

Report from the CLIC Board of Directors

The Smelt Fry Stocking Project

CLIC has just completed the release of the third two million fry into East Grand Lake. In total, over six million fry have been released in the past three years. This project was funded through the financial support of member Jeff Bursaw and the donations of many other CLIC members. CLIC has committed to at least one more year of stocking and is currently exploring various ways to extend this project and would love to hear from anyone who may wish to support its continuation.

Salmon Fry Stocking Project

This spring CLIC organized two salmon stocking days. About 130 students and 28 CLIC members attended the events. CLIC's School Fish Tank Program has seven large aquariums in three schools in Houlton, Danforth and Hodgdon and supports a fish tank in Canterbury, NB. The schools are supplied with salmon eggs which the students care for in the spring. The salmon fry are released at a number of sites around the East Grand Lake during an educational field trip.

CLIC hopes to raise awareness of the ecology of the lake by including area communities in supporting the health and the abundance of the fish. Fishermen on the lake report an increase in both the number and the size of fish caught. Bones Ellis has spearheaded this project and would welcome any inquiries. He would be more than happy to provide further details.

Raptor Nest Project

CLIC has obtained permission from Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to install a nesting pole on the land below the the binocular site near the Million Dollar View. Personnel from the Northern Maine Regional Planning Commission will work with CLIC and with Charles Todd, an eagle biologist, to get the pole set and to design the nesting platform. Jerry Wilson is spearheading this project and would welcome and inquiries.

Picnic Table Project

An additional four picnic tables have been constructed and purchased and will be placed around

the lake. Possible sites under consideration are The Gut, Old Man's Island, Forest City Dam, and Birch Point.

Yard Sale Project

The CLIC yard sale is again scheduled for August 11th. Save your gently used goods and drop them off at Bones Ellis' on the Boundary Line Road (shortly before the Orient - Fosterville bridge). His number is 207-448-2924.

Island Picnic and Poker Run Project

CLIC is hosting the annual island picnic on July 21st. Come to the island, have a hot dog and great french fries and meet folks from around the lake (Canadians: American Border patrol staff are scheduled to be on hand to make entry into the U.S. easier for you). After the picnic plan to stay for CLIC's first annual Poker run. A token fee to join the run will entitle your boat to gather cards from 5-7 local area docks. The best poker hand will win!! We're hoping this is another way for folks to meet and greet their lake neighbors while having fun. If you have any questions, Bill Walton is spear-heading this event.

CLIC joins Keep It Grand

The Board of Directors voted to join the Keep It Grand organization, a newly formed organization intended to advocate for the protection of East Grand and its watershed. The proposed wind turbines on Greenland Ridge are the impetus for the Keep It Grand group a.

CLIC Annual Meeting

CLIC is pleased to report that Jacques Poitras, the author of *An Imaginary Line, Life On An Unfinished Border*, has agreed to speak at our annual meeting on July 28th. If you aren't familiar with his book, it's a fascinating read which deals with Canada-U.S. relations on the Maine/New Brunswick border and contains chapters on Forest City, Monument Stream and much more. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Details will be posted later in the summer as the event unfolds. Torrey Sylvester is spearheading this event at First Settlers Lodge in Weston on July 28th. Ask any board member for more information after June 23rd.

Membership

CLIC membership currently stands at 274 regular members and 37 life members. We are always looking for new folks to join our efforts and would welcome any ideas and, of course, contributions of time and talent. Any CLIC board member would welcome any questions and or suggestions you might have.

By the way, Paul McGuillicuddy was honored with a life membership to celebrate his 99th birthday. When you see Paul around the lake, wish him a happy birthday!

Remember that CLIC has a conservation fund to which you may contribute. Money in the fund will be used to fund the cost of conservation projects around the lake.

For information about joining CLIC, dues and also contributions to the conservation and fishery fund, contact Bill Walton at 28 Snowberry Lane, Orient ME 04471, clictreasurer@aol.com or visit the CLIC web pages.

Visit CLIC at <http://www.chiplakenevents.org/CLICHome.htm>



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Some Items to Note

McGill's Community Band: Concerts in Houlton every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in June, July (except July 5th) and August through the 16th. Monument Park, Houlton: 7:00 p.m. Also, on July 3rd in conjunction with Midnight Madness.

Breakfast at North Lake Community Center (NLCC) - Saturday breakfasts are currently scheduled for June 16, July 14 and September 1. There may be others as well.

Peter's Cove Yacht Club regattas: July 21, August 4 and August 18 (bad weather make-up races are Sundays). Contact person is Paul LaPointe: 207-532-7926.

Headway speed: when using a motor boat of any kind, please remember the rules about speed when near the shoreline and when approaching water fowl.



Photos from the Grammar School Salmon Stocking Project