



What waters are associated with CLIC?

Great question! CLIC focusses upon the following waters:

- ~ North Lake ~ Monument Brook Stream ~
- The Thoroughfare ~ East Grand Lake ~ Mud Lake ~ Spednic Lake ~ Palfrey Lake ~
- Deering Lake ~ Bracket Lake ~

For more information on how to become a CLIC member or volunteer, or to get on our mailing list, contact CariAnn Michaud via phone: 207-538-2489 or email: cinnamon5517@gmail.com



Meet and Greet New Board Members

With great enthusiasm, the Board of Directors at CLIC is delighted to announce the election of a new member over the winter season. Susan Slack joins us with extensive expertise in Project Management and boasts over 35 years of experience as an Operations Manager. Her dedication extends to serving on the boards of both her church and school, accumulating a combined 40 years of valuable contributions. Susan has demonstrated leadership in women's groups, youth groups, kindergarten programs, and fundraisers. CLIC warmly embraces Susan Slack, and we are excited to have her

wealth of experience, motivation, and energy as she takes on a new role within our Association.

What have we been up to??

There is something about community involvement that just gets the blood flowing, wouldn't you agree? Last year CLIC was able to coordinate with Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and one of the middle schools in Houlton to raise and release Salmon Fry. That was a ton of fun but this year is going to be even better. Thanks to Jerry Wilson, CLIC is proud to announce that at this year's fish release, along with Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, there will be 5 schools participating in the Salmon Fry release! It has been years since we have been able to have all schools on board. In attendance this year we will have:

Jill Porter, 6th grade teacher from Houlton Middle School,





Jacqueline Rogers, 5th grade South Side Elementary School,



David Apgar and Donni Steeves, 7th grade Danforth Middle School



Nathan Foster, 4th and 5th grade Greater Houlton Christian Academy,

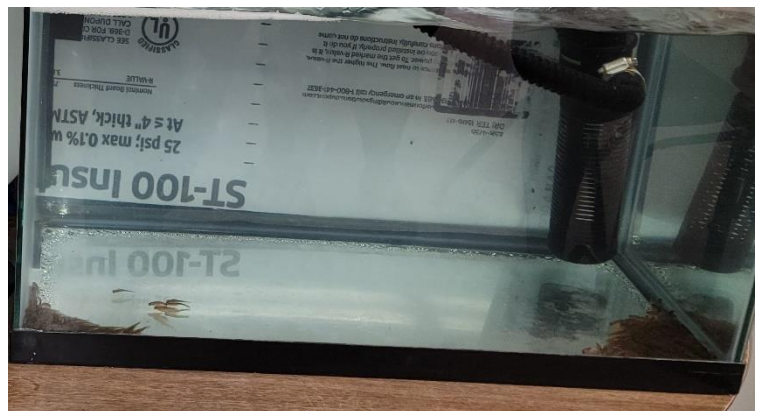


The Salmon Fry are delivered to the schools' courtesy of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as eggs



Aimee Goff, 6th grade Mill Pond School in Hodgdon,

and grow into the little fry's that are released.





These schools have been working hard to maintain and grow these beautiful little creatures that will be released in to East Grand Lake this year. After the fish have been released, CLIC will host a hot dog lunch for all in attendance.

Fish Hatchery Report –

Courtesy of our Pres. Kathy Conley -

Kathy Conley took a beautiful ride down to the fish hatchery in Enfield Maine this past November to check out the harvesting of the fish eggs. Here are a few of the many things she learned and experienced: The fish are very active in the fall and that's the best time to see the action. Jared Hjort, the Fish Culture Supervisor, at the hatchery, described how they test the batches of eggs to be sure they are healthy. Another hard working young man, Chris, who also works at the hatchery showed the food the fish eat. Some are pellets that are like a mash consistency for younger fish, and then 3 different size pellets for each of the stages of fish growth. Kathy was also shown how the water is pumped in from the lake and how it is "cleaned" and then pumped in to the fish holding tanks. There is clear separation from when the fish are ready to be harvested and when the eggs are actually being harvested from the fish. The Enfield Fish Hatchery is a well-oiled machine as the saying goes and plays a vital role in stocking the beautiful water in the Northern part of the state.

Interested in local Fisheries Issues?

If you are interested in leading an effort to get the School Fish Tank Project up and running again, please contact CLIC and

we will be pleased to discuss this matter with you.

Side notes in keeping our lakes healthy

As we get ready to begin our summer season, there are things we need to keep on our minds to help keep our lakes, streams and rivers just as beautiful as possible. There are some things we can do to help this process.

- Plant a rain garden. Use a rain barrel to catch the water from the roof
- Use non-toxic tackle rather than lead sinkers and jigs
- Shampoos and soaps contain nutrients and pollutants that are harmful to the lake and its living organisms so reconsider that lake shower
- Don't litter into the waters or shores
- Keep your boat, trailer, fishing gear and other boating equipment clean when going from one waterway to another, this includes lifejackets, chairs, coolers, floats and other fun items.

We come back year after year to enjoy these waters and we need to be sure they are left as pristine as nature intended. Let's all do our part and keep up the good work so we have something to keep coming back to!

Let's talk SAVE THE DAM

David Townsend and Marie Ormerod -

Worried About the Forest City Dam Being Decommissioned?

...There's a New Development!!!

My husband and I are new to lakefront living on beautiful East Grand Lake, but



even before we moved here, we became aware of the longstanding threat of the FC Dam removal. We, like you, would be devastated if anything were to jeopardize our water levels or our spectacular and thriving natural environment. We, like you, are highly motivated to ensure that our voices are heard regarding this issue.

In case you are not yet aware, there has been a very promising new development in the FC Dam saga. Read on to find a summary of the new proposal and what you can do to help!!

Dam Issue Update:

1) Woodland Pulp has submitted a new proposal to FERC, (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) which recommends that:

- The legal title to the US and Canadian lands associated with the operation of the Forest City Dam, and full operational management over the Dam, be transferred to the St Croix International Waterway Commission (SCIWC).
- Woodland Pulp continues the actual operation of the Forest City Dam under the direction of the SCIWC.
- The FC Dam would be operated solely for purposes of protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife; protection of recreational opportunities; other environmental quality objectives; and for flood control; and NOT for hydropower generation purposes.

This, by all accounts, is a proposal that, if approved by FERC, could help secure and

improve our current environment including water levels.

The current solution proposed by Woodland Pulp alleviates our concerns and puts the oversight, operation and management of the Forest City Dam into the hands of a responsible and purpose-driven organization. In my opinion, the SCIWC seems like the perfect guardian for the Forest City Dam.

What Can I Do to Help Advance this Proposal?

FERC has requested comments from all Stakeholders...and that includes us! The more support we show, the better our chances for the acceptance of the proposal! In order to make it as easy as possible for you to show your support, I am including a pro-proposal comment that you can simply cut, paste, and send to FERC to ensure your voice is heard.

Template Comment (supportive):

RE: Docket #P-2660-038

I support Woodland Pulp's application to obtain permission from FERC to surrender its license to own and control the operation of the Forest City Dam, on the condition that if such permission is granted that Woodland Pulp will execute property deeds which will transfer the ownership of the lands associated with the Dam to the St. Croix International Waterway Commission, and that the Waterway Commission will manage the operation of the Forest City Dam for the purposes of the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife, protection of recreational opportunities, preservation of other



aspects of environmental quality, and for flood control, and NOT for hydropower generation purposes.

Individually Written Comments:

Of course, you are free to write your own comments as you wish and further, if you have suggestions/opinions for the continued operation/management of the FC Dam, feel free to include them for consideration.

How Do I Submit My Comments?

Comments can be submitted in several ways; I have included instructions below on the 2 easiest ways to get your comments on the record. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 25th, 2024 (previous deadline has been extended).

1. VIA SNAIL MAIL:

- Just write or type your comments and put them in an envelope and mail them to:

Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary,
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,
888 First Street NE, Room 1A,
Washington, DC, 20426.

Don't forget to add your contact information and the Docket #P-2660-038

- 2) On the FERC Website via their "ecomment" tab.

Before attempting to submit your comments via ecomment, please have your comment pre-typed and saved somewhere on your device as it is easiest to copy and paste your work onto the

FERC website rather than creating your comment in the FERC online form.

This is a faster and somewhat less complicated means to file your comments electronically. Electronic submissions will be posted to the docket for you and others to see within a day or two. The eComment option is available for those who wish to file electronically in 6000 characters or less. I am including specific directions below to hopefully make this process easier.

To submit an ecomment:

- Go onto FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/>
- Click on "efile/ecomment" (on right hand side)
- Click on "New User"
- Fill out info requested then click on "Proceed to full registration" and then click "Next"
- Enter the info requested (address/phone) and click "Next"
- As a private citizen, nothing on the next screen needs to be filled out so simply click "Done"
- At this point you will see that FERC has sent you an email to confirm your registration.
- Go to that email and click the link they give you to confirm.
- Once back on the FERC website, click on "ecomment"
- Enter Docket# P-2660-038 and hit "search"



- Select the correct docket by clicking on the "+" under the heading "Select"
- Copy and paste your comment into the comment typing space
- Hit Send
- You should receive a confirmation email from FERC acknowledging your submission
- You can return to the ecomment section of FERC at any time to see all ecomments submitted on behalf of this docket #.

This post was meant to be a summary and a call to action. If you would like more detailed information regarding this proposal/issue, I am including some resources below.

To learn more about the FC Dam issue:

FERC Contact: Michael Calloway, (202) 502-8041, michael.calloway@ferc.gov.

To learn more about public participation in FERC matters contact:

FERC's Office of Public Participation at OPP@ferc.com or call 202-502-6595

To learn more about the SCIWC please visit their website:

<https://www.stcroix.org/>

I urge you to remember that, the sooner you take action, the better. Don't miss your chance to shape the future because of procrastination or a missed deadline. It really does only take minutes to do!

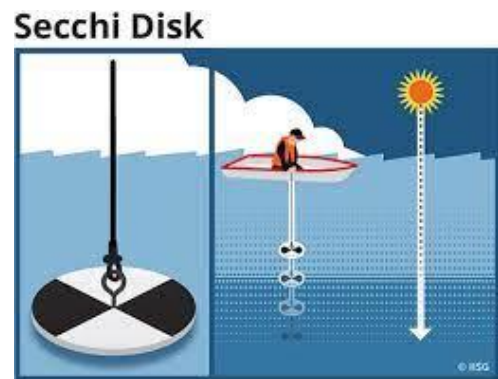
Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chiputneticook Lakes International Conservancy (CLIC) and, in particular **David Townsend** and CLIC's Save

the Dam Group. This Group has worked tirelessly over the past seven years to actively oppose all efforts to decommission the FC Dam. We are lucky to have such tremendous leadership in our midst and I am grateful for their perseverance regarding this issue.

Water Quality and Testing –

Chair: John Johnston-

For the past 4-5 years our committee has been evaluating water quality in East Grand Lake by using the Secchi Disc



method. This test is performed by dropping a weighted/colored disc that is attached to a measuring tape. The more distance that the disc can be seen down into the water, through our scopes, the clearer the water. Although this is a very simple test it is a very good indicator of lake health. I am pleased to say that currently our observations seem to indicate good water quality in East Grand Lake. We hope that in 2023 we will be able to expand our monitoring efforts. These additional tests may include the following: oxygen levels; phosphorous levels; training in identifying possible invasive plants; training in identifying early algae problems, and other tests are under discussion.



CLIC would like to give thanks to the two volunteers that we offered their time to assist with the Secchi Disc study. They have both been trained and are ready to help when the time comes!

More volunteers:

As we plan activities for this summer, we could always use more help. Experience in water testing is not necessary: training will be arranged.

If you have an interest in helping, please contact John Johnston via phone: 207-839-3454 or email: jjohnston1@maine.rr.com

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for any of our committees or in becoming a CLIC member, please feel free to contact CariAnn Michaud at 207-538-2489.



Upcoming Events 2024

Half Moon Island picnic is an event you don't want to miss! Be sure to join us on July 6, 2024 from 11-1pm (ME. EST) noon-2pm (N.B.) at the island.

CLIC's Annual Meeting will be held on August 10, 2024 from 9-10:30am (ME. EST) 10-11:30 (N.B.) at Danforth Community Center with Guest speakers Barbara Glanville as a Specialist on Invasive Species and Mill Foil. Please mark your calendars. We would love to have a great turnout.

Executive Board	Board Members
President – Kathy Conley	David Townsend
Vice Pres – CariAnn Michaud	John Johnston
Treasurer – Edwin Decker	Ann Barnes
Secretary – Frank Bolton	Susan Slack

CLIC Committees & Chairs - 2024

- ✚ Bylaw review
 - Chair: David Townsend
- ✚ Communications
 - Co-Chairs: Frank Bolton and CariAnn Michaud
 - Members → Ann Barnes
- ✚ Water Quality and Testing
 - Chair: John Johnston
 - Members → Jeremy Michaud
- ✚ Membership
 - Chair: USA- CariAnn Michaud
Chair: Canada – David Townsend
- ✚ Save the Dam
 - Chair: David Townsend
- ✚ Fisheries
 - Chair: David Townsend
 - Members → Jeremy Michaud
- ✚ Special Events
 - Chair: Kathy Conley
- ✚ Members → Ann Barnes, Jeremy Michaud, CariAnn Michaud, Ed Decker, David Townsend
- ✚ CLIC Equipment
 - Chair: Kathy Conley
 - Members → David Townsend, Ed Decker, Jeremy Michaud
- ✚ Nominating Committee
 - CLIC's dually elected officers
- ✚ Navigation Markers and Buoys
 - Kathy Conley – contact
- ✚ Sunshine and Sympathy Club
 - Chair: Ann Barnes



Looking for something yummy to cook up for supper??

Try this Fish Chowder. A fine recipe taken straight out of the 6th edition 1970's New Brunswick Home Economics Cook Book.



- 2 lb. White Fish
- 1 onion
- 2-inch cube of salt pork
- 1 quart cubed potatoes
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1-quart milk
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1/8 tsp. pepper

If you are gutting and cleaning your own catch, make a fish stock by simmering the bones, skin, and trimmings of the fish in one quart of water for about 30 minutes. Chop onion and salt pork until fine and fry together in a large kettle until light brown. Add strained fish stock, potato cubes, salt and pepper and the fish which has been cut into small pieces (about 1/2-inch cubes).

When the fish and potatoes are almost done, add the milk, butter and pepper. Finish cooking.

Suggestions:

- Chopped celery or green pepper may be added.
- Use bacon instead of salt pork or omit altogether if you prefer vegetarian.
- Add rolled cracker crumbs just before serving.

Lastly, CLIC wants to be sure Membership forms are updated so we don't lose contact with our members. Please update the attached form and send it back via email or snail mail, which ever you prefer. Can't wait to see you on the water this summer and surely at the picnic on Half Moon Island!

Let the season begin!

