Marine. Steve will leave promptly at 11 AM for RMB Detroit Lakes.

Remember that water monitors will also be picking up the coolers for the next month's testing at the same time they drop off the samples also – between 9 to 11 AM.

Peter Tuomisto will be sending out emails to remind the Water Quality Monitors about the time change also.

RMB Monthly Monday Dates: <https://www.rmbel.info/schedule-2/>

AIS Operating Team

Gary Roberts is researching the status of eDNA zebra mussel tests with the MAISRC to determine if there is an opportunity for another tool in our early detection toolchest down the road.

HC COLA asking DNR if we can place zebra mussel settlement samplers on the DNR managed access docks in the county and to be removed by Oct. We have OK from county for their docks.

Education

Sharon reached out to HC SWCD regarding the online AIS Education for schools in Hubbard County curriculum now available that we adapted from Otter Tail program for High School. Perhaps this will be helpful for ideas for their summer intern who is working with developing the online Childrens Freshwater Program for lakes area sixth graders.

HC COLA Education Team did have reach out to county HS teachers too. There is now interest for next year for our new HC COLA HC AIS education. The COVID-19 pandemic changed the high school teachers delivery and programming needs for this year, right at the time we had the adjustments made in the curriculum for the Hubbard water quality data.

Here is a link to the <https://www.rmbel.info/consulting/ais/hubbard-ais-education/>

Our Community-Based Social Marketing educational advertisement "Keep Your Waters Pristine" that was used in the Discovery Guide this year is also now in Residents Guide and expected in July Summer Scene. Focus on cleaning gear and equipment besides boat/trailer.