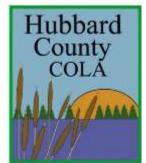
Hubbard County Coalition Of Lake Associations HC COLA E-Newsletter – July 2021



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From The HC COLA President – Sharon Natzel

In July, at the Hubbard County Fair, three HC COLA volunteers enjoyed interacting with visitors in the Environmental Education Building. One of the programs we featured was the "<u>Get The Lead</u> <u>Out</u>" program by the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Lead is toxic to wildlife. Loons pick up lost lead tackle while gathering pebbles for their gizzards. Loons are also exposed to lead when eating fish that have ingested lead. See <u>X-ray of loon</u> with tackle.



We provided 75 samples of lead-free tackle from Wed 7/14 thru Sat 7/17. Non-toxic alternatives include Tungsten, Bismuth, Steel, Tin, Glass, Stone, Metal composite. Each of our local bait shops do carry lead-free alternative products. Individuals brought in 4.4 pounds of lead tackle which HC COLA disposed of at the Hubbard County <u>Household Hazardous Waste Disposal</u> area at the South Transfer Station. This is part of the post-spill in the Gulf by Deepwater Horizon for <u>Loon Restoration</u>.

An easy program for **lake associations** to implement for their **meetings!** Help teach your tadpoles! Create a lead-free tackle box for your kids or grandkids. Sign up here <u>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/living-green/lead-free-fishing-tackle-get-lead-out</u>

HC COLA Mtg Thurs 7/29 at 6:30 PM - Zoom In with our presenter, Meg Duhr, Outreach Specialist and learn more on how Zebra Mussels Impact Experience

Note: Zoom <u>Best Option</u> or limited seating for 20 to zoom too

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA Driven to Discover Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC)

Meg Duhr, Outreach Specialist with the MAISRC will join us by Zoom and present at our HC COLA Agenda for our Thurs 7/29 meeting at 6:30 PM. The Zoom Connection information is below. There is seating for 20 people in the Luther Room at Calvary Lutheran Church, 112 South Park Ave, Park Rapids, MN for the HC COLA members that want to participate together in person using the 360 zoom technology there. Following Meg's presentation, we will have the HC COLA Business Meeting.

Meg will be presenting <u>information from MAISRC tailored</u> to those area lakes with infestations of zebra mussels. The presentation will cover how zebra mussels impact a lake ecosystem and the recreational experience, what lakeshore property owners can and can't do about zebra mussels, and why continued AIS prevention efforts are needed. Please help us get the word out to lake users and property owners to attend the meeting by Zoom. We plan to record Meg's presentation to be available on our HC COLA website also: <u>https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html</u>.

These are the current Hubbard County lakes listed (6/4/21) for zebra mussels below.

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Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) List of Infested Waters - June 4, 2021		DEPARTME NATURAL RE			
Water body name	County or counties	Listed for aquatic invasive species	Year listed as infested	Year species was first confirmed, or connected water body	DOW number
Benedict	Hubbard	zebra mussel	2017	connected to Leech	29-0048
Garfield	Hubbard	zebra mussel	2017	2017 - veligers	29-0061
Long	Hubbard	zebra mussel	2020	2020	29-0161
Steamboat End of Worksheet	Multiple (Cass, Hubbard)	zebra mussel	2017	2017	11-0504

The Zoom connection for HC COLA Meeting on Thurs July 29th at 6:30 PM:

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87585329554

Meeting ID: 875 8532 9554 Passcode: 923634

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Updates of Interest for Our Lakes Area

- <u>Proposed Shoreland Management Ordinance Amendments</u> include Short Term Rental – Hubbard County Commissioners to consider adoption at its Aug 17 meeting – also see <u>Park Rapids Enterprise</u>
- o <u>Eagle-Island Lake Association Newsletter</u>
- <u>Starry Trek 8/21 sign up</u>; search for Starry Stonewort & other AIS here!



AIS - WATER QUALITY - ADMINISTRATION - REGULATION - GENERAL INTEREST

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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 currently has a membership of 30 lake associations representing 42 lakes with over 2500 members. HC COLA is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Hubbard County COLA Charitable Fund Grant Proposal Application – Open grant round now through deadline of 4/15/2022. More information at Northwest MN Foundation <u>here</u>.

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 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 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

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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!

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