

HC COLA Committee Reports – November 2021:

Loon Liaison

15 Lake Associations in Hubbard County provided Loon Liaison Coordinators for their lakes for the MN Loon Restoration Project. HC COLA hosted zoom training 11/3/21 by Rob Rabasco, DNR Program Coordinator on the Loon Management Plan template that each lake will complete before the end of the project 12/31/2023. This is a living document, an addendum / part of each lake association's lake management plan.

Education

HC COLA has been invited to again partner with Becker County COLA, Becker County Soil & Water, and Pelican Watershed District and other organizations, as we did in 2018, to bring MAISRC researchers to our central area – Detroit Lakes MN State College for a regional educational symposium on June 9, 2022. HC COLA Education Team Lead, Sharon is attending the Nov planning meeting to learn more.

Membership

Created "Thank You" for the HC COLA Reps and Alternates in appreciation for their service in representing their lake associations in HC COLA in 2021 for distribution prior to Thanksgiving!

Determined the date for our **Spring 2022 HC COLA Gathering over Lunch at Zorbaz - Save The Date:**

Tues May 17, 2022 at 11:30 AM – you may bring a guest, purchase your own lunch and get caught up on all the lake news after winter 2022! (Mid-Nov 2021, ad says: \$3 Taco & Tapz on Taco Tues – All Day)

Created Draft Application for New Lake Association to Apply for HC COLA gift. Reviewing with E-Team in Nov.

AIS Operating Team

Jeff Mosner will be closing the 2021 HC COLA "Eyes on the Water" survey soon on zebra mussel settlement sampler reporting by volunteers. Jeff will recap the results from 2021 and post on the website as usual.

Met with Nick Macklem on Fri 11/12 to close the loop on open items we had planned together for 2022 and provided our HC COLA "going away / well wishes" card. *He said to be sure and tell HC COLA that he really enjoyed working with all of us!*

The Hwy 71 Billboard the AIS Operating Team & Nick/county selected will be "Big Lake" for May – Sept 2022. It will have the 2 HC COLA logos and the 1 Hubbard County logo also.



BIG LAKE

Nick & HC COLA AIS Operating Team agreed on the updates to the AIS ID half-page card that will be printed in Spring, 2022 incorporating a better picture of Starry Stonewort (thanks to Andrea Dutcher's starry trek pictures) and we added in cleaning "pontoon lift systems", plus updating text, etc.

Nick also communicated the supplemental funding info for 2022 on Friday too to lake association county contacts. During our discussion, he explained the staffing agency did raise the rate for \$22 per hour as pieces of their business costs were up. As in previous years, all the info is on the county website under AIS. HC COLA is also providing this info out to our lake association contacts to help ensure no lake association misses the critical information on supplemental funding and the VIP deadline of 1/31/2022!

1. The watercraft inspection 2021 summary:

<http://cms6.revize.com/revize/hubbardcounty/2021%20End%20of%20Season%20Data.pdf>

2. The Lake Associations' supplemental funding opportunity info & deadline of 1/31/2022:

http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/ais/supplemental_funding.php#revize_document_center_rz1322

3. Also the State funded allocation hours for 2022:

<http://cms6.revize.com/revize/hubbardcounty/2022%20State%20Funded%20Hours.pdf>

The temporary point of contact for HC COLA until Nick's replacement is hired is Nick's manager:

Bryan Haugen, Assistant Environmental Services Manager: bryan.haugen@co.hubbard.mn.us

Communications

Plan to follow what is occurring at the county level – see the new portal here for pertinent meetings / agendas / links like the Hubbard County Commissioners or the Environmental Services, Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments for the potential variances being sought on your lake, for example:

<https://hubbardcounty.civicweb.net/portal/> Meetings are back to being offered " in-person " ; not hybrid.

Water Monitoring

Thanks for the terrific work this year, Water Monitors! Please refer to our latest update in Oct 2021:

https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/cr_2021_oct.pdf

Shoreland Advisors

Education Team Lead, Sharon Natzel provided an overview of the HC COLA Shoreland Advisor Program at the Nov 1, 2021 UMN Extension – Hubbard County Master Gardeners Hybrid Meeting in Park Rapids. We will look for opportunities to continue our partnership in activities as in the past, for example with 4-H buffer planting at Northern Pines and the class by SWCD and planting at an 11th Crow Wing resort. A couple MG are reviewing the on-line training course for Shoreland Advisor 101 to determine any personal interest in volunteering there too.

Restore The Shore

Thanks to Cheryl Hilgemann and the participating lake associations' RTS coordinators for getting the orders together with the tight timelines! Cheryl reports we increased participation from 12 lake associations in 2020 to 13 in 2021! There were some price increases, likely due to lower inventories at the nurseries, less options due to drought (and inventory), and general business impact of covid during the past 18 months. Steve Hall, our HC COLA Treasurer, is depositing the lake assoc checks and providing the final check to HC SWCD by mid-Nov.