
Subject: Fw: Eagle Lake residents letters of concern

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Bob,

Thanks again for talking to me

If you have links for those newspaper notifications for the 2018 UMP please share. Our residents have indicated that in their search that they have not found anything, and my search returns the same.

Maybe changes need to be made here to the "Notification" Law so that residents don't feel left out. With more residents being seasonal, not having direct access to local newspaper other than by electronic format, and hard-copy newspaper readership declining, maybe a different or additional method of notification needs to be considered. FYI on this, one of our Board members signed up for DEC "electronic email notification" of happenings in region 5 and they did not hear anything for or about the UMP public meeting.

Would it be unreasonable for the Agencies responsible for bringing about changes to an area or UMP to reach out to stake holder groups such as the ELPOI that are trying to implement BMP (best management practices) for their group and let them know of, and involve them directly in dialog about proposed changes?

We, the ELPOI, appreciate the commitment of you and the DEC staff to work beyond the stated deadline and still consider our input.

We are looking forward to seeing what permanent modifications can be made here, so that the historic use of this community float off/on launch, and also the beach/picnic/primitive camping area can be continued by future generations.

Rolf

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Bob

Good talking with you the other day- thanks for reaching out with the news.

News for the delay of finalization was encouraging- but without a proposal or our direct involvement (preferred method) to seek a solution, it is just that, a delay, to what still might be implemented. We, the ELPOI, would prefer to be at the negotiations table seeking a solution, as opposed to being handed a DEC/APA proposal that we need to "react" to.

Our ELPOI Secretary felt strongly enough about what impact the barrier would have to his historic recreational access use of the lake that he asked me to pass the attached letter along to you.

The ELPOI website has a page with all comments shared directly with the DEC and those shared with the ELPOI at the link below.

I have not/ will not share your email with anyone, as it not public information.

In sharing the information about the delay, via voice, with several of the residents that have written directly to DEC, a common comment from them to me was made. That in light of what they felt was "poor up front notification" for the proposed changes, they felt that once again, they had been left out or ignored, in that no one replied to let them know their opposition letter/ communications were received. Hopefully this can be addressed, as one person, a retired DEC employee, noted, (they wrote a number of letters, with their initial comments being sent directly to DEC Commissioner Seggos) he has heard noting, considering he has used various addresses for points of contact.

On a slightly different topic, and as a discouraged FYI, ELPOI sadly will not be seeking funds under the State's Invasive Species Projects 2019 Grant. (deadline for application was February 15.) The reasons for this are many, but foremost is the fact that after 30 + years of dealing with the various State agencies, it is disheartening to read the DEC and APA's "Inter-Agency Guidelines for Implementing Best Management Practices to Control Invasive Species on DEC Administered Lands of the Adirondack Park" a document approved in March of 2018. This document is some 85 pages in length, and a measly 3 pages are dedicated to the control of ALL aquatic invasive species. Terrestrials take up the remaining pages-. what is even more discouraging is that only 3 control methods are even mentioned for aquatic control and they don't include the "full tool box" of tools including herbicides. As it states in the document on page 4 "Additional guidance for the use of aquatic herbicides may be developed at a later date after consultation with the Department and the Agency." How far off is this later date? This is in stark contrast to the number of times that the document mentions, if even as very restrictive, the use of herbicides to treat terrestrial invasive's. How long has the ELPOI and other lake associations been advocating for the inclusive use of herbicides? How come also is it, that the DEC has continued to work with the producer of Renovate 3, a NYS (whole of the state not excluding any part including the Adirondacks) registered aquatic herbicide approved for control of Milfoil by approving the latest Supplemental Label Needs SLN in May 15, 2018. Thank you DEC for continuing to educate yourselves on this and other herbicides/control methods. There appears to be a major disconnect between and resistance by the agencies involved in preventing the spread of invasive's. A statement on page 4 of the document states "Surveys of DEC administered lands document the continued introduction and expansion of invasive species into and throughout the Adirondack Park (see Section V below). Given that models indicate eradication of an invasive species becomes progressively more difficult, more expensive, and less effective the longer the species is allowed to grow without intervention (Chippendale 1991; Hobbs and Humphries 1995; Quirion et al 2017), it is critical for the Department and APA to address this problem in an expeditious manner. It saddens the ELPOI milfoil eradication team to read this after 30 years of active volunteerism that tried to the best of its ability to make a change. How bad is it now? We are still looking out on the same sea ("poster child patch") of Eurasian milfoil that was in EL some 30 years ago. In fact in the latest Essex county plane fly over images done on 4/2018 the milfoil can be seen through the thin ice remaining on the lake. see image attached. What will it (milfoil) look like when it growing well in July? August/? how about in October as it does not die off like the natives. A real shame considering their was a team that was willing and able at the time to take the control task to completion, but the state agencies kept looking to push their insecurity burdens for use of an herbicide on to the volunteers and asked them to solve their problems i.e. can you collect more data, we need you to study this, etc.. The volunteers that worked so tirelessly on the project have moved on in their lives, with no one from EL looking to step into their positions. Would you volunteer knowing that in 30 years of trying very little in the mind set of many in the agencies has changed?

Has the DEC/APA others learned nothing about its (Renovate) effectiveness and use in other locations?

When the State is interested, and they assign staff towards completing the paperwork, then maybe the control of milfoil within the Park will/can take place. In the mean time the ELPOI learned two very important items from/after the the joint EL, DEC APA Senator Little meeting that was called to supposedly dot the I and cross the T. The first is that an APA staffer suggested " maybe a little milfoil in the ecosystem is good" (really?!) and Eagle Lake will do as the Agencies asked us back in 2012, "Can we live with it..., we will have to...as nothing significant has changed.

I refrain from more details here now, as our focus for now is on the unacceptable proposed Boat Launch and Beach changes.

We are looking to stay in touch on this matter

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Attachments

- Park K. Eagle Lake letter to Stegemann.pdf (59.86KB)
- 2018-4-27 center of the lake milfoil through the ice-GIS Viewer.png (1.15MB)