



**GOOSE BAY RECLAMATION CORPORATION
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2016 Newsletter

Herbicide Treatment

The Goose Bay Reclamation Corporation had a banner year in 2015 in that we applied for and received a DEC Permit to apply herbicide, Renovate OTF, over a hundred acre area within Goose Bay. We received a \$25,000 grant from Senator Ritchie to help cover expenses associated with this project. The DEC required us to complete a Flow Study, a Pre Application Aquatic Weed Mapping Survey as well as a Post Application Aquatic Weed Mapping Survey as part of the permit process. All reports related to these studies are posted on our website, www.savegoosebay.weebly.com. You can access the reports under the Saving The Bay tab. Please take the time to review these reports as they contain valuable information on the process. The DEC cut back the treatment area from 100 acres to a negotiated 39 acres because we only completed weed mapping on twenty five acres. Treatment took place in early June 2015. The Post Treatment Aquatic Weed Mapping Survey showed that all Eurasian Milfoil was essentially gone from the treatment area as compared to the Pre Treatment Aquatic Weed Survey. The cost of treating the thirty nine acres was \$38,385.80.

Based upon these results, we were very excited about building on our success in 2016. We received two grants, \$25,000 from Senator Ritchie and a \$75,000 from the DEC Fish and Wildlife, to continue our efforts. We submitted the Herbicide Permit Application in December of 2015 for 2016 treatment. Unfortunately we found out in late December that the DEC grant was appropriated from an incorrect funding source and therefore might not be available in 2016. A special request for this funding was made by the State Legislators and approved in March of this year. We also found out in late February 2016, that the DEC had changed the permit application form, to include a Down Stream Modeling study that needed to be completed before the application could move forward. By the time these issues were addressed, late May, the DEC requested that we resubmit the Herbicide Permit Application since we missed the tentative treatment date, of early May, specified in our initial application. Given time constraints and items that needed to be completed it was decided that we would delay further treatment until 2017. We have formed a committee to complete all necessary information for submission of 2017 Herbicide Application Permit.

Boat Launch Monitor Program

The GBRC partnered with Black Lake Association, Indian Lakes Conservatory, and others and applied for a DEC Grant, to establish a boat launch monitoring program at the Town's boat launch on Old Goose Bay Road. Karen Winters from Black Lake Association prepared the grant request with input from all partners. The grant was submitted in January and we were notified in April that our request for the grant was approved. The three year grant allows us to hire monitors, through Paul Smith College, to man both the Black Lake and Goose Bay boat launches and to provide additional training for ourselves and our other partners. We will have paid monitors every Saturday and every other Thursday starting Memorial weekend through Labor Day. The purpose of this program is to educate boaters about their responsibility in controlling the spread of invasive species. Monitors will provide voluntary boat inspections and collect information about what they find during inspections so invasives can be tracked throughout the region. They will also provide information, brochures and pamphlets, about various invasives and tips to avoid their transport to other local waterways.

We are looking for volunteers to supplement their efforts. If you can donate one day a month to help us in this important endeavor please call (315) 482-3702 or e mail me at bclamour@gmail.com to volunteer. Training will be provided to all volunteers.

Membership & Donation Drive

Membership forms have been mailed out for our 2016 membership drive. As in previous years annual membership is twenty dollars per individual/family. You can also make a tax deductible donation to help offset expenses incurred in addressing Eurasian Milfoil in Goose Bay. I want to thank everyone for their previous support and hope that we can expand membership in 2016. Last year we had sixty six members, this represents about fifty percent of the families on Goose Bay. Please consider joining our group by filling out your membership form and returning to the address listed on the form. If you did not get a form, you can obtain one from our website www.savegoosebay.weebly.com. Please ask your neighbors and friends if they have returned their membership forms. Please remind your neighbors and friends that GBRC's Membership needs to be renewed each year. Strong public support expressed through membership, is critical especially when applying for grants and other funding to address issues within the bay.

Thank You

Fund Raiser

The 2015 raffle was a success. Laurie and Pam were instrumental in making this fundraiser a success. They raised over eight thousand dollars to support our groups efforts to rid Goose Bay of Eurasian Milfoil. We would like to thank everyone who make this a success, from volunteers who sold tickets to everyone who purchased them.

Our 2016 fund raiser is a golf tournament. It will be held at LA Golf Course on August 7, 2016 registration begins at 10AM with a shotgun start at 11AM. Tickets are \$55 per person, \$50 if pre registering by 7/23/16, and will include golf, cart, lunch, and tickets for door prizes, along with a bucket of balls for the driving range. A skins game will also be offered for an additional five dollars. If you can't play consider sponsoring a hole for one hundred dollars. Proceeds benefit the GBRC's effort to resolve issues in Goose Bay. Forms for team registration and for sponsoring a hole can be found on our website, www.savegoosebay.weebly.com, under the activities tab.

As always thank you for your support.

GBRC Picnic

We are looking for someone to organize a GBRC picnic this year. If anyone wants to volunteer and organize this event please call me at 482-3702. If we don't get a volunteer there will not be a picnic this year.

Board Member Needed

The GBRC is in dire need for someone to volunteer to fill the open secretarial position. This position has been open since last year. Board members have shared these duties but we need to have someone step up and volunteer. The position requires that you attend five board meetings, May through September, take and issue minutes of our meeting as well as maintaining GBRC mailing list. If you are interested in this position please contact me at (315) 482-3702.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held at the Alexandria Bay **Town Hall on Saturday August 13, 2016 at 10AM**. Please mark this on your calendar and plan on attending.

Sincerely
Bob Lamoureux

