

## ALA Ally

The fall meeting of the ALA featured a presentation by Ed Snizek of the APA entitled "Aquatic Herbicide Use in the Adirondack Park." Ed highlighted the benefits of the specific chemical, Renovate. Based on Renovate's application in (4) NYS lakes, all outside of the Park, it has proven to eradicate milfoil more effectively than other herbicides such as Sonar.

The APA is empathetic to the proliferation of milfoil within the Blue Line. However, they are very concerned about Renovate's effects on endangered/protected plant life as defined by the NYS National Heritage Program. Renovate does not appear to pose a human health hazard once the chemical dissipates to acceptable levels. Having said that, the APA will accept and review applications for the use of Renovate on lakes in the Park. Some of the criteria the APA considers in the permitting of Renovate include;

- other removal techniques previously employed
- complete lake survey
- risk to public health
- risk to non-targeted plants
- long-term plans for control (post Renovate)

In addition sequestering curtains are a must to prevent the herbicide from infiltrating the entire body of water and impacting native vegetation.

Although no permits have been issued yet by the APA, Lake Luzerne is far along in the application process and hopes to have approval to apply Renovate next spring. Hopefully their permitting and application experience will serve as a model for other Adirondack lakes with milfoil problems.