

**Lake Management Reports**  
**6/20/20**  
**Mary Jablonski, CLCA VP**

**Environment and Ecology:** Dave Graves, Chair. The committee will continue to focus on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) during the summer of 2020. The invasive aphid-like insect originally from Asia, has been moving north from Virginia at a rate of 15 miles per year since the 1950s. It was first found in the Adirondacks near Lake George in 2017 ([www.dec.ny.gov/press/110875.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/press/110875.html)). The insects attack hemlocks by sucking fluid from the base of the needles. There are no native predators of the adelgids in NY, and infested trees usually die within 4-10 years. Whole stands can be wiped out. Treatment options are currently limited, but efforts to produce natural predators are showing modest progress.

Last spring the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APPIP) requested assistance in preventing the spread of HWA. The CLCA Invasive Species Committee, and the Environment and Ecology (E&E) Committee worked with APPIP and NYS DEC to help prevent the spread of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid around Canada Lake. This included providing informational flyers to CLCA members, urging camp owners to monitor the hemlocks on their property and inspecting hemlock growth visible from the shoreline during aquatic invasive monitoring. Shoreline monitoring of Canada Lake did not reveal any infestations.

In June, CLCA was alerted that a tree in Rockwood State Forest (12 miles south of Canada Lake on route 29) was infested with HWA. CLCA tracked this issue and communicated with DEC to express concern and offer support with abatement efforts. In January, Brian Ellis, Senior Forester for the DEC Division of Lands and Forests, informed CLCA that they had treated the infested area as well as all hemlock trees within a 4 acre grid surrounding the infested tree. DEC will continue monitoring the area for possible HWA infestations. Both AWI (Adirondack Watershed Institute of Paul Smith's College) and DEC thanked the CLCA for their (our) efforts and assistance.

Clearly, the HWA is on our doorstep. Hemlocks account for about 10% of the trees in Adirondack forests and there are large stands of hemlocks around Canada Lake.

We will work to:

1. Continue to encourage members to monitor hemlocks on their property to recognize any infestation early.
2. Continue our shoreline survey efforts.
3. Quickly bring in expert assistance if needed.

The CLCA website also has a page dedicated to the HWA that will be updated as additional information becomes available (<http://www.canadalakesconservation.com/hemlock-woolly-adelgid/>)

**Water Level / Flood Control:** Bill Fielding, Henry Eifert, Co-Chairs.

The CLCA and Stewart's Landing Association Presidents, Water Level Committee chairs, and the DEC, have established a regular collaborative effort to discuss the regulation of the Stewart's Landing Dam, for the benefit of all stakeholders. Please refer to Allen Farber's CLCA email of June 5, 2020.

**Fire Safety:** Rick Fink, Chair.

**Water Purity:** Merryn Byrnes, Chair.

Updated information will be found in the 2020 Echo publication.

**Invasive Species:** Mike Durkee, Lake Steward Chair; Marcus Harazin, Lake Inspector Chair Committee co-chairs forwarded email notices from Paul Smith's College, Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI), to the CLCA Invasive Species Committee members, about a weeklong series of on-line training programs, developed by the AWI, and the Adirondack Lakes Alliance. Training focused on the identification and prevention of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species, and the programs were presented through Zoom meetings, during the week of June 7, 2020. Allen Farber also posted training programs through email, to be held that week on YouTube.

A full report of this committee's activities will be in the Echo.

**Lake Safety:** Chair position currently vacant.

- Important update regarding the Covid-19 virus that had become a World Pandemic, resulting in critical actions requested of people in public situations and in their homes.

Allen shared a statement with CLCA members, from Sylvia Getman, President and CEO of Adirondack Health, asking the Adirondack community to follow CDC guidelines regarding public health control, during the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic (See email to CLCA members on 5/27/2020).

**Fishing:** Tom Lyons, Chair

The fish stocking permit has been approved by DEC for our lake until 12/31/24.

**Property Assessment:** Linda Clark, Chair

No current issues have been brought to the attention of the CLCA.

**Stewardships:**

**Adopt a Highway:** Bob Baker, Chair

Dates for the highway pick-up will be posted on the CLCA website.

**Adopt a Shoreline:** Deb Hoffman, Chair

The weather and varying water levels did not cooperate with the plans of the shoreline pick-up crew. Plans to canvas the shoreline between Dolgeville Pt. Boathouse and Sawdust Creek were interrupted by high water and then snow. However, several dock sections and a 15-foot beam with brackets, were pulled ashore and were to be taken away after Memorial

Day. The committee will continue to keep a watchful eye on the State lands that surround our lakes. Just a word of caution boaters: if you are out on the lakes, keep an eye out for floating pieces of wood. The water has been high and there is debris floating about. More recently, the water level has fallen below average. This report will also be in the Echo.

**Campsites:** Betsy Cannon, Chair.

Lois Miller reports the Lily Lake campsite is in good condition and there have been campers using the West Lake campsite. The other campsites will be checked.

**Fire Tower:** Tim Mitchell, Chair

There has been very heavy use of the Kane Mountain trail, accessed from the Green Lake Road, since the winter snow melted. Litter on the trail is minimal, however. We are experiencing problems with cars parking along the Green Lake Road, near the turn off to the Kane Mt. parking lot, partially blocking the traffic flow.

In February, Laurie Rankin, Director for the NYS Chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association, contacted the CLCA about doing repairs on the Fire Tower and the Ranger Cabin, in collaboration with the DEC. Due to the Covid virus, plans are on hold.

**Island:** Rick Fink, Chair

Jon DeSantis, of the DEC, plans to inspect a tree on the Island which appears to be dying.

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