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Hello Rin and ELPOI Officers,

The following letter along with its attachments was shared with Ed Snezik of the APA for planning proposes on his and my part. I would suggest that all of you read it and the review the attachments. Two of the attachments give a very through overview of last summer's tasks and accomplishments with regard to hand harvesting and matting; there are web links to support the items listed. Another two attachments provide completed Renovate specific project application information for Saratoga Lake. A project that will most certainly be looked at for comparison and planning for Eagle Lake. The last attachment is one that you have already had the opportunity to review- the follow-up to the NEAPMS conference.

I ask that you review these documents, as you too will be asked to answer questions with regards to the milfoil project on Eagle Lake. Accuracy in reply will be essential so that mixed / conflicting signals are not sent to members. I only heard feedback from 2 people with respect to events that I conveyed surrounding my conference attendance. Since these were both positive I assume that we move forward, and this I am doing. Please however understand that your feedback provides guidance for the direction that the ELPOI members/ riparian property owners want for this project. I provide you with updates etc. so that this project does not become one of autonomy. As Board Members/Officers and representatives of the lake residents you will have to approve, modify or reject any plans with regard to this project. Dialog and consensus with regards to the herbicide portion of the project will need to be timely and ongoing. Decisions with regard to this project cannot wait until a June or July meeting. I would appreciate hearing from you your thoughts, suggestions and comments about this phase of the project, either individually or collectively.

Sent under a separate email is a copy of a plea put out by the Adirondack Council to write and ask the Governor to not cut funding to programs such as the Invasive Species Grant. I appreciate that in tough economic times the State's need to make budget cuts but cutting here should not be one of them. I would urge the Board to either individually and/or collectively craft a letter to oppose these cuts.

On a personal note, Katie just found out that she has the opportunity to accept an appointment to the US Air Force Academy for the class of 2013. She has until May to make a decision and has a few other options that need to be considered in making it.

The family and I will be at the lake for the latter part of Presidents week. Upon my return I will be putting together additional information with regard to costs for our plans for herbicide use as well as other information that I have learned with regard to moving the project forward.

Best to all of you,

Rolf