

May 2021 HC COLA Committee Reports:

E-Team

E-Team's subcommittee on short term rentals opportunities provided 2 comment letters for the Hubbard County Commissioners during the shoreland management ordinance amendment process in April-May 2021.

AIS Operating Team

The HC COLA online resort materials <https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/resort-resources.html> related to AIS Prevention are being reviewed for adaptation and potential sharing with STR property owners as our Dec 2020 HC COLA e-Newsletter outlined. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w8aLqgF9sjw-pvd3vBW00zSMtXisZZ6p/view>

AIS Coordinators for each lake assoc are reminded to place zebra mussel settlement samplers (ZMSS) at your public accesses out of the way of motors / boats or very close to the public accesses with the neighbors please. Here are the tips for installation now and monitoring in August before removal by Oct.

https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/protocols_for_ais_lake_monitoring_v.2.pdf If you need additional ZMSS or to adopt a lake access without a lake assoc, please Email hccolamn@gmail.com .

The AIS prevention billboard and movie theater ad we share with the county AIS program are in place for the season; printed bait bags were delivered and posters were provided at water cooler Wed.

The aquatic vegetation removal station that the Long Lake Area Assoc (Hubbard County) purchased for their north and south accesses have been installed. The hope is that vegetation will be removed before and after launching to prevent the spread of AIS between waterbodies. (The initial ZM found at Long in July 2020 was clasping onto a pondweed at the south access).

The AIS Operating Team provided comments for the Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council (MISAC) revised draft MN Invasive Species Management Plan.

Provided HC COLA Column article on Zebra Mussels in Moss Balls for Park Rapids Enterprise.

Membership Team

Provide updates for our HC COLA List of your lake assoc lake reps / officers to hccolamn@gmail.com

Lake Water Monitoring

The water monitoring cooler Wed and the 1st monitoring weekend went well thanks to Peter Tuomisto for organizing so well, Steve Hall for cooler transportation to/from RMB and Ken Grob for storing the integrated samplers over the winter too. Much appreciated by all of us water monitors!! Plus the new location for drop off at the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is working well too!

Education

Our shoreland advisors team is meeting to practice 2 times in early June on the team's lakeshore lots. The June HC COLA column in the PR Enterprise will focus on our HC COLA shoreline advisor program. Email hccolamn@gmail.com if you would like to walk along your shoreline with a coach from our shoreline advisor program and discuss ideas to slow the flow of runoff into the lake. [Note: We are incorporating Lake Steward concepts too in our practices. If a Hubbard County lake association signs up with MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates for their Lake Steward program, we will be able to help that lake association's lake steward coordinator too.]

We have 3 HC COLA water monitors trained in AIS Detection who will help train families at the family's dock that want to get their youth / family involved in water monitoring. We also have the activity books from RMB too for the families. We hope to hear from families at hccolamn@gmail.com after the terrific article in PR Enterprise. We're in planning stages with Andrea Dutcher for a convenient time/location for her to share what has worked for her as she coordinates Belle Taine Lake Associations shoreline monitoring, the toolset used, overlapping route end-points ETC.