

# LOON LAKE – WESCOTT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Spring 2022 NEWSLETTER



As the weather warms up and the wildlife becomes active on the lake, the board is wishing everyone a safe and happy summer. To kick off the summer season, we will be holding our Spring District meeting on Saturday, May 28th at 9:00 a.m. Since COVID-19 is still in the area we will be meeting outside in the Camp Tekakwitha parking lot.

As all formal district business (elections, approval of budgets, etc) takes place at the Annual Fall meeting, the agenda for the Spring meeting will be reserved for answering questions on the information we are sharing below.

**Lake Conditions** – The ice went out this year on April 14th. Water levels off Lloyd's dock after 'ice out' was 33 inches which is 4 inches higher than last year after 'ice out'. Water temperature on May 3rd was 50 degrees, compared to 47 degrees on April 27th. We are moving in the right direction!!

**Wildlife on the Lake** – The loons have arrived on the lake, the eagles are flying high over the lake, otters have been spotted playing by the shore and of course, the geese are back! Three nests, all located on the island with a total of 19 eggs were oiled. Thank you Lloyd!!

**Weed Treatment** – Most of us would agree the weeds were "plentiful" by late Fall last year. Over the winter months, the board has been working with both Onterra and the DNR to determine the best course to take this Spring to control the weed population. We did receive approval to treat 37 acres throughout five application areas around the lake in early summer. We will be using a new treatment call Florpyrauxifen-benzyl (commercially as ProcettaCOR). This new chemical requires the weeds to have "good growth" before the chemical is applied so treatment will be later than it has been in past years – targeting some time around Memorial Day. The cost of this treatment will be \$62,000. \$10,447 of that cost will be covered by remaining grant money we have for milfoil management. There are no lake "use" restrictions during the treatment application period with the exception of not using lake water to water lawns and flower beds up to three days after treatment. A copy of the Public Notice, required to be published by law, is below the Courtesy Code on the next page.

Link to treatment areas: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1xd0gHCHdXH8Nc0FN7j4c5Jnk1y6HU4hM&usp=sharing>

**Rafts/Docks** - This Spring we had two "run-away" rafts floating in the lake. One of those rafts ended up in the creek to Washington Lake. The other raft is still wandering the lake. The board is asking everyone to properly store docks and rafts though the winter months, so they do not end up floating randomly around the lake.

**Courtesy Code** - As summer approaches and we welcome family and friends on Loon Lake, the board wants to remind everyone about the lake courtesy code. In addition, as we get closer to the July 4th holiday, please note the firework restrictions outlined in the courtesy code. A copy of the code is included on the next page for your reference.

Hopefully this newsletter provides an update on Spring activities around the lake. If you have any questions, please bring them to the meeting in the Camp Tekakwitha parking lot on Saturday, May 28th at 9:00.

The Loon Lake Board