

Pattagansett Lake Association

Spring 2025 Newsletter

The following is a report on the activities of the lake association board over the winter in preparation for 2025.

2025 Herbicide Treatment Plans

As was reported in our Fall 2024 newsletter, the board is seeking to use a different herbicide, (flumioxazin, aka Clipper), than the one that was applied the past two years, (Procella-COR). The Procella-COR was found to be very effective on milfoil, the dominant invasive weed present in our lake, several other varieties of invasive weeds, and lily pads to some extent but not so much if at all on several other invasive weeds. For the permit to use Clipper, DEEP required us to conduct an endangered plant species survey, and to submit it to the National Diversity Data Base, (NDDDB), for their approval. That survey was completed in August and September, the report was submitted to the NDDDB and it was accepted as satisfying their requirements. We are now waiting for DEEP to issue the permit. Clipper is applied twice during the season, we expect in June and August, and based on our previous experience, we anticipate the permit will not be issued until late May or early June. The permit is issued to our contractor, Pond & Lake Connection, and they are managing the process with DEEP.

The board had been accumulating funding for the plant survey and we were surprised and delighted to receive the \$7500 funding for it from Pauline Lord and David Harlow of White Gate Farm. Because of that, the association has approximately a \$13,000 balance in its account to be used in large part towards this year's treatment. For the two treatments we have done over the past two years, funding was raised from participating members and property owners using a formula based on the amount of lake frontage of each participant. Since many did not participate, yet all benefited, at least to some degree from it, there has been some unfairness in the process in that regard. Now that there is available funding to cover a large portion of this year's costs, the board is asking for a \$200 donation from all who can and are willing to participate. This should allow some carryover for future use as well.

The board will send out a letter soon specifically asking for this donation to all members and friends of the lake seeking this tax-deductible contribution. We want to emphasize we are not seeking to eradicate all unwanted vegetation but only wish to control it to the extent that it impedes boating or swimming or other use of the lake.

Boat Launch Sign

We previously reported on our efforts to have a sign installed at the boat launch reminding boat owners of the need to clean their boats and trailers before entering them into the lake per state law as part of the effort to control the spread of aquatic invasive species. We are happy to report, as of 4/17, the signs are now installed prominently at both the Pattagansett and Powers Lake boat launches. The association paid about \$600 for the two signs.

Hydroraking

The hydroraking program will go on again this year in September or early October. More information will be available as we get closer to that time.

Dock Sections Available

One of our members has two or three 4'x8' wooden dock sections available. If anyone is interested, please reach out to me and I will put you in touch with the owner.

As always, please reach out to any board member if you have questions or concerns. Contact info can be found on our website, (pattagansettlake.com).

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