

N E W S L E T T E R

SUMMER 2006

COCOLALLA LAKE ASSOCIATION

OUR MISSION: “TO HALT AND REVERSE THE EUTROPHICATION PROCESS IN COCOLALLA LAKE”

WEBSITE

We have a website where you can review this newsletter and other association information. Please review it at www.cocolallalakeidaho.com. For those members who receive the newsletter by mail, and would rather review it on the website or would like to receive it e-mailed directly to you, please e-mail Glen Weatherly at weathgb@msn.com.

The Lake Association would like to thank Kathy Dingman from Panhandle Lakes Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. for developing our new website. She is doing a great job and we really appreciate her efforts.

BONNIE ANDERSON PAST PRESIDENT

Bonnie Anderson resigned as president of the Cocolalla Lake Association in May 2006 for health reasons. Bonnie served as president of the association for several years during which the association accomplished many goals including the current Eurasian Milfoil project. She has headed the annual stream walk program for many years. We hope she will have a rapid recovery and will continue to be a part of the association.

HERMAN COLLINS VICE PRESIDENT

Herman wants to thank everyone for their help during the time he was filling in for Bonnie. Everyone did a great job.

LAKE*A*SYST PROGRAM (By Teri McGrath)

The Idaho Association of Soil Conservation has put together a program called Lake*A*Syst that helps landowners assess their property and determine if any improvements could be made to help improve water quality. They have put together packets of information that will be extremely useful for CLA in continuing our Watershed Education Program.

The Conservation District will be conducting a “Train-the-Trainer” seminar in Sandpoint on Saturday, July 29. The CLA Education Committee would like to have 10 volunteers to be trained in helping landowners assess their property.

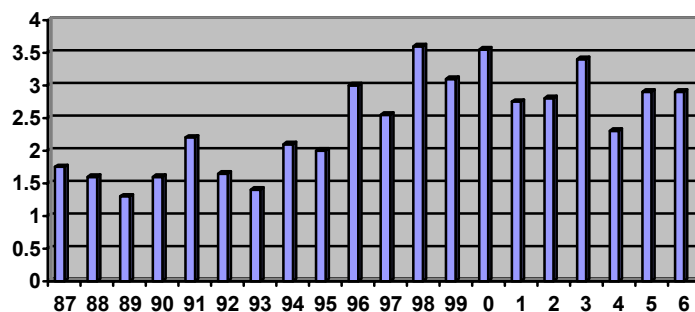
This is a very important part of restoring the water quality in Cocolalla Lake. We must reduce the nutrient load coming into the lake. Through the years, we’ve researched a lot of different kinds of treatment and they all say the same thing – we MUST reduce the input of nutrients!

The tentative plan for the “Train-the-Trainer” seminar is to meet around 10:00 A.M. in Sandpoint to go over the materials. After reviewing the materials, the group will assess a property on Pend Oreille. Then there will be a tour from a boat looking at several things (new construction, etc.).

This is a very important project. We need 10 volunteers. Please contact Teri McGrath at (208) 265-9754 or e-mail her at tmcgrath@localnet.com.

LAKE CLARITY FOR 2006 (by Cary Poston)

AVERAGE OF CLARITY TESTS BY YEAR IN METERS



Note: 2006 is an estimate based on May and June tests.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (by Sonia Gladish)

As of 07/11/2006, the Membership Chairperson, Sonia Gladish reported that the association has 110 members.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Cocolalla Lake Association's annual meeting was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at the Southside Elementary School. The meeting was well attended. Several of our Senators and Representatives were present:

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| District 1 | Senator Shawn Keogh |
| District 1 | Representative Eric Anderson |
| District 2 | Senator Joyce Broadsword |
| District 2 | Representative Dick Harwood |

Also in attendance was:

Dave Klutz, Dave's Weed and Pest Control of Priest River.

Sandy Daniel, Business Manager for Dave's Weed and Pest Control, former Kootenai County Weed Superintendent, and Vice Chair of the Idaho Milfoil Task Force.

Jerry Ellis, supplier of the herbicide Navigate.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to Eurasian Milfoil to make the public aware of our intention to attack the infestation immediately, aggressively and safely. We hope to eventually eradicate the weed. The control plan called for:

1. A survey of the lake to determine significant areas of infestation.
2. Dave's Weed and Pest Control of Priest River has been contracted to perform the herbicide application.
3. Another survey will be performed to reveal the effectiveness of the treatment.
4. The treatment will occur during the period July 10 through July 14, 2006.
5. The waters will be tested as needed until chemical levels are within those prescribed by IDEQ.

The CLA has raised over \$39,000.00 from watershed residents and waterfront property owners to fight milfoil. Grant requests were submitted to the Department of Agriculture and the Cocolalla Lake Association received over \$45,000.00 to fight milfoil this year. The association thanks the incredibly supportive Cocolalla community.

Eric Anderson, State Representative, talked to the group about two invasive invertebrates which are endangering waterways: the New Zealand Mudsail and the Zebra Mussel. He also discussed a boat wash down station at the Fish and Game public boat ramp to help prevent the transfer of Eurasian Milfoil between Lakes. We appreciate Eric. His positive, get things done attitude is a great help to our organization.

Election of officers and board members for the association was held. Nominations were taken from the floor. The 2006-2007 officers and board members elected are:

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| President | Chuck Gladish |
| Vice President | Herman Collins |
| Secretary | Rose Chaney |
| Treasurer | Glen Weatherly |
| Board – Past President | Bonnie Anderson |
| Board | Fred Vincent |
| Board | Dal Vander Meer |
| Board | Linda Muskopf |
| Board | Cary Poston |

The new amended association by-Laws were voted on and accepted. Please go to our website for a complete listing of the by-Laws.

THE BUDGET OF 2006-2007 WAS PRESENTED BY CHUCK GLADISH AND JOHN TRANA:

COCOLALLA LAKE ASSOCIATION GENERAL BUDGET (projected):

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| Income (Membership dues (100 members at \$25.00)) | \$2,500.00 |
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Expenses

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| Website | \$150.00 |
| Community Hall Deposit | 50.00 |
| Rental Annual Meeting | 50.00 |
| Donation Pend d'Oreille Water Festival | 50.00 |
| Postage and Office Supplies | 325.00 |
| Education | 75.00 |
| Volunteer Appreciation Celebration | 75.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 50.00 |
| Insurance (Personal Injury & Property Damage) | 300.00 |
| Insurance (Officers & Directors Liability) | <u>900.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>2,025.00</u> |
| Operating Surplus | \$ 475.00 |

COCOLALLA LAKE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT FUND (projected):

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| Income | |
| Grants | \$45,809.00 |
| Donations (35 X \$500.00) | <u>17,500.00</u> |
| | \$63,309.00 |

Expenses

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| Streamwalk Water Testing | \$ 800.00 |
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| Streamwalk Reporting | 200.00 |
| Water Testing for Algae | 1,040.00 |
| Gas for Volunteers (Boat or Car) | 100.00 |
| Weather Station | 800.00 |
| Lake Milfoil Treatment | |
| Mapping - Before Treatment | 1,500.00 |
| Mapping - After Treatment | 1,500.00 |
| Herbicide - Navigate | 29,200.00 |
| Application of Herbicide | 13,200.00 |
| Water Testing – After Treatment | 4,500.00 |
| Public Notice and Signs | 895.00 |
| Postage | 668.00 |
| Office Supplies | 56.00 |
| Education | 70.00 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$54,529.00</u> |
| Operating Surplus | <u>\$8,780.00</u> |

Note: It is possible that we may need to have a diver remove milfoil missed by the herbicide. The estimated cost is \$8,000.00 - \$10,000.00.

Landowners Water Quality Improvement Project Recognition: The Hiebert family was recognized for the 2600 feet of fencing which they have recently completed along Cocolalla Creek. This was a big job. Watershed creek bank protection greatly helps lower the nutrient loading of the lake.

Southside School fifth grader Josh Wren was asked to come forward and be recognized. Josh won \$50.00 from private donations for creating the top conceptual logo reflecting the cycle of a watershed. CLA presented Mrs. Vann's class with a \$30.00 award. CLA has adopted his design as their official logo. Josh decided to share the award with his class, another smaller class and with a neighbor who had heart surgery. Everyone appreciated his generosity.



Josh Wren (middle) with Southside School's Janet Vann and Cocolalla Lake Association's Linda Muskopf

DOCK PERMITS

It was brought to the attention of the CLA board that the Idaho Department of Land's requirement to display your dock encroachment permit number on your dock is going to be enforced. The actual terms and conditions are:

The encroachment permit number must be displayed upon the most waterward area of your encroachment with metal, plastic (vinyl) or wooden numerals at least three inches in size.

MILFOIL TREATMENT GRANT TEAM

The grant writing team consisting of Rose Chaney, Cary Poston, Shelley Vincent and Chuck Gladish did a great job working on the grant for the milfoil treatment. This is a big job well done. All of us need to express our appreciation to them.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT FUND

A Finance Committee was formed for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to develop a financial plan for treating the Eurasian Milfoil and the Blue/Green Algae problems. The committee was made up of Dalmar Vander Meer Co-Chair, Fred Vincent Co-Chair and Ron Muskopf. The committee presented a plan to the community at large at an October 25, 2005 special meeting. The committee conducted a financial campaign asking for voluntary pledges from all lake front owners along with interested lake users over a several year period. The committee planned to raise \$25,000 by the end of the year. The Cocolalla Lake Association and the Finance Committee want to thank the generous contributors who have made the treatment possible. The treatment is very important to all of us who own property on the lake and those who want to preserve and use a beautiful lake. The contributors to the fund are:

Norm & Bonnie Anderson
Richard & Sharon Beck
Joyce Bennett
Michael D. Bennett
Bernard & Helen Berg
Tim & Lee Ann Berg
Max & Margery Birdsell
Dick & Joanne Brown
James & Gail Burke
Ron & Rose Chaney
Mark & Darcie Haigwood
Al & Beverly Hanson
Skip & Jane Harrold
Arne & Phyliss Kantola
Karen Knaggs

Sharon V. Chatterton
Cocolalla Lake Bible Conference
Herman Collins
Jon & Linda Cooke
Robert & Shirley Davalle
Larry Erickson & Peggy Hoffman
Ray & Nancy Ferguson
James & Susan Flathers
Chuck & Sonia Gladish
Gary & Jonny Joyce Guenther
Brett & Linda Ryberg
Julie Ryen
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Michael Scardina
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Rudy & Nellie Mead
Phyllis Mott
Ron & Linda Muskopf
Darrell Myers
Mary Neil
Edwin Nurmi
Allan & Christine Nye
Tom & Vicky Pfeifer
Jim & Betty Peters
Cary & Ann Poston
C. Mike Reid
Marlene Herby Richardson
Carol Rivers

Paul & Susan Skogland
Barbara Squier
Gary & Sally Suppiger
William & Karen Tilton
Jonathon & Heather Trana
Jim Van Demark
Mary Vandebos
Dal & Joan Vander Meer
Fred & Shelley Vincent
David & Janas Wallace
Glen & Barbara Weatherly
Jim & Susan Whitehead
Brad Wiedrich & Roben Ertter
Rick & Patti Wilmot
Heidi Wirth
Ned & Nancy Wogman
Kenneth & Arlene Wood
Arthur & Darlene Young

The association wants to thank the BSNF railroad for a generous contribution. Also, Bank of America has matched donations by its employees. A special thanks to both these businesses.

A new finance committee is being formed for the 2006-2007 year. Fred Vincent is the temporary chairman. This committee will continue to develop the budget for ongoing Eurasian Milfoil control and for combating the Blue/Green Algae. The committee is looking for volunteers. Please call Fred at (208) 255-2570.

EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL HERBICIDE APPLICATION

The herbicide application (Navigate) began on July 10. Dave Klutz of Dave's Weed and Pest Control and Sandy Daniel, Cocolalla Lake Milfoil Treatment Project Manager, began the application on Monday. The application was completed the following day. The treatment went very smoothly. The CLA grant request was to treat 80 acres. The actual area treated was approximately 74 acres. We will have to wait and watch to see how effective the treatment was. The all clear for using the lake water was given on Tuesday, July 18.

PARTY SOCIAL FOR VOLUNTEER HELPERS

The association is planning a thank you social for all the volunteers who helped with the milfoil treatment and for the people being recruited for the association committees. The social is planned for August 4 at 7:00 P.M. at the Cocolalla Community Center.

2006 STREAM WALK

Bonnie Anderson will not be able to coordinate the stream walk this year, so we plan to have an abbreviated stream walk. We will look into getting more people certified for next year. Cary Poston will coordinate this year's stream walk.

CLA COMMITTEE RECRUITING

Your board is actively recruiting CLA members to be on important new committees. Please consider serving on one or more of the committees listed below:

1. Land Use Committee – This committee will represent the association at local public hearings and informational meetings relating to zoning, sanitation codes, subdivision ordinances, pollution sources, and changes in land use which may affect water quality. Please contact Rose Chaney at (208) 263-2940.
2. Finance Committee – This committee will recommend and organize fund raising activities. They will also assist the treasurer in developing the annual budget. Please contact Fred Vincent at (208) 255-2570.
3. Membership Committee – This committee will initiate plans for recruiting new members. The Membership chairperson will also chair the nominating committee. Please contact Sonia Gladish (208) 263-6515.
4. Lake Management Committee – This committee will oversee issues including those pertaining to boat safety, fishing and recreational use of the lake, water quality, water levels, invasive aquatic plants and algae. Please contact Cary Poston (208) 263-4157.
5. Education Committee – This committee will work in partnership with appropriate local and state agencies in their efforts to provide information to watershed residents and visitors regarding the best practices to prevent pollution of the lake. It will also develop outreach programs for local schools and youth groups. Please contact Teri McGrath (208) 265-9754.
6. Legislative Committee – This committee will represent the CLA with state and federal legislatures and promote state and federal support for our mission. Please contact Shelley Vincent (208) 255-2570.

If the CLA is to accomplish its goals, these committees must be active and doing the job they are responsible for. We need volunteers on each of them. Please contact the people listed and volunteer to be on one or more of the committees.