

Lake Owen Association Lake Manager Activities Report Board Update September 13, 2022

Boat Landing AIS Prevention: Decontamination Stations, etc.

James (Rocky) Clements is covering hours at the campground and working at the North Landing when Zach is not available. There was no response to the *Bottom Line* newspaper want ad for staff.

Shoreland Visits

Follow-up visit at Virginia Beach Condos occurred on 9/15/22.

Grant Applications for 2022

Virginia Beach Condos Surface Water Grant for project installation will not be submitted because some board members are concerned about maintenance and inspection requirements in a document that must be registered with the deed (as required by DNR grant).

Board resolutions are included for remaining grants described at the August meeting. Bill Hannaford reviewed and submitted preliminary grant applications this past week. An outline of proposed grant budgets is provided as an attachment. Decontamination unit operation is a grant-eligible expense.

Final applications including board resolutions are due November 15. As currently drafted, the total match would be \$57,213 to leverage \$145,991 in grant funding over three years (about \$48,663 annually). This includes the \$8,000 Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant each year. The current \$186,000 Lake Protection Grant was depleted over a 5-year period (about \$37,200 annually). With the CBCW grant, the annual grant total was about \$45,200 from 2018 - 2022.

Lake Owen Science Update (July and August)

- Permit for yellow iris control was obtained from DNR, and 5 sites were sprayed and 2 hand-pulled on 9/13/2022.
- Stephen Klobucar is a PhD fisheries biologist with family property on Lake Owen. He participated in the focus group sessions. Stephen's expertise is in food web dynamics of cold water fisheries. Steve Schieffer met with Dr. Klobucar to discuss potential for Lake Owen fishery study. We are proposing further scoping of the study in cooperation with DNR fisheries biologist as part of the lake management plan update. Meeting set with DNR biologist and Steve S on November 3.