

Exciting news on Milfoil from the Messalonskee Lake Association

As you know we have a serious milfoil problem in the lake and it continues to spread from year to year. We are fortunate in that the lake has some natural barriers to certain areas that have helped to prevent infestations, but it has been clear for some time that removal in certain areas would be needed.

I am very happy to announce that the Messalonskee Lake Association has been chosen as one of seven lake associations in the State of Maine to receive additional funding for managing milfoil.

These are MATCHING funds so your contributions are even more important now than ever and I hope you will continue to support the Association for that purpose.

Now, here is the hard part. NONE of this will happen without your support. Both your financial support and your active involvement. Most of the board members have been involved for some years and, as seems to be the case in many volunteer organizations, one or two people are currently doing most of the work. These people can not go on without some additional support.

We are going to need some new leadership and help to make this all happen. Most importantly, we need a person to lead this Milfoil Management Program. This is a job that won't take much time, but we need to have someone stay on top of the program to make it work. Please get in contact with one of the board members, or me directly if you can help in any way. We would hate to see this opportunity go to waste because we could not support it with the people that will be needed to drive it forward.

Our plan is to significantly increase our activity on milfoil in two major mitigation activities. One is the installation of Benthic Barriers in areas where appropriate. The other is the through building a "DASH" boat which is a Diver Assisted Suction Harvester that would allow for pulling milfoil in areas where that is appropriate. Both of these methods are the chosen methods used in other parts of the State and would be effective here.

Best Regards,

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