Subj: Kelly, McCaffery update

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Hello members.

I was in contact with John Kelly again this week. He had indicated that the big players in the DEC were going to have a meeting Tuesday this week and wanted me to get back in touch with him with regards to the outcome. According to John there is more talk about milfoil and aquatic plans going on now then there ever has been. Things are looking more positive if you compare them to what was happening before. There has been talk that they the DEC etc. should do the pilot project and then move on with finding the resources to complete the remaining projects. John indicated that the DEC might even be suggesting that since they want to say that they own the water rights that they should be willing to clean them up.

At the moment John has suggested that we look into the process of completing the APA permit. He suggested contacting Dan Fitz Exec. Director of the APA and finding out what the full process will look like for us. This includes can we work with the LGA in submitting our permit at the same time for a joint review, can we submit the request before we have the funds, etc... I put a call into Dan after talking to John, I have not heard back for him yet.

I also called Mary Arthur Beebe at the LGA since John indicated they might be working on starting the APA permit application process. Again I have not heard back from her.

In addition to this John has stated that he has been in contact with the field people at the APA and they seem to be in support of the pilot project and he did not seam to think there would be a problem with the application. John lastly stated that he has contacted the Department of State and has indicated that they may have some funding that can be used for our project. He suggested contacting them.

Along this same line Lloyd had contact with Sandy Treadwell at the Department of State early this Fall. Out of this came contact with Charles Mccaffrey. He was supposed to contact Lloyd but due to some reason he was not able to do this, I contacted him last week and left a message. He returned the call today and indicated that he had been in touch with some of the same people that I had already spoken with at the DOS and that they will be in touch with use in the next few weeks with some possible funding sources and options.

In talking to John Kelly he is pushing hard on our behalf. If you can send him a brief email stating that we have been in touch and that you are glad to hear that he is working on an aquatic plant management program that would give him the additional support he needs. He has stated that if you need a response for a letter that this slows the process down due to the channels that a response has to go through, sounds goofy but it made sense, his address is

jjkelly@gw.dec.state.ny.us . John has seen the Draft SEIS and has been given all of the information about the pilot project.

Hopefully everyone has gotten the mail package that I sent last week which included the mailing list address and other information. If you didn't let me know.

Depending on how the conversation with Dan Fitz goes we may need someone to start collecting and working on the APA permit process. Wendy Davis has a lot of the information but does not have the time this year to complete the process. Please, some one needs to pick up this process. Any takers??? let me know.

Caroline Baldwin has some of the information for the newsletter and is starting that process. I will be sending her the rest of the information next week. If any one has any information to share let me know. I will need some one to contact the magazine folks a Adirondack Life to see if we can reprint an article they wrote over the summer on invasive plants including milfoil in our newsletter. I have another article that appeared in the FOLA magazine about the benefits of being a dues paying member that I though might be appropriate, the article needs to be rewritten to fit Eagle Lake but we again should seek permission to use the idea. If Caroline chooses to use either of these at this time I will need someone to get the permission to use them. let me know if you think you can make the calls to do this.

Roger have you been able to get any aerial photos of the milfoil??

The request for someone to writer a short note to the governor is still out there. The letter needs to briefly describe our situation, items done and that there is some discussion about the aquatic plant management process. We need to make sure that he encourages the various agencies to work together to locate the funds. People are talking now but no one has any ideas of where the funding can come from everyone is saying there budget is being cut for next year. The governor needs to be made aware of this situation. Any takers??? Lloyd and Rin both put together excellent but similar write ups to Sandy Treadwell some of this can be used.

Add the following to your contact list they are people that John Kelly has been in contact with on our behalf.

Dan Fitz Executive Director APA 518-891-4050 Charles Sanford and John Pyne APA field workers Jay Bloomfield DEC Region 5 Director (our region) Mary Arthur Beebe 518-668-3558 Jim Behan project person at the LGA

Till later, and in anticipation for the help Thanks.

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