

FL-PRISM Aquatic Working Group Agenda
January 21, 1:30 pm-3:30pm
Finger Lakes Institute, 601 S. Main Street, Geneva, NY
Conference Call-in was available



In attendance: Roy Widrig, CCE Onondaga (by phone); Gene Little, Coast Guard Aux and Boy Scouts (by phone); Mike Parker (Conesus Lake); James Balyzak, Hydrilla TF; Emily Staychock, CCE Yates and FLI AIS Outreach Coordinator; Michele Wunderlich, Cayuga County Planning; Terry Gronwell, HVLA; Dorothy Gronwell, HVLA; Hilary Mosher, FL-PRISM Coordinator; Bruce Gilman, Muller FS, FLCC; Patty Wakefield Brown, NYS Parks; Fred Blom, NYS Bass; John Gibbs , NYSDEC Natural Resources Director, Region 8; Betsy Ukeritis, NYS DEC Educator

Meeting Objective: Revisit aquatic priorities/AOCs for use in the 2016 RFP, partner updates/roundtable; discuss aquatic needs for the region and spring/summer priorities, Identify the work being done around the region and seek opportunities for collaboration. Set summer priorities and target areas of concern in the region.

Topic	
1	Welcome and meeting objective
2	Review of minutes from June 15, 2015.
3	Revisit leadership of AWG Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michele Wunderlich made a motion to vote Emily Staychock as the Chair of the FL-PRISM Aquatic Working Group. Betsy Ukeritis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Gene Little will remain Vice-chair and Michele Wunderlich will remain Secretary. Hilary Mosher will draft language regarding terms and commitment requirements for the group’s consideration and adoption.
4	RFP for 2016 Projects for FL-PRISM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussed the RFP. Discussion on high priority species. Added water lettuce to the watchlist for macrophytes and oriental weatherfish to the watchlist for fish. Added <i>Dresseina</i> and <i>Corbicula</i> in regards to effect on harmful algal blooms.
5	iMapInvasives locations discussed.
6	Partnership meeting on April 8 th , location to be announced.
7	Roundtable and PRISM updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emily, CCE Yates and FLI – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In new position at FLI as AIS Outreach Coordinator she will be working on citizen science, fact sheets and upgrading the FLI Citizen Science website. ▪ Five \$6,000 grants through FLI for watercraft stewards available. ▪ Survey of starry stonewort in Keuka Lake. ▪ Keuka Lake Assoc. working on NYSDEC AIS grant application for watercraft stewards. ○ Coast Guard Auxiliary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working on adding “clean drain dry” information to vessel equipment safety checks. ○ New York State Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boat stewards at launches on Honeoye Lake, Canandaigua Lake and Cayuga Lake State Parks. ▪ Also boat stewards at Fair Haven Beach and Allen Treman State Parks. ○ New York State DEC Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State has launched the Excelsior Conservation Corps AmeriCorps which a ten month program based at SUNY Morrisville. There are four teams of ten (invasive species, trail maintenance, GIS and Education and Outreach). The Education and Outreach team may be able to assist in invasive species work.

- Hydrilla TF
 - The treatment decisions for 2016 are undergoing peer review.
 - Tompkins County and the City of Ithaca gave them a bridge loan to cover expenses until the NYSDEC reimbursement comes in.
 - Cayuga Inlet had no growth and few tubers so they might start scaling back there.
 - Fall Creek and the SE Cayuga Lake will be the focus.
 - Tonawanda had a successful treatment season of 7 to 8 miles and expect to do spot treatment this year.
- Muller Field Station, FLCC
 - Special project to look at macrophytes in Canandaigua Lake. 30 to 40 sites.
 - Biomass survey of starry stonewort in Canandaigua Lake.
 - Grant between FLCC and Cornell University to research climate change and harmful algal blooms in Honeoye Lake.
 - Working with the Nature Conservancy's LEAF Program to see if they can add aquatic invasive species to the program.
- Cayuga County Planning
 - Will be doing the Asian Clam in Owasco Lake again this summer.
- New York State DEC, Region 8
 - The pesticide unit has new standards and rules to get a permit to treat waterbodies with pesticides.
- Honeoye Valley Lake Association
 - Ontario County SWCD received a WQIP grant to restore part of the Inlet to Honeoye Lake and reconnect it with their natural wetlands.
 - FLI is conducting a study of nitrogen in Honeoye Lake this summer.
- Onondaga County CCE
 - Will be doing Hemlock Woolly Adelgid surveys on February 16 and March 19.

- PRISM updates

- Finalist in a GLRI grant for waterchestnut control.
- Working with Trout Unlimited for a project to be submitted to the Sustain Our Great Lakes funding opportunity for common reed removal in Cazenovia, Madison County.
- Applying for two NYSDEC AIS grant applications and assisting others six other applicants in the region.
- Attended the NE Aquatic Species Panel in Albany.
- Received a \$40,000 grant from the US Forest Service to do grassland restoration in Ganondagan SP in Ontario County for work over the next two summers.

Adjourn—next meeting on May 18th.