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Rice Lake Management Plan for 2019

Starry Stonewort (SSW) Containment and Management Project continues in 2019. The RLA Board completed the application to Stearns County AIS for Rice Lake's proposed work plan and lake management program in order to secure funding for 2019. The amount requested from Stearns County AIS Fund was \$23,900.

Rice Lake's program meets key objectives of

the management focus area of Stearns County AIS Plan, one of which is to focus grant funds on "funding management efforts for waters with new small infestations that can yield big results in control, thereby decreasing the risk of spreading SSW to other lakes". RLA received approved grant funding of \$15,000 for 2019.

The funds will be used for full lake vegetation surveys, hand pulling SSW found, chemical treat-

ments, monitoring ramp areas with pre and post treatment surveys and DNR reporting requirements. A full lake survey is planned late May, early June on Rice Lake.

The RLA Board also applied and received approval from the DNR for the DNR permit that is required prior to performing any treatments on Rice Lake. The permit will allow for quick action if SSW is identified during vegetation surveys.

New Commissioner

Tim Walz, MN Governor, appointed, Sarah Strommen, as the new Commissioner for the MN Department of Natural Resources, replacing Tom



Landwehr. Sarah has served as an assistant DNR commissioner and a mayor of the town of Ramsey.

Phishing Expeditions – Beware

Rice Lake Association will never ask members through an email for money or request to charge your credit card. Beware of Phishing emails. Phishing is when a scammer uses fraudulent emails or texts, or copycat websites to get you to share valuable personal information. More Information: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>

Upcoming Events 2019

Fishing Opener Boat Inspections/Monitoring

Boat Inspectors will be at the public landings on Rice Lake for Fishing Opener weekend starting Friday May 10. We have contracted with LAMB through the NFCRWD to have inspectors at our access ramps to monitor boat traffic, ask questions and inspect boats coming and going from our lake throughout the summer. Rice Lake Board members have volunteered to be at the public landings Saturday May 11th during fishing opener to greet anglers and share 2019 DNR AIS literature with boaters.



Special thanks to volunteers: Tim Keane, Arne Tilleson, Mike Fish, Peter Anton, Ralph Klassen



Town & Country Days 2019

Wednesday, June 12th
Kids Day
 Pedal Tractor Pull
 1K Fun Run
 Pet Show

Thursday, June 13th
First Day of Carnival
 High School Grounds
Grand Parade 7:00 PM
 Downtown

Saturday, June 15th
Third & Final Day of Carnival
 High School Grounds



Friday, June 14th
Second Day of Carnival
 High School Grounds



Wildcard Pulling
 Ambulance Garage Field Area
Miss Paynesville Pageant - 4:00 PM
 High School Auditorium
Backdraft Bash
 Paynesville Fire Dept & Chamber of Commerce
 Fundraiser Dance
 Paynesville Baseball Grandstand
Beer Tent and music by
“Bad Girlfriends“



Saturday, July 6th is the Boat Parade

Annual 4th of July Boat Parade is Saturday, **July 6th** on Rice Lake. Decorate your boats, family and friends. Line up between 1:30 pm and 1:45 pm on Saturday July 6th in front of Fisher’s Resort. Boat Parade starts at 1:45 pm. Register your boat starting at 1:30 pm and get your picture taken. Boat entry will be judged on decorations and creativity. Judges will select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and their pictures will be in the local paper. **Parade: Saturday, July 6th**



Sign up and get your number at 1:30. Start time 1:45 PM

(Weather permitting)

Upcoming Events 2019 (continued)

Annual Rice Lake Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, August 3, 2019

Where: Hope Shores Camp & Retreat Center, 178087 TTT Road

- 8:30 am Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 to 10:00 Business Meeting. Guest Speakers:
 - Steve Soyka, Stearns County Sheriff
 - Nathan Hylla, PM Supervisor Stearns County SWCD

Membership sign up available at doors

Breakfast is \$12.00 per person for non-members attending.



Ice Out On Rice Lake



Rice Lake's 2019 ice out date: DNR reports Saturday, April 20th. Other reports state Sunday, April 21st. In 2018, ice out was April 30th and in 2017, ice out was March 27th based on the MNDNR website.

New AIS Inspection Shelter - Coming Soon!



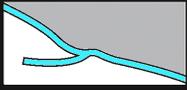
RLA Board received permission to construct a shelter at the South access ramp for AIS inspectors to use. This shelter will help shield the inspectors from inclement weather during their shifts at our Rice Lake access ramp.



Andy Fischer, President & Owner of Minnesota Home Improvements, is providing all the lumber for the foundation base of the AIS Shelter at his cost. **Thank you Andy** for supporting our efforts on this project.

Example of AIS shelter located at the public access on Twin Rivers. RLA's shelter will be slightly different.

www.mnhomeimprovement.com



NFCRWD AIS BOAT INSPECTION REPORT

NFCRWD AIS Boat Inspection Summary

The North Fork Crow River Watershed District (NFCRWD) hired Lamb Labor Services to staff Level 1 watercraft inspectors, May–October during 2018. The inspectors were trained by the MN DNR to inspect boats entering and exiting public boat accesses on the District’s recreational lakes. Contributors to the project included the MN DNR, Meeker County, Paynesville TWP, Koronis Lake Association, Rice Lake Association, City of Paynesville, Grove Lake Association, Union Grove TWP, Stearns County, Pope County and the NFCRWD. The MN DNR also staffed watercraft inspectors at Lake Koronis & Rice Lake during 2018. During 2018, survey data from incoming boaters, indicated boats came from over 319 different water bodies, prior to entering district inspection locations.

Why are We Inspecting Boats?

Boats are inspected to reduce the risk of spreading Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) into the District lakes and rivers. Invasive species are those that when moving into a new locale tend to spread rapidly, outcompete resident species, and cause — or likely cause — ecological or economic harm or harm to human health. They are Eco-system engineers and change the ecological environment impacting local plants and animals.

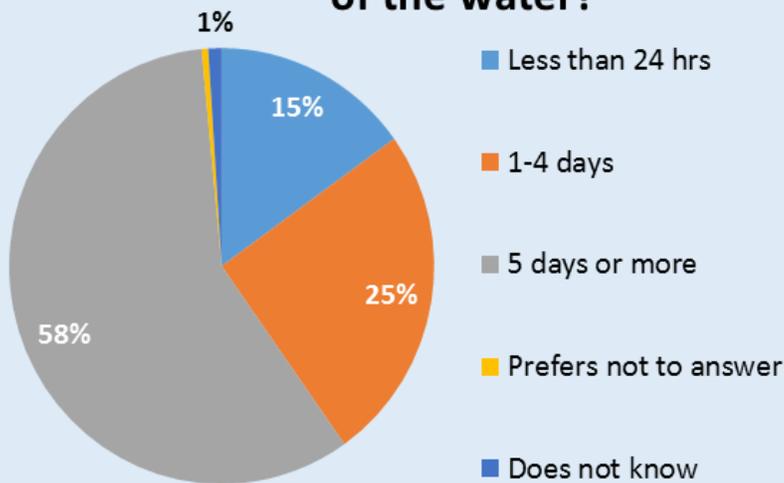
During each watercraft inspection, the inspectors complete a DNR survey (results of questions are represented in tables and graphs), discuss MN AIS laws with boaters and complete a visual and physical inspection of boats entering or exiting waterways. Completing these processes with boaters increases the knowledge of AIS and self-inspection techniques, reduces the risk for AIS infestation in District waters, and can stop AIS contaminated boats from launching. Two of the lakes in the District waters have an invasive called Starry Stonewort. This is a grass-like form of algae that are not native to North America. The plant was first confirmed in Lake Koronis in 2015 and Rice Lake in 2016. Starry stonewort can interfere with recreational and other uses of lakes where it can produce dense mats at the water's surface.

Anything Found on In-coming Boats or Trailers?	# of Boats	Percent
Yes - Plants	39	0.98%
Yes - Water	5	0.05%
Yes - Animals	1	0.03%
Yes - Mud	3	0.08%
No	3964	98.86

Drain Plug on Arrival	Percent
In	3%
Out	97%

What was Learned from the Inspections

How long has your boat been out of the water?



Starry stonewort is an invasive green alga that has spread rapidly within some northern-tier lakes. It can grow tall and dense, forming mats on the surface that interfere with recreation and potentially displacing native plant species. MAISRC researchers are currently performing ecological niche modeling to assess risk of spread in Minnesota as well as laboratory experiments to assess how long it can survive out of water and to evaluate the efficacy of herbicides and algaecides while minimizing non-target impacts.

What it is: The scientific name for starry stonewort is *Nitellopsis obtusa*. It is a type of freshwater green algae known as a charophyte, a group that also includes musk-grasses and stoneworts (*Chara* and *Nitella* species) that are native to Minnesota. Starry stonewort is native to parts of Europe and Asia.

What it affects: Where starry stonewort grows densely and forms surface mats, it can interfere with boating and other recreational activities. Dense growth may also displace native plants and could potentially have impacts on fish and other animals. Starry stonewort's ecological impacts are not well understood, and there has been little published research to date.

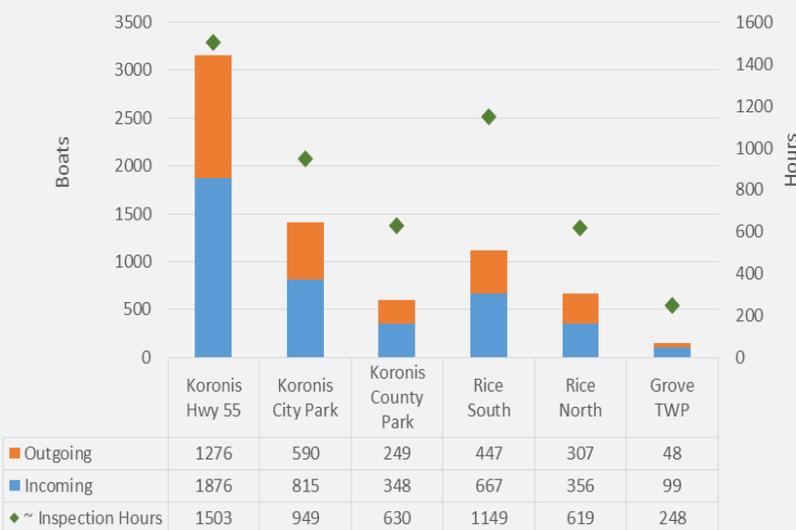
How it spreads: Starry stonewort appears to be spreading vegetatively in the U.S. (by bulbils and fragments). Accidental movement by people is the most likely means of dispersal. Many of the known infestations occur in high-use waterbodies and near boat accesses.

(University of Minnesota)

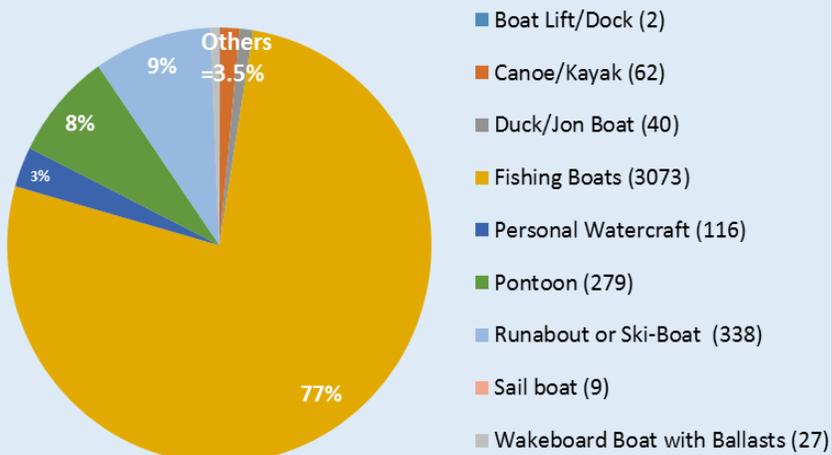
<http://www.maisrc.umn.edu/starry-stonewort>

Lake Koronis and Rice Lake both have active programs in place to control/ manage Starry Stonewort

Boats Inspected vs Inspections Hours at NCFRWD Accesses



Percentage of Incoming Boat Types



List of 2019 RLA Members as of April 13, 2019. Forms sent out January 2019, also available on www.ricelakemn.org

James & Beverly Almquist	Heidi & Bernhard Fokken	Philip & Karen Klien	Jeff & Deb Savage
Paul & Pearl Almquist	Mike & Lynda Gans	John & Joanne Knoblauch	Chris & Jennifer Soine
Walter & Sharon Alms	& Scot & Mary Schulte	Keith Koenig, Hope Shores Camp	Roman & Luann Schaefer
Kent & Susan Anderson	Simon Gao	Eric Koester & Nancy Anderson	Scott & Kathleen Schaefers
James & DuDonne Andrie	David & Kathie Gay	Alan & Susan Kral	Lee & Pat Scherr
Steven & Pam Ardorf	Walter & Carol Ann Giesmann	Mark & Jenelle Koch	Alban & Donnella Schmidtbauer
Ronald & Cheryl Bachmann	Herb & Eldora Glander	Ed Ladwig	Jim & Monica Scholla
James Bartizal	Gordon & Dorothy Griesmann	Joseph & Joy Lano	Elroy & Diane Seifert
Dennis & Lori Benson	Thomas & Linda Haag	Charlie & Dee Lemke	Ian & Kimberly Sing
Ed & Barbara Bies	Brent and Pam Haala	Harlan & Kristin Leusink	Dale & Laurie Smedberg
Fred & Donna Boller	Melva Haala	Brian & Kim Liebo	& Christine & Mark Limbeck
Cal & Sandra Brastad	Ann Zurn & John Hemmerle	Tom & Nancy Lucas	Les & Gloria Smith
Greg & Deb Braulick	John & Mary Kay Hanson	Micheal Lyon	Bill and Jean Smith
Joseph & Karen Braulick	Randy & Michelle Hanson	Rick & Jane Mages	Don & Barb Snoegosky
Ardeen & Sharon Brever	David & Jeane Havemeier	Larry & Carol Maiers	Sue and Jim Stahl
Tim & Joan Bruntmyer	Greg & Deb Henry	Gerry & Mary Mehr	Paul & Deb Stanger
Joel & Delane Burr	John & Diane Hertwig	Terry Miller	Clinton & Adele Stensrud
Lee & Carol Case	Robb & Linda Hoiseth	Trent & Karen Miller	Bill & JoAnne Stewart
Guy and Karen Christiansen	Brian & Cindy Holmberg	William Miller & Jeanine Stanis	Jerald & Lisa Stiele
Robert & Sally Clawson	Wade & Cynthia Holmberg	Marvin & Julie Moorhead Miller	Stephan & Jane Taylor
Renee Compo	Les & Caroline Holmberg	Michael & Joyce Oswald Mueleners	Don & Peggy Theis
Jeffrey & Jody Crary	Tom & Lesa Hueser	Myrel Neumann	Thomas & Sharon Thielen
DuWayne & Barb Dammann	Patrick & Kathy Hunt	Jeffrey & Deanna Niemeier	Jeff & Cynthia Thomas
Steve & Robbie Daniel	Dorothy Iverson	Wayne & Carol Nierenhausen	Arne & Jean Tille son
Gregory & Carol Davis	Tom & Karlin Jacoby	Ivan & Jean Nohner	Robb & Nikki Tupy
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David & Tammy Elsing	Lorelle Jones	Pirz Lake Association	Lorrie Waite
Lee & Lori Fesenmaier	JK Landscape Jerry & Holly Konz	David & Deb Rath	Gary & Sandy Weber
Charles & Kathryn Figenshau	Dallas & Carol Karl	Roger & Karen Reade	DWayne & Mary Jo Wieseler
Gary & Beverly Finken	Timothy Keane	Richard Rimer Jr	Ann & Donald Woessner
Mike & Dani Fish	Michael & Gail Kelson	Suzanne Rosckes	Thomas Zehnder
Larry & Debra Fischer	Ralph & Marcella Klassen	Tony & Laura Savage	Darla & Dale Zrucky

Thank you for your support

RLA 2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME(S) _____

HOME MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAIN PHONE _____ LAKE PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Providing your e-mail allows us to contact you with important notifications

LAKE ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

_____ LAKE ADDRESS USED SEASONALLY _____ LAKE ADDRESS USED YEAR AROUND

MEMBERSHIP—TAX DEDUCTABLE	
_____ \$50 BASS	_____ \$100 NORTHERN
_____ \$300 WALLEYE	_____ Other (\$)
YES, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SPECIAL PROJECT: (ALSO TAX DEDUCTABLE)	
___ AIS SURVEY/TREATMENT	___ AIS INSPECTION ___ WATER QUALITY PROJECTS
_____ \$50	_____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ OTHER (\$)
I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE RLA NEWSLETTER:	
___ EMAIL ONLY	___ EMAIL AND MAIL ___ MAIL ONLY

Mail this form and your check to:

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OUR MISSION

- **Improve the water and recreational quality of our Lake through promotion of sound lake management practices;**
- **Educate our members regarding issues that affect their lakeshore;**
- **Advocate our members' interests before governmental bodies in matters involving our lake;**
- **Promote research and appropriate standards for proper management of our Lake , the North Fork of the Crow River and other surrounding tributaries;**