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To: ELPOI Members

Subject: Fall news letter

Reports from the Lake suggest that those who stayed enjoyed a beautiful fall display of color, but last night's snow fall will bring that season to sudden close. Hopefully, like my family, you all enjoyed the summer which seemed to us to be right in there with the best summers of our memory.

Paul Burroughs reports that the last board was removed from the dam this week before they left for a short visit in Florida. Lake level was near zero, but the custom is to lower it as much as Mother Nature allows to minimize winter ice damage to our docks. Some of us, including the Burroughs, will be at the lake through the holidays to watch for any unusual water level build up.

Milfoil, this year, seemed to enjoy the weather as well. It appeared that growth was back stronger than ever after 2002's reduced growth. Michael Tiedemann completed a GPS mapping of beds in the "eastern" lake. This will give us a standard pattern against which we can measure future year growths to determine actual changes year to year. Thank you, Michael. And thanks to the Hydes for helping us obtain a GPS unit to aid in this effort.

We attended day 2 of a seminar at Paul Smith's College on Adirondack Water Quality including invasive species. This was a 3 day affair sponsored by the APA, the Adirondack Council and the DEC. The second day covered aquatic species that was of special interest to us.

Studies in lakes with Eurasian milfoil have shown that fishing improves with milfoil beds used for small fish protection from their predators, but only up to a point. When the weed exceeds 60% of the water body, fishing actually suffers as the larger fish are fished out. Oxygen and light levels are depleted by the heavy matting of the invasive species while surface water is over heated by the sun. Economic impacts of invasive species were emphasized by a speaker from Florida State University who is heavily involved in that State's effort to control weed growth. He warned against use of grass carp for control. The carp are non-selective eaters of aquatic plants and will migrate.

Another speaker reviewed for us the onerous process imposed on industry to gain federal approval of chemicals used to attack invasive species. The process takes several years and is followed up to assure that the chemical does not damage the environment. Only seven chemicals have passed these tests, fluridone (SONAR) passed in 1984. Dr. Bob Johnson from Cornell, who has visited Eagle Lake several times, spoke on his research on using insects for milfoil control. He is still studying samples of milfoil we sent him in September to determine if we have any of the insects in question. Both insects, a weevil and moth, are known to have been present in Eagle Lake in 2001.

We were pleased to hear that Senator Little's staff believes a State grant to Eagle Lake is still viable. Rolf Tiedemann is seeking status on all grants promised by the State and Federal governments and will report results at our annual meeting, July 10, 2004.

Lake water tests taken September 4 contained zero readings for fecal coli form. Total coli form readings were less than 4 or less colonies per 100ml at the five sites tested. This is consistent with prior years.

Our Board of Directors met two times during the summer. The Board will recommend a by-law change (yes, another one!) to the definition of who can be a member. This will be an effort to address the annual problem of finding members who are willing to serve on the Board and as Officers.

There are two issues: 1) some families are establishing life time use for a family member who currently is not considered a "member" and 2) some married couples hold ownership in a single name. We will seek your approval to add the life-use owner and the non-owner spouse to the list of eligible members. This will be proposed without changing the one property, one vote rule.

We were saddened to learn that Ed Thompson, a long time member, passed away. I am sure you join us in sending condolences to Ann Patterson and her family.

On behalf of the Board and Officers, I would like to wish you all a pleasant fall and winter and happy holidays.

Rin Fraize

President

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