

Water Quality (cont.)

Where do you get these plants? Don't dig them up from the wild. Visit a local nursery which stocks trees and shrubs native to our area. Describe your local conditions, where you want to plant your purchases. Nurserymen can advise you what species are appropriate, and most likely to survive. Remember to ask the Nursery where they obtain their stock!

A GOOD SOURCE IN OUR AREA:
O'Donal's Nurseries
Gorham, ME Tel: 839 4262
www.odonalsnurseries.com



Courtesy Boat Inspections

Our annual courtesy boat inspections started May 28, 2010

Until recently, courtesy boat inspections were confined to public boat launches. However, in other areas of Maine some summer youth camps and RV parks have taken up the cause. To everyone's surprise, two pieces of Water Chestnut were found by this newest set of boat inspectors. Hence, the introduction of a very aggressive invasive aquatic species was prevented.

Lilly Brook

Last year, a few persistent shoots of Variable-leaved Milfoil were found on two separate occasions in Lilly Brook during the summer of 2009. Benthic barriers were applied. We expect modest occurrences for the next few years, despite our amazing successes. An occasional root fragment can persist, and who knows how long seeds lying in the benthic mud will remain viable.

Benthic barriers will be removed from Lilly Brook in June and a survey of this site and the brook outlet will be taking place during this month.

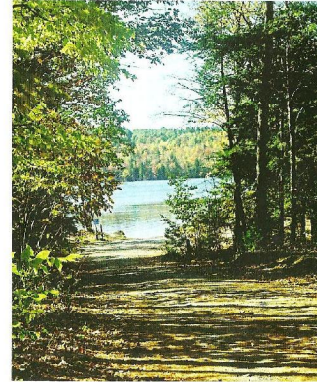


Invasive Species Survey

Pixie Williams and other volunteer plant patrollers report that no invasive plants were found in Pleasant Lake and Parker Pond during the 2009 summer season. However, a species of concern, Purple Loosestrife is increasing along the shoreline in the Casco region of Pleasant Lake. The Chinese Mystery Snail remains with us.

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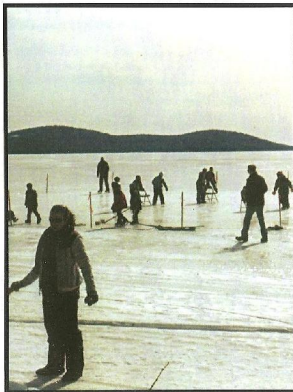


OUR NEW WEBSITE:

www.pleasantlakeandparkerpondassociation.org

Ice In And Ice Out

This past winter was a strange one. "Ice In" occurred on Parker Pond on December 14 and on Pleasant Lake, December 29. When the ice first started to form, there was no snow, but intermittent strong winds. These winds impeded the formation of solid ice, and shortly thereafter the snows arrived, covering the weak ice with an insulating blanket. Some lakes had small open areas all winter long. Fisherman and folks on snowmobiles were warned to be careful. Spring came exceptionally early and the ice went out on Parker Pond March 21 and on Pleasant Lake, March 23.



DATES TO REMEMBER

**PLEASE ATTEND!
PROTECT YOUR LAKE
SUPPORT THE
LAKE ASSOCIATION**

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SOIL &
WATER CONSERVATION AGENCY
STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 4:30 PM
CASCO LIBRARY

PL/PPA BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 6:30 PM
CASCO LIBRARY

PL/PPA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 7:00 PM
CASCO COMMUNITY CENTER

Please observe **NO PARKING SIGNS**
at the **CASCO BOAT LAUNCH**



Did you know it is illegal to transport
live fish from one lake to another?
Only bait transport is permissible.



Water Quality & Shoreline Planting

One very important component of protecting good water quality in the lakes is the vegetation which grows along the water's edge. Ideally, it should be native trees and shrubs.

Although lawns present charming views of open space with the lake in the background, sadly, grass does little to absorb run-off from nonpoint source pollution.

So replace lawns or fill bare spots with native trees and shrubs. They should be species well adapted to our local environment. Native insects will do the job of pollination. This assists the life cycle of both plant and pollinator.