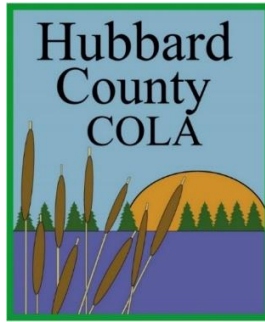


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From The HC COLA President – Sharon Natzel

HC COLA Welcomes Aaron Anderson, Hubbard County's NEW Environmental Specialist who will focus on the AIS Program. Aaron joined the Hubbard County Environmental Services Department just recently. I stopped up on 2nd floor of the Hubbard County Government Center to welcome Aaron on Thursday, March 3rd. I asked Aaron Anderson to share a bit of his background for our HC COLA newsletter:



Below is Aaron's reply and invitation for all of us...

"I am a 2012 graduate of Bemidji State University, majoring in Aquatic Biology with a minor in Wetland Ecology. Post-graduation, I worked in the private sector in sales and inventory management. Most recently I have spent the last 3+ years as a Level 2 Watercraft Inspector with the Minnesota DNR, originally in Douglas County before transferring to the Bemidji region. You may have met me if you have a habit of fishing Upper Red Lake! As I'm sure many of you can relate, my personal interests focus on the great outdoors- enjoying all that the north woods and lakes have to offer. I am eager to utilize my knowledge of the AIS Watercraft Inspection Program to serve the good folks of Hubbard County. If you wish to contact me, I can be reached at the County Environmental Services Office at (218) 732-3890 Ext. 2360. Please feel free to introduce yourself and say hello."

Updates of Interest to Aid in Protecting & Preserving Lakes / Wildlife



Photo by Debbie Center, the Loon Liaison for Middle Crow Wing Lake Association. She has a super duper zoom feature on her camera.

I. Empowering Citizens To Take Action To Protect and Maintain High Quality Fisheries and Water Resources

The Hubbard SWCD has received a grant from the [Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership](#) to assist in promoting community driven water quality and fisheries protection across three chains of lakes. We have partnered with the Crow Wing County SWCD and a Bemidji State University graduate student to promote and educate shoreland owners on a variety of shoreline and water quality protection methods. This will consist of a variety of virtual and in person events to discuss and show off a variety of shoreline protection and stormwater management practices to protect area lakes.

These events will be hosted by SWCD staff in collaboration with the graduate student from BSU working on this grant. **Lakes of focus in Hubbard County** include **Belle Taine, Upper and Lower Bottle, Mantrap, Big Sand, Little Sand, and Lake Emma** due to ecological roles and fisheries of these systems. However, we encourage anyone interested no matter where they reside to join the virtual and field events.

The goals of these events are to show and educate attendees on how they can make their shoreland water quality friendly in a variety of methods from small DIY projects to larger scale restorations. Details of agendas and dates of these events will be announced at a later date.

If you have any questions please reach out to Jake Shaughnessy, Water Quality Resource Technician, Hubbard SWCD at jake.hcswcd@gmail.com.

Introducing Libby The Bemidji State Graduate Student on This Project:

Elizabeth (Libby) Marti is a graduate student at Bemidji State University pursuing a Master of Science in Environmental Studies. Her passions include spending time in nature, helping preserve our natural resources and restoring sites in innovative ways. As a recent graduate from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, she has a wide background in Minnesota based techniques for projects such as the shoreline restoration projects operating through the SWCD. She has always been interested in exploring the interactions within watersheds and looks forward to working on the project to continue the preservation of one of our most important resources, our lakes.

II. Lake Water Monitoring Details for 2022



The following are the 2022 prices and dates for this year:

Water Cooler Wednesday – May 11 5:30 pm

Pick up coolers, sampling tubes and paperwork at the Park Rapids Lakes Area [Chamber of Commerce](#) parking lot, 1204 Park Ave S, Park Rapids, MN 56470

Water Quality Monitoring Mondays:

May 23, June 13, July 18, August 15, September 19

Cooler Drop off at the Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce parking lot from **9:00 – 11:00 am.**

2022 RMB Environmental Laboratories Pricing:

WQM \$255 5 samples
ZMV (Zebra Mussel Veliger) \$85 per sample
Spiny Waterfleas \$33 per sample

Training Videos and Information: <https://www.rmbel.info/training/>

I'll be sending out a 2022 form to be filled out and sent back to me in the next couple weeks.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our lakes healthy!

Peter Tuomisto, Cell 612-597-1386
HC COLA Lake Water Monitoring Coordinator

III. Hubbard Lake Associations' Loon Liaisons Discuss Next Steps with the MN DNR Loon Restoration Project Staff

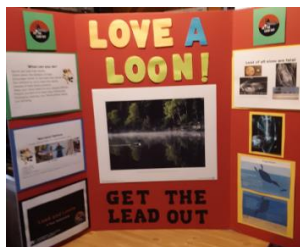


Picture by Debbie Center, Loon Liaison for Middle Crow Wing Lake Association

On Friday, March 4, 2022, the Hubbard County Loon Liaisons (LL) from the 18 lake associations that have identified LL's were able to meet virtually with the Loon Specialists on the MN DNR Loon Restoration Project (MLRP). Both Elizabeth (Liz) Rasmussen and Spencer Rettler are working on populating the initial Loon-Friendly Lake Management Plan drafts where lake associations have identified loon liaisons with help from Rob Rabasco, NR Program Coordinator – MLRP. The March 4th meeting videos, an audio portion that explains the fact sheet and resources are here: <https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html>

If your lake association (LA) is interested, these MN DNR individuals are available to speak about the MN Loon Restoration Project. Just email MLRP.DNR@state.mn.us to reach out. Also, the MPCA team handling the "Get The Lead Out" program is available to speak at your LA. Reach out to leadout@state.mn.us; reserve a collection box kit for lead tackle - - it comes with lead-free samples for your LA annual meeting.

Identify a loon liaison for your lake association to be part of this effort on behalf of our loons! See our [Aug/Sept 2021 HC COLA newsletter](#) for info.



Ingrid Bey, Kabekona Lake Association Loon Liaison hosted a lead tackle collection kit in 2021 at their Annual Meeting. You can also in 2022! Email: leadout@state.mn.us

IV. Garfield Lake Association Achievement for their Sunfish

Beginning this year, Garfield Lake has made the DNR Quality Sunfish program list with the reduced daily limit of five Sunfish. The Garfield Lake Association team explained that this is a great achievement by all the people who helped this happen! This will help the recovery and increase the size of the fish over time.

These Hubbard County Lakes are in the MN DNR Quality Sunfish program:

2022	1	Park Rapids	Crow Wing Lake, 1st	First Crow Wing	Hubbard	Sunfish	Sunfish: daily limit 5
2021	1	Park Rapids	Crow Wing Lakes, Second, Third, and Fourth	Fourth Crow Wing	Hubbard	Sunfish	Sunfish: daily limit five.
2022	1	Park Rapids	Garfield Lake	Garfield	Hubbard	Sunfish	Sunfish: daily limit 5

More DNR info here: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fish/sunfish/index.html>

V. Upcoming [Events](#), [Meetings](#), [News](#), [Training](#) & More

Tuesday, March 15th from 9 to 11 AM CT - [MN COLA](#) virtual meeting

(Note: HC COLA is a member of MN COLA and guests are welcome to attend.)

This meeting will provide some great information to keep you all well grounded on the state of our collective efforts to protect and improve the public waters of Minnesota. Here is the [Zoom link](#) for the meeting. Agenda items include:

- *Updates on the legislative session with respect to our MN COLA Legislative Agenda*
- *Review of the MN DNR Boater's Survey, released in February*
- *Review of the MN COLA meeting and education strategy "Lake Resiliency" by Rebecca Carlson, Engineer, CEO and Founder of Resilience Resources*
- *A great presentation by Dan Steward, retired Board of Soil and Water, on "Protecting the Sponge - Ramping up Lake Protection Strategies". Dan will focus on the importance of the forested zones for lake resiliency.*
- *And lastly, our new regular meeting feature "Best of What We've Heard".*

From MN COLA's December 2021 Mbrship meeting - 2 YouTube videos:

Jim Kutzner provided an [overview of lake resiliency](#), our MN COLA overarching educational theme for 2022.

Amy Schrank provided an overview of [hybrid cattail removal research](#) efforts that started in 2021 to achieve a healthier lakeshore ecosystem.

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Now to Deadline of April 15, 2022: The HC COLA Charitable Fund Request for Proposals applications deadline is April 15, 2022. The Hubbard County COLA Charitable Fund supports charitable and educational programs, projects and activities that protect, preserve and enhance the quality of area lakes and their environs. To learn more about this program, how you can apply for a grant or to donate to this program, click [here](#)

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HC COLA Meeting on Thurs, April 28, 2022, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The HC COLA Hybrid Meeting will be in-person at the Calvary Lutheran in Conference Room: Luther, 112 Park Ave, Park Rapids, MN 56470 and available on Zoom. The public is welcome for these educational topics. Register for Zoom participation in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZwpdOuqqzwsH9WtJDR4g-Jq6frTQZUf35Df>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the April 28th meeting.

Our Guest Speaker for our HC COLA 4/28/22 meeting is:

Bryan Haugen, Hubbard County Assistant Environmental Services Director.
Bryan will cover these two topic areas for us:

1. What's New in the Hubbard County Shoreland Management Ordinance Number 17, Amendment 20, August 17, 2021
2. Hubbard County's 2022 AIS Program

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Water Cooler Wednesday – May 11 5:30 pm – at PR Chamber of Commerce – see article on page 4 above by Peter Tuomisto.

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Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 11:30 AM – our HC COLA Zocial Gathering at Zorbaz, 22036 County 7, Park Rapids, MN, located 1/2 mile north of Dorset, MN between Big Sand & Little Sand Lakes; buy your own Taco and Tap; <https://zorbaz.com/locationz/park-rapidz/> Informal, meet & greet, come & go, bring your lake neighborz & friendz, share your winter adventures and your summer 2022 plans! No RSVP necessary. Email hccolamn@gmail.com if ?'s.

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Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM –HC COLA Hybrid Meeting will be in-person at the Calvary Lutheran in Conference Room: Luther, 112 Park Ave, Park Rapids, MN 56470 and available on Zoom. The public is welcome for these educational topics. Register for Zoom participation in advance for this May 26th meeting here:

https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIQce-vrD4uGtSayN_sbveoC6odTpzv_Rnx

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the May 26th meeting.

Our Guest Speakers / Topics for our May 26th meeting are:

1. Member(s) from the **“Get The Lead Out”** program from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will share even more information with us on why using lead-free fishing tackle will help in our loon preservation goals.
2. Jake Shaughnessy, Water Quality Resource Technician, Hubbard SWCD will speak about the Hubbard County SWCD grant received from the [Midwest Glacial Lakes](#) Partnership (**see the article above on page 3 by Jake**) to assist in promoting community driven water quality and fisheries protection across three chains of lakes. They have partnered with the Crow Wing County SWCD and a Bemidji State University graduate student to promote and educate shoreland owners on a variety of shoreline and water quality protection methods.

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Thursday, June 9th, 2022, MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) Update in Detroit Lakes at the M-State Campus from 9 AM to 3 PM. There is **no fee** for this event, however we would like you to **register for planning purposes. Register [here](#)** . **Lunch will be served – Free Will offering **

Speakers from [MAISRC](#), including Dan Larkin and Meg Duhr, will offer the latest on combating such invasive species as zebra mussels and starry stonewort and other research updates. Jeff Forester of [MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates](#) will give the latest update on legislation affecting MN lakes. Organizations will have tables for distribution of info. HC COLA is a co-sponsoring along with Becker COLA, Otter Tail County COLA, Becker County SWCD, & Pelican River Watershed District. See our HC COLA Events – scroll down on the Home page www.hubbardcolamn.org .

VI. HC COLA Lake Association Newsletters & Other Webinars & Articles

1. Big Mantrap Lake Association “Aerie” [Feb 2022 Newsletter](#)
2. NEW 3-1/2 min instructive video for [Shoreland Owners](#) for AIS **Preventions**. This video is available on our HC COLA [website](#) on the Home Page – just scroll down. The collaborative efforts are recognized at the end where sponsors logos are displayed. We learned about this video by attending the recent MN DNR AIS Partners Meeting.
3. UMN St. Anthony Falls Lab – The [Healthy Waters Initiative Research Team](#) provided information on the boat-generated wave study phase 1 outcome. There are 3 links at the bottom of the letter so you can learn more about this initial phase research. (see 4. below)
4. **MN Lakes & Rivers / UMN Boat-Generated Wave Findings Webinar**
After the release of the peer-reviewed study (see 3. above), Jeff Forester from MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates arranged a webinar with lead authors about the [U of MN's Wake Research](#) . There is in-depth info on the study.
5. MPR News: “[Amid rush to Minn. Lakes](#), calls to require boater education get louder” Follow the interesting links to learn more background with the in-depth reporting by Kristi Marohn, from 2/15/2022 Nisswa, MN.



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[**Lakeshore Owners Loving Their Lakes To Death**](#)

The author of the article, Darren Newville, District Manager of East Otter Tail SWCD asks a couple of thoughtful questions for us as lakeshore owners. After you read the article, please ponder your lakeshore opportunities to really “love” your lake....

A Note from HC COLA Shoreland Advisors related to “Loving” Your Lake:

We currently have HC COLA Shoreland Advisors on Fish Hook, 5th Crow Wing, Ojibway, Kabekona, Long, and Spider Lakes. The HC COLA Shoreland Advisors are willing to coach lakeshore owners on other Hubbard County area lakes besides the lake they live on! Just email hccolamn@gmail.com if you are interested in scheduling a spring walk along your shoreland with a coach who will listen to your ideas on

protecting your lake's water quality and perhaps be able to provide additional suggestions too to compliment yours. Spring is a great time to plant.

This short 2-min video by Keith Manlove, "[Time to Talk About The Lawn](#)", a HC COLA Shoreland Advisor, who is also a UMN Extension Master Gardener, demonstrates how your lawn and natural areas prevent rain runoff and help loon preservation too! Garden Lake Friendly! Put down deep roots & "Love" your lake!

If you have an interest in learning more about becoming a HC COLA Shoreland Advisor for your lake, please email hccolamn@gmail.com for training info.

Hubbard County COLA

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers.

Our mission is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shorelands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. Hubbard County COLA's mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lakeshore property owners, lake associations, local government, the general public and future generations.

Hubbard County COLA formed in 1988. HC COLA has a membership of 30 lake associations representing 42 lakes with over 2660 members in 2022. HC COLA is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Mail to PO Box 746, Park Rapids, MN 56470.

Hubbard County COLA Charitable Fund Grant Proposal Application – Open grant round now through deadline of 4/15/2022. More information at Northwest MN Foundation [here](#).

Lakes Represented In HC COLA

Bad Axe · Belle Taine · Big Mantrap · Big Sand · Blue · Boulder · Crow Wing Lower · Crow Wing 5th/6th/7th · Crow Wing 8th/9th · Crow Wing 10th/11th · Duck · Eagle-Island · Emma-Stocking-Bottle · Fish Hook L&R Association · Garfield · Gilmore · Ham Lake · Hinds Lake · Kabekona · Little Sand · Long Lake · Palmer · Plantagenet · Portage · Potato · South Island · Spider · Stony · Tripp · Twin Lakes

HC COLA Board of Directors

The HC COLA Board of Directors is made up of one designated "HC COLA Representative" from each of the 30 member Lake Associations. We are all volunteers who care for our lakes and rivers!

HC COLA Officers – [All Volunteers! We Need U 2!](#)

President:	Sharon Natzel, Long Lake
Vice President:	VP / Co-VP roles open for possible candidates from any of our Hubbard County COLA Member Lake Associations
Secretary:	Keith Minkel, Gilmore Lake
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Plus Immediate Past President:	Lynn Goodrich, Tripp Lake

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