



Michigan Lake & Stream Associations

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A Victory for Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation

Nestle Must Reduce Water Pumping Rate During Spring and Summer

Big Rapids, Michigan: **Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation** stopped Nestlé Waters North America, Inc.'s attempt to pump more water from a stressed stream and lake for its Ice Mountain bottled water in Mecosta, Michigan on Monday, July 6.

MCWC and Nestle reached a settlement on the first day of a weeklong hearing scheduled to resolve opposing claims on whether Nestlé's pumping should be reduced or increased under the criteria of a 2006 injunction order.

"Under this modified injunction order, Nestle cannot pump more water from Dead Stream or Thompson Lake" Terry Swier, MCWC President said. "This new order completes one of MCWC's goals. Nestle must reduce its pumping earlier in the spring and continue its low pumping rates during the summer months. This will leave more water in the system and should eliminate the more serious impacts to the stream that occur in drier years and summers."

The modified injunction order reached by agreement yesterday will end the 9 year dispute and become a final and permanent injunction that reduces Nestlé's original intended water removal by 50 percent.

"Nestle challenged the rule of law, but the rule of law has prevailed," Jim Olson, said, joined by former U.S. Attorney for Western Michigan Michael Dettmer and Jeff Jocks with the Olson, Bzdok & Howard, PC, a Traverse City law firm.

"This injunction ends the continuing legal battle of MCWC's struggle to protect Dead Stream, Thompson Lake and wetlands from excessive water extraction," Swier said. "Now it is time to turn to the task of assuring water remains owned by the public."

Source: MCWC Press Release

Moving Forward ! Following A Successful Transition, ML&SA Sets the Stage for the Future

By the Editor

The Michigan Lake and Stream Associations leadership team is proud to announce that the organizational transition which began this past March with the retirements of Don Winne, our Executive Director and Pearl Bonnell, our Director of Operations, is near completion. Thanks to the outstanding leadership of our President, our corporate officers and our Board of Directors, our nearly fifty year old organization has successfully navigated this challenging period in our history.

We offer a hearty thank you to our membership as well as to our many collaborative partners for their patience, understanding and valuable assistance during these past few months. We offer special thanks to the many friends of Michigan Lake and Stream Associations for their loyal support and unique contributions that helped make our transition a successful one.

The next year promises to be an exciting one as ML&SA unveils new publications written to address the unique interests of our riparian membership, conducts several lake management seminars throughout the state and holds their 49th Annual Conference on April 30th and May 1st, 2010 at the Radisson in downtown Lansing.

The anticipated fall 2009 release of Cliff Bloom's new book entitled "**Michigan Lake Associations – The Nuts and Bolts**" will be followed soon thereafter with the release of our Science Advisory Committee's publication regarding inland lake science and management. ML&SA will also be publishing several new informational brochures focused on a wide variety of subjects and issues of interest to our riparian oriented membership.

Your Michigan Lake and Stream Associations has set the stage for another fifty years of dedicated service to our membership and collaborative partners ! Join Us !



Starry Stonewort Claims Round Lake

Walter J. Hayes State Park Inland Lake
Devastated by Foreign Macro Algae

Article and Photos by Scott Brown



Starry Stonewort
(*Nitellopsis obtusa*)

In a “spectacular” display of its ability to disrupt inland lake ecosystems, Starry Stonewort, an invasive macro algae first observed in Michigan waters in 2005, has severely degraded the overall quality and recreational viability of Round Lake, located seven miles southeast of Brooklyn, Michigan,

within the confines of the **Walter J. Hayes State Park**.

Starry Stonewort, first observed in Round Lake in 2007, has claimed an area equal to one third of the surface area of the lake, including the entire near shore area to a depth of three feet. A once luxuriant population of native emergent and floating native aquatic plants including bulrush and water lilies, have been forced out by dense light green aquatic “meadows” of Starry Stonewort. Round Lake’s water has become crystal clear as Starry Stonewort prevents the re-suspension of bottom sediments and starves native green algae of critical nutrients.

Thriving in shallow, near shore areas in inland lakes with relatively high calcium levels, this aggressive and rapidly propagating macro algae effectively destroys panfish spawning areas by totally covering the lake’s bottom, making these areas inaccessible for spawning.

At nearby Wamplers Lake, where Starry Stonewort first appeared in the spring of 2007, the property owners association has begun treating the pesky macro algae with aquatic algacide. According to Dave Crysler, President of the Wamplers Lake Property Owners Association, “within two days of the chemical treatment, the Starry Stonewort completely disappears...only to return within a week. This invasive is tough to eradicate. It makes our battle with Eurasian Water Milfoil seem easy in comparison.”



Dense mats of Starry Stonewort, often several feet thick, can make boating nearly impossible

Spotlight on Ms. Sharon Wagner

ML&SA’s New Central Office Manager



The Random House American Dictionary defines the word **enthusiasm** with just two words- “lively interest”. Lively and interested are the two words that most people would use to describe Sharon Wagner, our new Stanton based Central Office manager.

Sharon’s positive approach and detail oriented professionalism are perfect attributes for the diverse role she plays in the “new” Michigan Lake and Stream Associations. Membership services coordinator, public relations officer, administrative assistant and logistics planner are just a few of the “hats” she wears on a daily basis. Sharon’s resume includes being the Director of Marketing for a large convenience store chain as well a creating and running her own marketing firm. Her outstanding people and organizational skills have been instrumental in successfully completing the transition that ML&SA has recently undergone. Contact Sharon at 989-831-5100 for assistance.



Michigan’s Lakes - Ours To Protect !

Enrollment for the 2010 MiCorps

Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program

Begins Soon !

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| ◆ Secchi Disk | ◆ Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature |
| ◆ Spring Total Phosphorus | ◆ Aquatic Plant Mapping |
| ◆ Summer Total Phosphorus | ◆ Exotic Plant Watch |
| ◆ Chlorophyll-a | |

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Contact Jean Roth, ML&SA Program Administrator
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Recommended Website for September 2009

The Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership, a diverse collaboration involving state and local agencies, outreach institutions, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and concerned citizens as well Michigan's Native American Nations and your Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, has created a website dedicated to the effective management of Michigan's 11,000 inland lakes. This website is well organized and provides a wealth of very useful information regarding our freshwater gems. Your time spent browsing this website is well invested !

www.michiganlakes.msue.msu.edu

**2000 Baum Family Trust v. Babel
MI Circuit Court of Appeals
Riparian Rights Decision**

**2000 Baum Family Trust Case Symposium
Friday, September 18, 2009
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center

Visit the ML&SA website at www.mlswa.org for registration information or contact Scott Brown, ML&SA Executive Director at 517-914-1684 or e-mail: sbrown@mlswa.org .

HOUSE BILL 4199 PASSED BY MI SENATE Aquatic Plant Control Bill Headed to Governor

The Michigan Senate has passed legislation that would make it illegal to launch a watercraft with aquatic plant material attached (except wild rice). **House Bill 4199**, which passed the House of Representatives on April 1, 2009, would create a state civil infraction and a potential \$100.00 fine for offenders. The fine would only be leveraged if the boat owner disobeyed an order by law enforcement officers to remove the aquatic plant material. The legislation is expected to be signed by the Governor in early September.

Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership Open Forum

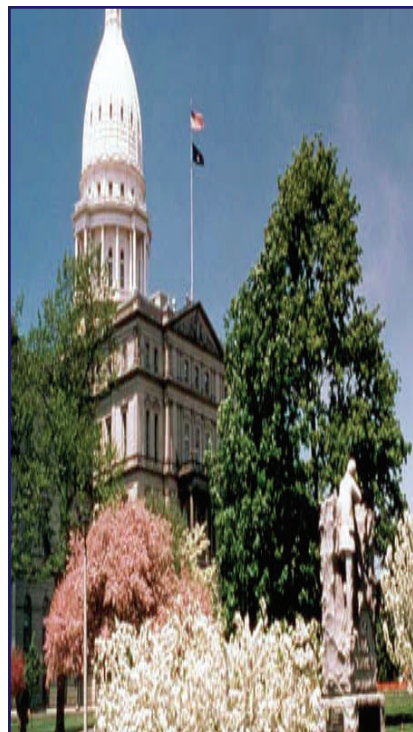
*"Promoting Collaboration to Advance
Stewardship of Michigan's Inland Lakes..."*

**Thursday, September 24, 2009
1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**East Lansing Public Library Meeting Room
950 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI 48823**

**RSVP with Jo Latimore at latimor1@msu.edu
or (517) 432-1491**

The Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership is a new effort engaging state and local agencies, Native American Nations, outreach institutions, non-governmental organizations, businesses, industries and citizens in a collaborative effort to ensure the quality, sustainability and ecological diversity of lakes, while considering society's needs.



Michigan Lake and Stream Associations

**49th Annual
Conference**

**April 30th and
May 1st, 2010**

**Radisson Hotel
Lansing, Michigan**

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for more
information**

TAKING CHARGE:

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An Inland Lakes Management Conference

**Friday, October 16, 2009
Kettunen Center, Tustin, Michigan**

For additional information visit the Michigan Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society (McNALMS) website at www.mcnalms.org .