

## **Sept 2021 HC COLA Committee Reports {Note - each team's members volunteers are listed here}:**

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### **E-Team**

We invite you to attend a few E-Team meetings held on zoom on the Wednesday, the week prior to the HC COLA Board meeting. So our next E-Team meeting is Wed Oct 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Attending may help you determine if you would like to be considered by the HC COLA Board for the openings for the E-Team and also for the Vice President / Co-VP roles too. (email [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com) for the zoom connection info for any E-Team meeting please...)

### **AIS Operating Team:**

HC COLA AIS Operating Team met with Nick Macklem at the Chamber of Commerce Conf Rm on 9/20/2021:

Nick reported that the 2021 AIS watercraft inspection program is winding down after a busy Labor Day Weekend. The decon station is also winding down at this time. One of the Hubbard County AIS inspectors found several zebra mussels on dried vegetation attached to a boat trailer on a boat arriving at Lake Plantagenet over the Labor Day Weekend. The boat was not allowed to launch until it was brought into compliance. The boater indicated that the boat had last been used on Lake Plantagenet. Since the zebra mussels were found on a boat, and not in the lake itself, Lake Plantagenet will not be listed as an infested lake at this time. Nick will follow up with the DNR to find out what enforcement actions may be applied. Sharon checked our RMB invoices for zebra mussel veliger sample analysis for this year and Plantagenet does not participate with HC COLA. It looks like in 2020, there was one Zebra mussel settlement sampler reported on by a Plantagenet individual on the "Eyes on the Water" survey.

Starry stonewort has been observed at the main boat access on Wolf Lake. This is a new location on the lake, although it has been present at the DNR Wildlife Mgmt Area undeveloped access to Wolf Lake for a couple of years. Big Mantrap lake has not found any new infestations of Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) this year so no treatment was necessary. Bad Axe treated their EWM this year after delineation survey showed a new spot. Long Lake and Garfield's zebra mussel veliger plankton net samples did not contain any veligers this year per RMB Labs. Each lake association has multiple zebra mussel settlement samplers (ZMSS) around the lakes which will be reported on in the Eyes on the Water recap for 2021. So far there has not been adults found on the ZMSS.

Ken and Bob reported on their meeting with Spencer McGrew from Ottertail county. The bottom line is Hubbard County does more inspections with significantly less funding from the State of Minnesota. We also have far more supplemental funding from lake associations and townships in Hubbard County. Ken and Bob's overall observations on I-Lids is that they are useful for changing behavior of watercraft users, and useful for data collection regarding the number and timing of boats entering a lake, but not they are not useful for enforcement actions. Ken and Bob will do some additional evaluation of the I-Lids systems for possible installation on Potato Lake.

The team did not have time to get into an assessment of 2021 accomplishments and 2022 goals for the AIS Operating Team. This will be the focus of our October 13th meeting at 10:30 AM.

### **Membership Team**

The Membership Team learned through our Aug poll that Spring 2022 is preferred for a HC COLA lunchtime gathering at Zorbaz near Dorset where folks pay for their own lunch.

### **Lake Water Monitoring**

Congratulations to all water monitors on the team! Water monitoring is completed successfully for the season! A BIG Thanks to Peter Tuomisto (Blue Lake) who coordinates the program and Steve Hall (Boulder Lake) too as he retires as the HC COLA volunteer cooler shuttle driver.

## **Restore The Shore**

Cheryl Hilgemann (5<sup>th</sup> CW), our HC COLA Restore the Shore (RTS) Coordinator, sent an email to all Lake Association "Restore the Shore" coordinators on Sept 15 with the status of the Restore the Shore program for 2021 (orders to be picked up in May, 2022.)

Cheryl is hoping to have the new and updated information and order forms by the next COLA meeting on Sept 30. At the very least Cheryl reports she should have an update on when the info will be available.

## **Education**

The Univ of MN AIS Research Center (MAISRC) Showcase was Wed 9/22/2021. MAISRC recorded the sessions and when they are available, we will provide a link so we can all further our AIS education.

The HC COLA Shoreland Advisors met to review the season's site visits on various Hubbard County lakes. We discussed multiple ideas for slowing the flow of rain runoff and erosion given different terrain and lakeshore property owner goals.