

HC COLA Committee Reports – 8-29-19:

Water Monitoring – Peter Tuomisto:

Water Monitoring with 36 lakes participating – next monitoring date is Sun Sept 15th with coolers returned to Charlie's by 11 AM on Mon, Sept 16th for shuttle to RMB in Detroit Lakes

Zebra Mussel Veliger testing on 19 lakes with no veligers detected (including Garfield)

Spiny Waterflea Monitoring: 9 lakes with none detected

The Restore the Shore Team (Cheryl H and Theora G) report that the forms are not yet available for 2020. The nursery(s) are in the process yet of confirming what will be available / pricing. When the 2020 form is available, the HC COLA website will be updated and we will let you know. Cheryl, Theora and Annette from SWCD begin meetings next week: <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/score--restore-your-shore.html>

AIS Operating Team:

Nicholas Macklem, Hubbard County Environmental Services headed up the Starry Trek for Hubbard County 8/17. Multiple accesses were checked on lakes assigned by Starry Trek organizers Univ MN Ext / MAISRC (Long-all 4, Potato-2, Fish Hook- Lake access, Eagle, Upper Bottle, Stony, Boulder) and 4 trekkers participated to check the 11 accesses. Last year we were in the northern part of the county as you will recall.

We will need HC COLA volunteers to sign up to collect the zebra mussel settlement samplers at the public accesses with docks in Hubbard County. Several were placed for us around the county initially by the DNR summer intern (on rainy days in the field). The work of collecting will need to be accomplished by us before or during the week of October 16th, 2019 - - before the docks are removed by the county team / DNR team. As a volunteer you are asked to report your findings on the ZMSS and public access dock area that you observe / check for AIS visible on the "Eyes on the Water" survey administered by Jeff Mosner for the public accesses you volunteer to check. You would also clean up the ZMSS collected and be ready and willing to place it again next spring at that appropriate accesses. The signup sheet will be circulated.

We will print the updated AIS ID cards next spring in partnership with Hubbard County Envir Services.

Education:

There will be an electronic recap of the conversations on "Angling, AIS and Access to Minnesota Lakes and Rivers" later this fall according to the DNR hosts. Each meeting had potentially different topics as these topics were proposed by attendees at each of the 3 meetings. For example, Jeff Mosner lead a discussion topic in Alexandria.

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/outdoors/4602739-ABOUT-OUTDOORS-Continued-public-access-to-Minnesota-lakes-and-rivers>

MN DNR is proposing a series of special regulations for the 2020 fishing season. Hubbard County's Park Rapids Area Fisheries are hosting a local meeting Thurs, Sept 12, 6 PM at Northwoods Bank Community Room, 1200 E First St, Park Rapids. <http://news.dnr.state.mn.us/2019/08/05/public-invited-to-comment-on-special-fishing-regulations-9/>

Our HC COLA Community-Based Social Marketing CBSM team will begin meeting on next phase when the DNR publishes the results of their "barriers" study from this summer. Gear and equipment flyers available at meeting.