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MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2021

Via ZOOM

Action items in bold italics / Motions underlined.

- 1. Call to Order:** At the request from Chair Cat Bennett (who was calling in to the meeting), John Tenbusch called the meeting to order at 6:02.
- 2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum: *A quorum was present.***
Members present: Catherine Bennett, Chair; Dustin Bowman; Herb Bullock; Donald O'Shea, Vice-Chair; Sue Rau; Lance Rudiger; Nicole Terminelli, BOL Liaison; Rod Tozzi; Brian Washburn; Pat Whalen, Secretary.
Members absent: Joseph Brant; Richard Marshall; Tiernan Smith.
Guests: [Dr. Jessica Rogers, SUNY Potsdam, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies.](#)
Staff: John Tenbusch; Dakota Casserly.
- 3. Acceptance of Order of Business, Items for New Business, Items for Unfinished Business:**
 - Terminelli said that she would discuss information regarding Legislator Lightfoot's thoughts on invasive species in Black Lake.
- 4. Approval of the Minutes of the February 2021 EMC Meeting:**
The minutes were unanimously approved (Rau/Washburn).
- 5. Hearings, Comments from the Public:**

There was no public comment.

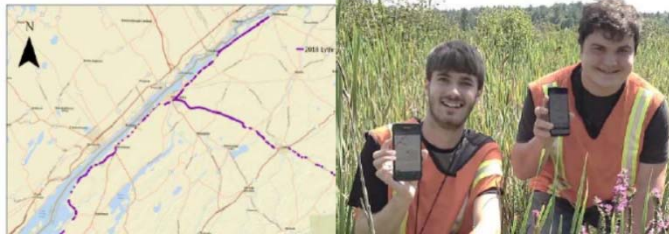
The speaker for this EMC meeting was [Dr. Jessica Rogers](#), Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at SUNY Potsdam, her presentation was titled: "Mapping Invasive Plants Along Roadsides in the North Country."

Rogers provided a summary of her presentation: "Since 2017, Dr. Jessica Rogers and a team of student researchers have been mapping invasive plants along more than 150 miles of highway in St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties. With a focus on purple loosestrife, she is working toward understanding the magnitude of the infestation and planning management strategies to control it. In 2019, they propagated a biological control agent, Galerucella beetles, at SUNY Potsdam with help from the NYS DEC and the Red Barn Preserve in Morristown, NY and released more than 5000 beetles to help control purple loosestrife. In addition to mapping purple loosestrife, her project has mapped nearly 40 other invasive and non-native plants along these routes."



Purple Loosestrife ([Lythrum salicaria](#)) was introduced in the mid-1800s, from Eurasian origin. It was distributed in “wildflower” seed packs until the 1980s. It was first noted in NYS in the 1960s and it is very adaptable as an invasive to wetlands.

During visits to [Upper and Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area](#) in 2012 an idea was sparked and Rogers sought funding to study PL from [NYPA’s St. Lawrence River Research and Education Fund](#) (SLRREF). Rogers and her interns began collecting GIS data during the



summer of 2017 at over 600 sites. They repeated the study in 2018 and included [Galerucella beetles](#), as a biological control, on small study plots at the [Red Barn Preserve in Morristown](#). In 2019, they again, repeated the study, introduced

more beetles from their hatchery, and experimented with eradication methods (funded by St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management ([SLELO PRISM](#))).

Rogers’ research began to show an increase in infestation, however sites with the plant decreased. Their eradication methods consisted of cutting the tops off, cutting to the ground, beetles, and complete extirpation. Beetle results did show that the beetle only eats PL, not other plants. They are also researching how PL spreads and one of her students researched the impact from culverts, and the results show a strong correlation. The summer 2020 study season led to similar results, less sites overall and larger infestations. In addition to PL, Rogers also collected data on other plant species (roughly 100), a few were noted: cattails (half of the Cattails found are non-native), common reed (Phragmites), and wild parsnip.



Rogers’ research plan has evolved over time and her plan for summer 2021 will include: finish analyzing the data, hire more interns, work with the State DOT on strategic mowing, examine beetle impacts, incorporate drone mapping, and further examination of study plots.

Further discussion continued with committee members:

- Rau commented that she is finding less PL on her property and attributed it to dryness.
- O’Shea asked if PL would be affected by deeper water, Rogers confirmed yes, and it probably wouldn’t travel with cattails
- Washburn asked about PL’s tolerance to road salt and he said that the DOT applies much more than the County and town/villages.
 - Rogers replied that tolerance is high.
- Tenbusch asked about the Collector app that is used for GIS data collection.
 - [Rogers responded that is it an ESRI product that is used for mobile GIS data collection](#). She also uses and shares data with [iMapInvasives](#).

- Tenbusch asked about how the beetles overwinter and survival rate.
 - Rogers is not sure, she works with beetles outside of the winter.
- Bullock asked if they have worked outside of State highways or on private land. He is also interested in offering up his private land for research.
 - Rogers responded that they are interested in other roads and she will contact him about his property.
- Washburn asked what is #2 on her invasive list.
 - Rogers replied Japanese knotweed (phragmites).
- Bullock asked if taller cattails have a predator.
 - Rogers replied yes.
- Tenbusch asked about clipping the tops of PL and would it work for phragmites and wild parsnip.
 - Rogers replied be careful with parsnip and not sure on phragmites.
- Tenbusch asked about strategic mowing and referenced wild parsnip example.
 - Rogers replied that mowing will hopefully work for PL
 - O’Shea added that mowing is difficult for phragmites because of water.
- Bennett asked about larger cattails and was not sure that they were non-native.
 - Rogers responded that there are three species, and the native species do not hybridize.
- Washburn asked about youth group interest in projects like this.
 - Tenbusch responded that the [County Youth Advisory Board](#) is looking for environmental type projects and *he will connect them with Rogers*.

6. Report by the Representative of the Board of Legislators (Nicole Terminelli):

- Financial Disclosure. The Board of Ethics has waived the requirement for EMC members.
- [Multi-use trail system](#). The Board is working on a permitting system to help pay for trail maintenance and development.
- The Board is advocating the State for increased funding to the [NY Ag Development Program](#).
- The County broadband survey is ongoing and the Board is encouraging participation from private residences and businesses. If assistance is needed, the public can call the Planning Office.
 - Rau asked if satellite internet is broadband. Tenbusch replied no.
- Black Lake Invasive Species (milfoil). [The Black Lake Association](#) is looking to rent a service to remove invasive milfoil and cost estimate is \$30k. They asked the County to help with funding and they are looking for other funds as well. The County will consider funding. The Planning Office was recommended to assist with this project. Legislator Lightfoot, who recently attended an EMC Invasive Species Committee meeting, recommend the use of weevils ([Middlebury College researcher](#)) for milfoil removal.
 - Washburn shared a resource: [Diet for a Small Lake: The Expanded Guide to New York State Lake and Watershed Management](#) from the New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA).
 - Bowman said that a contracted mechanical extraction (harvesting), should be explored.

- Washburn said that the [Black Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil Management Plan](#), from 2008, states that mechanical extraction is not the answer, rather hand picking or suction.
- Tenbusch referenced previous EMC Black Lake project(s), Hickory Lake (Fish Creek) project(s), and that a literature review is needed.
- Rudiger replied that a mapping project of milfoil was completed in the past.
- The BOL is looking forward to recognizing the 50th year of the EMC.
 - Tenbusch replied that planning is in the works and that an Earth Day event will be announced in the near future.

7. Report of the Committees:

- **Executive:** No Report.
- **Conservation of Resources Committee:** [See attached.](#)
 - Rau said that some grocery stores are giving food waste to local farmers.
 - Washburn said the [Village of Canton has a compost operation](#) with SLU.
- **Environment and the Economy Committee:** [See attached.](#)
 - Rudiger asked about Massena dam removal or repair, *the Committee will investigate.*
- **Invasive Species Committee:** [See attached](#)
 - Tenbusch gave the report.
- **Watershed Management Committee:** [See attached](#)
 - Washburn gave the report.
 - The Committee recommends an inventory of lake associations in the County.
 - Tenbusch talked about a citizen science type program for lake associations.
 - An example was given, [Silvia Lake Association](#) pays divers (AquaLogic) to hand pick milfoil at a cost of \$20k (not confirmed).
 - Terminelli said that the BOL is looking for direction on how to help Black Lake property owners.
 - Washburn talked about with all the research power in the County, why is there not a more centralized program for County watershed/river research.
 - Bullock asked if the universities collaborate on research and does Washburn have any contacts in this field.
 - Whalen asked, why is Black Lake not following the 2008 management plan.
 - Whalen said that all the lake associations should be a part of are larger association that could be aided with County funding.
 - Rudiger talked about the how the [SUNY ESF Cranberry Lake Biological Station](#) could be a resource.
 - Rudiger and Tenbusch agree that there should be a long range plan for County lakes to address milfoil.

8. Report of the Staff:

- Tenbusch talked about the \$600k CDBG home ownership assistance grant application. Also, there are discussions within the Fair Housing Task Force about coming evictions.
- Casserly talked about County Planning Board reviews, another solar project in the Town of Oswegatchie and an advanced technology greenhouse in the Town of Massena.

9. **Unfinished Business:** None.

10. **New Business:**

- Election of Officers (Chair; Vice-Chair; Secretary).
- Bennett for Chair, Rau for Vice-Chair, and Whalen for Secretary.
- The motion was unanimously approved (Washburn/Bullock)
- Bennett's name will be submitted to BOL for appointment.

11. **Announcements:**

- Casserly gave a reminder about [FERC dam relicensing](#) for the dam in the City of Ogdensburg on the Oswegatchie River. Notice of Intent for relicensing due: 5/31/2022 from licensee (Ampersand Ogdensburg Hydro, LLC).

12. **Message to Board of Legislators:** None.

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm (Rudiger/Whalen).

Respectfully submitted by:

Patrick Whalen

Patrick Whalen, Secretary

Minutes drafted by Dakota Casserly



St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council Conservation of Resources Committee Meeting Wednesday March 10, 2021

Overview of the *Conservation of Resources Committee*.

- “Conservation” can mean “saving” or “effective/efficient/wise use”.
 - Thus, “conservation of resources” might include topic areas including solid waste management; household hazardous waste management; recycling; energy efficiency; wise use of natural resources of St Lawrence County
 - “Conservation” might also mean “preservation”, as in preservation of endangered/ rare/ significant flora (plants) or fauna (animals/creatures).
 - “Conservation” also means addressing issues such as the climate crisis that threatens environmental devastation for our region.
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Present: Catherine Bennett; Sue Rau. J. Tenbusch attended as staff.

The meeting began at 4:45 PM.

Working with Youth Advisory Board on projects

- The Director of the Youth Bureau and two youth members of the Youth Advisory Board had attended the EMC meeting in January. They want to work with the EMC on one or more projects, including: green energy; reducing carbon footprint; holding a virtual “trash dash”; etc.
 - *Staff will contact the Youth Bureau re: progress on these ideas.*

Priority Projects for 2021

- Efficient / effective / wise use of resources
 - Reduce the use of single-use plastics.
 - *C. Bennett will work on a PSA re: reduce the use of Styrofoam.*
 - Trashpresso. A mini-machine is available for lease on a one-year term.
 - Bennett is investigating funding sources.
 - Growing hemp as an alternative to wood. No report.
- Conservation to protect endangered flora and fauna. No report.
- Climate Crisis. No report.

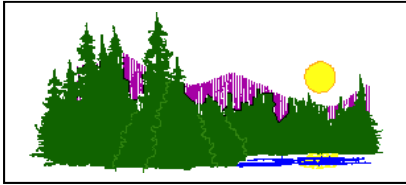
Speakers.

- Rau suggested that staff contact Alex French or Ray Bowdish, at Clarkson University. It has been reported that major producers of food waste will be required to develop plans for composting, recycling, or other means to re-use such organic material. French and Bowdish are looking into alternatives.

- Another thought for a presentation: the movie “Kiss the Ground” was recently shown by the Canton U-U Church.
 - According to the movie’s Web site (<https://kissthegroundmovie.com/>), “Kiss the Ground’ reveals that, by regenerating the world’s soils, we can completely and rapidly stabilize Earth’s climate, restore lost ecosystems and create abundant food supplies. Using compelling graphics and visuals, along with striking NASA and NOAA footage, the film artfully illustrates how, by drawing down atmospheric carbon, soil is the missing piece of the climate puzzle.

“This movie is positioned to catalyze a movement to accomplish the impossible – to solve humanity’s greatest challenge, to balance the climate and secure our species’ future.”
 - Run time is 1 hour 25 minutes. Available on Netflix.
 - An educational version may be available. Its run time is 45 minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.



SLC EMC: Action Item Agenda for Environment + Economy Committee

Members: T. Smith, Rod Tozzi.

Staff: D. Casserly **Guest(s):**

Meeting Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM via Conference Call

Time	Item	Outcome	Responsibility	Next Steps
5:00 PM	Meeting starts	<p>Call 1-605-475-2090 Access: 1197050#</p>	<p>Committee members MUST CALL IN</p>	
5:05	Review Report of Last Committee mtg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Meeting Report from February • Next steps? 	All	
5:30	Priority Projects for 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Fish Ladders/Passage for Grasse, Oswegatchie Rivers project discussion • Other priorities? 	All	<p>Historical context for dams/passages on the Os and Grasse Rivers, funding for Os fish passages. Fish ladder focus for dam in Ogdensburg and Madrid. Gather DEC research on both rivers, Lantry contact. Atlantic salmon's status in these rivers and SLR (Sebago strain). Massena dam in Grasse River context, research. Fish ladder cost. Key stakeholders.</p>
5:45	Discuss speakers for EMC meetings	<p>Review Jana Lantry talk Additional speakers to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maple industry, Curran, Ag, Fishing tournaments 	All	
5:50	Develop Pub. Service Announcements	This Committee will develop 3 PSAs per year on E+E topics (at least 1)	All	
5:55	Set date/time for next meeting	April 12, 2021 @ 5pm		

6:00	Adjourn			
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Notes:

Call with Tiernan

- Does the DEC have a “working agenda” on fish passage on Oswegatchie, he is surprised that DEC isn’t on top of this.
- Salmon habitat in the SLR is in ruins, any research to support this.
- Fish species in the Oswegatchie and Grasse Rivers, above and below the dams (Ogdensburg and Madrid), are healthy.
- Sebago strain data, need to get, they are starting to reproduce in the wild.
- What is the current status of salmon in both rivers, is there any current research.
- Our end result, assemble and examine research, publish a summary, stakeholders (DEC, local municipalities, fishing groups, chamber(s), University researchers, who else??).
- Reasoning behind Oswegatchie passages and research.
 - Brookfield power, new-ish owner of the two dams, as part of relicensing process, specifically for sturgeon, who funded?
 - First impoundment, not relicensing, and city sells to Ampersand (when?), why didn’t Ampersand have to go through similar process as the other dam, FERC
 - East side of river was previous location of power station, old infrastructure still there, possible location for fish ladder/passage
- Massena historical dam context, was it removed or still there.
- Who is raising the Sebago strain (USGS Tunis) or DEC.
- E+EC (or EMC) commenting on FERC relicensing for Ogdensburg dam.
- We are not reinventing the wheel here, per fish ladders, How can it be done as a reasonable cost.
- Focus is on how to help the overall native populations, will passage(s)/ladder(s) do this?
- What do we need to do to get Lantry or DEC attention, additional stakeholders as well?

Farrell, John & Getchell, G & Kapuscinski, Kevin & LaPan, Steven. (2017). Long-Term Trends of St. Lawrence River Muskellunge: Effects of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia and Round Goby Proliferation Creates Uncertainty for Population Sustainability. American Fisheries Society Symposium 85. 85.



St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council Invasive Species Committee Meeting Tuesday March 9, 2021

Overview of the Invasive Species Committee.

- The Committee decided that the variety of “invasive species” topics is so large, that it might be best for this committee to work on specific areas.
 - Emerald Ash Borer
 - Eurasian Watermilfoil
 - Wild Parsnip
 - Others
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Meeting started at 1:05 PM.

Present: Sue Rau; Pat Whalen. Joe Lightfoot (BOL) attended as a guest. John Tenbusch attended as staff.

Report from BOL Operations Committee mtg, 3/8/21. John Tenbusch reported that, at the BOL OpsComm mtg held 3/8, Mr. Lightfoot had asked about the Invasive Species Committee; Nicole Terminelli had invited him to attend today’s meeting.

Lightfoot reported that he had been contacted by a seasonal resident of the Black Lake area; she is an officer with the Black Lake Association (BLA). She reported that the BLA is looking for funding to continue a program of cutting Eurasian Water Milfoil, which chokes the lake, especially at its eastern (downstream) end. She estimated that \$30,000 would be needed.

Lightfoot provided her contact information. *Staff will follow up.* See attached.

P. Whalen recalled that there is probably a Black Lake Management Plan, or a regional management plan. *Staff will follow up.*

To-Do Project Items for 2021.

- Spotted Lanternfly. S. Rau reported that she had attended the CCE workshop in February re Spotted Lanternfly. She will monitor a grid near her home, and report any findings.

Possible Speaker:

- The speaker at the March EMC meeting will be Dr. Jessica Rogers, from SUNY Potsdam. She will present her work on invasive plants (principally purple loosestrife) along roadsides in SLC.
- Tenbusch will ask for report from Black Lake re their Milfoil control program.
- Speaker on Tree of Heaven.

Public Service Announcement: Spotted Lanternfly and Tree of Heaven.

The meeting ended at 1:45 PM.

Black Lake Association's weed management a work in progress (VIDEO)

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- Sep 1, 2020 Updated Sep 1, 2020



Mike T. Kotash, lower right, watches as Bob J. Gordon off loads weeds from his aquatic weed harvester to a dump trailer Tuesday on Black Lake. The weeds will be transported to a local farm and used as fertilizer. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times



Mike T. Kotash reaches for a tangle of aquatic weeds attached to the anchor of his boat Tuesday on Black Lake. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times



Bob J. Gordon stops his aquatic weed harvesting boat to rescue a fish caught on the conveyor. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times



A tangle of aquatic weeds on a channel marker Tuesday on Black Lake. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times



A tangle of aquatic weeds is attached to the anchor of Mike T. Kotash's boat Tuesday, as Bob J. Gordon's aquatic weed harvesting vessel passes by on Black Lake. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times

BLACK LAKE — Beneath a cloud-covered sky Tuesday afternoon, Bob J. Gordon mowed an expansive field — at the bottom of a lake.

He cut about 6,000 pounds of wet weeds in less than two hours, part of a summer-long effort to cut a channel at Black Lake's northern end and increase access to the 20-mile stretch of open water for the county's northern residents off the Oswegatchie River.

"You think of the lake and you think of young kids swimming off the side of the dock, you think of fishing," Mr. Gordon said as he stood on the lakeshore off Lost Village Road, joined by fellow [Black Lake Association](#) members.

"But no one's jumping into that," BLA Vice President Jay J. Carter said, pointing to the thick weeded swamp on the shoreline extending out to the open water.

Carved out by the Laurentide Ice Sheet thousands of years ago, Black Lake draws outdoor enthusiasts from across the state. The largest lake in St. Lawrence County boasts bass, walleye, northern pike and crappie, with popular fishing and camping destinations along its 60 miles of shore. Estimates vary by year, but Black Lake recreation generates millions in tourism revenue annually.

In the last few decades, the lake's weedy, northern-most portion has clogged hulls and deterred boaters from entering the lake from the Oswegatchie River. Patches of weeds greet the water's surface near every dock, and nearly invisible from a distance on a windy day, matted greenery creates a basin of weeds seven-feet-deep in some spots.

More than a decade ago, local businesses and residents formed the Black Lake Invasive Weed Committee to [develop a management plan](#) with the state Department of Environmental

Conservation. In 2012, State Sen. Patricia A. Ritchie secured \$50,000 for invasive species management on Black Lake. Clarkson University conducts Black Lake research and has installed sensors for data collection on shore.

Efforts to address the longstanding weed problem have been multifaceted, and after the reimagination of BLA and its mission last year, members and year-round residents hope to bolster those efforts.

Previous BLA leadership, Mr. Carter said, did not allocate donations and membership dues for practical projects and meetings were often closed to the public. While donations accumulated in the BLA savings account, weed growth and unsafe boat launch issues persisted.

“We thought this association should be working for the people and the people should be part of it,” Mr. Carter said. “No more closed meetings, everything wide open.”



Mike T. Kotash passes a weed bed Tuesday on Black Lake. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times

BLA has since formed a full board and hosted a handful of meetings this year. General membership is at 226 and continues to grow, according to board member Mike T. Kotash, who neighbors about 1,000 other residents along the lake.

With membership dues and donations, BLA hired Mr. Gordon to “mow the lake” this summer. The \$5,500-job covers the cutting of a channel from Spile Bridge Road, less than a mile south of where the lake waters meet the Oswegatchie, southward to Stone Church Road. The 2.7-mile channel provides smoother passage for boaters from the northern end of the lake to the much clearer and wider mid-range and southern portions.

To prevent disturbing spawning fish this spring, Mr. Gordon’s channel work began late June, using an aquatic weed harvester — a powered cutter that catches clippings on a conveyor belt and deposits them into the vessel’s flat bed. Once full, the harvester pulls into a second conveyor belt on shore, attached to a truck and empty trailer. The weeds are then transferred into the trailer

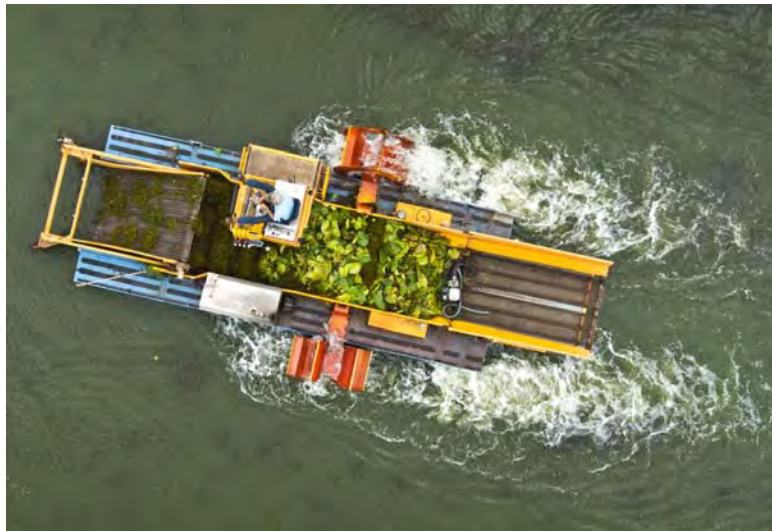
and have been taken to Andrew Bertrand's dairy farm near Morristown, to be used as fertilizer this summer.

On a calm day, a road-like passage is visible through the glassy surface. The channel is marked by temporary buoys and spans at least 15 feet wide, and wider in some sections.

Driving his pontoon boat toward the channel Tuesday, Mr. Kotash paused to demonstrate the difference between the cleared and uncleared areas. Anchor dropped briefly, Mr. Kotash's boat became a magnet for weeds, which seemed to spread and wrap like tentacles around the boat's water pump, propeller and anchor.

The weeds have a name — other than obscenities uttered in frustration on entangled watercraft.

The non-native Eurasian milfoil outcompetes native vegetation and presents management challenges in waterways across North America.



Weeds cut by Bob J. Gordon's aquatic weed harvester travel up a conveyor belt to a holding platform as he navigates the weed-clogged waters of northern Black Lake on Tuesday. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times

The Eurasian variety is believed by experts to have arrived on the East Coast of the United States in the 1940s, and resembles the native Northern milfoil. The native species' rigid, feather-like leaves can provide needed shade and shelter for fish. Eurasian leaves are limp out of water, amassing in clumps, crowding out other aquatic plant species and reducing essential biodiversity in wetlands and waterways.

Management is a years-long and ongoing process, and BLA hopes to foster continued and new relationships with Black Lake property owners and strengthen existing work led by conservationists, DEC, the Black Lake Fish and Game Association, university researchers and recreationists. Progress will be gradual, Mr. Carter said, adding that diverse voices are needed to build a comprehensive plan for future projects and grant funding.



https://www.nny360.com/artsandlife/localhistory/black-lake-association-s-weed-management-a-work-in-progress-video/article_509612fd-f967-5cdc-9ad3-3e64c75bb363.html

“This is something we can get done now,” he said of the small channel that has now opened up the northern end of the lake for late season boaters, “and we’re working on the rest of it.”

BLA’s next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 26, at Bella-Brooke Vineyard in Hammond.

View Video:

<https://youtu.be/EdMEiAMZtdQ>



St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council Watershed Management Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 9th, 2021

Overview of *Watershed Management Committee*.

- This Committee has worked on a number of watershed questions/issues, including:
 - Development / promotion of riparian buffers
 - “No Mow Zones” / “Trees for Tribs”
 - Work with U.S.A. Corps of Engineers to bring Sediment Transport Analysis and Regional Trainning to local colleges, high schools, etc.
 - Stenciling storm drains to read: “Don’t Dump – Drains to River”
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Meeting started at 4:03 PM.

Present: Brian Washburn, Chair; Herb Bullock. J. Tenbusch attended as staff.

Priority Projects for 2021.

- Discussion re St. Lawrence River Watershed Project.
 - Washburn and Tenbusch reported for Bullock’s benefit the chronology of the SLRWP. The project has been completed, and will be used by Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), St. Lawrence County SWCD, and others to support future grant-writing efforts.
 - o Bullock mentioned the Great Rivers Center at Clarkson University (<https://www.esf.edu/girc/library/facilities/greatrivers.htm>) as a source for aquatic research.
 - o There was general discussion about the Grasse River and Oswegatchie River Blueway Trails.
 - o There was a question about what might be measurable impacts of the fish passages at Heuvelton and at Eel Weir.
 - ***Staff will follow up with DEC and with Brookfield Power.***
- SLC Fisheries Board issue re: selling contaminated fish.
 - Washburn and Tenbusch reported for Bullock’s benefit the chronology of this project, in conjunction with the SLC Fish Advisory Board.
 - o After some discussion, it was decided to see if the Fish Advisory Board remains interested in this project.
- Other Items for 2021
 - There was discussion about an inventory for water bodies.
 - o Suggestion: check on the NYS Federation of Lakes Association
 - o Look at Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/81576.html>)

- It was reported that the Adirondack Watershed Institute has a yearly sampling program that compiles data about lakes within the park. See <https://www.adkwatershed.org/adirondack-lake-assessment-program-alap>
 - The question was asked: might this type of program be expanded beyond the Adk Park?

Potential Speakers.

- Daniel Kelting, Adk Watershed Institute
- Rep from the Black Lake Association

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.