

West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association

August Update: 8/14/17

Greetings All:

We're slowly moving toward the end of summer and perhaps we're wondering about the number of reports on zebra mussels? I spoke to Mark Ranweiler, DNR, Invasive Species Specialist and he confirmed "five" reports and they were found near Garland Lane and Girard Beach. He further indicated that there is no need to report any more sightings of potential zebra mussels-he made the same comments to the President of Otter Tail Lake as well today in our AIS meeting today at the government center. Moriya Rufer, Aquatic Ecologist from RMB Labs in Detroit Lakes indicated to me that "in a normal progression of zebra mussel growth, it usually takes three to five years to see high numbers of zebra mussels in our lake." If it takes three to five years to really see growth, it is my hope that we will have a method of addressing zebra mussels to attack them/get rid of them. That's the reason AIS Committee Members are attending a September 13, 2017 AIS Research and Management Showcase at the St. Paul Campus (U of M). It's put on by the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center to showcase the latest methods of addressing zebra mussels and other AIS issues.

The Coalition of Lakes Association (COLA) will be sending a bus to Paynesville, MN to see the newest invasive and that' Starry Stonewort. You should go to the Otter Tail COLA website to sign up if you're interested in going. The bus trip is for the first forty people to sign up and it's on the 14th of September. John Kruse (secretary of COLA) will be handling registrations-free of course. Starry Stonewort was reported in another lake in Stearns County today (8/14/17).

The executive board of the West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association will be holding their final meeting of the summer on September 2, 2017 at 8 a.m. in the Conference Room of the LACC. All are welcome. I will have an agenda out to the Executive Board a week before the meeting.

The "West Battle Lake Aquatic Vegetation, Point-Intercept Survey" is now in a rough draft and we will soon set up a meeting for the presentation by RMB Labs.

All my best,

Jerry Horgen