



MLA NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2022

ZEBRA MUSSEL UPDATE/OVERVIEW

At the September 3 meeting, Scott Ballantyne, Ph.D., will present a zebra mussel research update/overview. He is professor of biology at the University of Wisconsin (River Falls) and a member of the MLA board. Scott's expertise is in molecular biology and specifically RNA regulation during early animal development. With the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, www.maisrc.umn.edu, he is conducting a project on the use of RNA interference to screen for zebra mussel biocontrol target genes.

DNR FISHERIES/WALLEYE UPDATE

Recently Craig Roberts, DNR Senior Fisheries Biologist serving both Washburn/Burnett Counties, spent the day on the water with Mike Pederson and other MLA anglers. Discussions centered on natural habitat, stocking, and exploring natural reproduction of walleye. At the September 3 meeting, Mike will share the day's events plus speak about an interesting Oneida and Vilas counties walleye project "bringing back walleye waters in the Northwoods" www.wxrp.org and "walleyes forever" on Crane Lake.

MLA-BRANDED ARTISAN BOOYA MUGS

The second batch of 25 is sold! Thank you to all who purchased and made this project a success. Many at the Booya were using their newly purchased mugs filled with this traditional fall stew/soup cooked outdoors in giant kettles. A repeat run is in the planning stages for next year so watch for updates in the spring.

MLA MEETING UPDATES

Meeting [minutes](#) from the July 30 member meeting are online now. September meeting is Saturday, September 3, at 9 AM at the McKenzie Landing.

WEBSITE MCKENZIELAKES.COM

Take a few minutes and open www.mckenzielakes.com and go to the **gallery**; recently posted pictures include many of the festive decorated pontoons/boats in the July 4 boat parades and the very successful 2022 Booya fundraiser.

AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The APM team lead by Emily Moore, our plan facilitator and Burnett County AIS coordinator, has completed their field work on Big, Middle and Lower McKenzie. During the winter months Emily will be writing the plan incorporating our goals and objectives with the first draft available for review by our APM Plan committee next spring. Anticipated final plan will be available to the MLA members and the public fall 2023.

2023 EVENTS CALENDER

- April 29 – Roadside Clean-up
- May 27 – 1st Member Meeting
- June 24 – 2nd Meeting – Annual Meeting
- July 4 – Boat Parade
- July 29 – 3rd Member Meeting
- August 5 -- Booya
- September 2 – 4th Member Meeting