

ALAMOOSOOK LAKE ASSOCIATION

Early Summer 2021 Newsletter

ON THE WATER

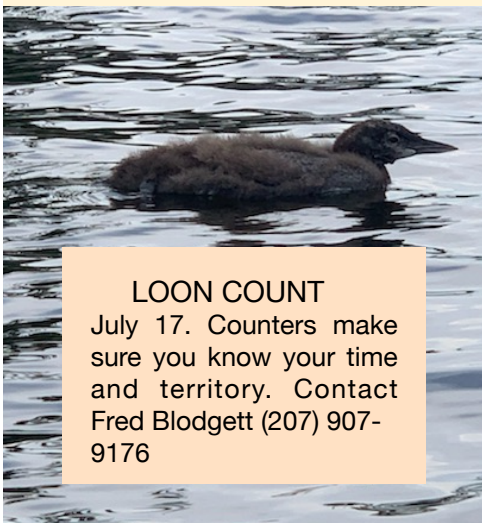
We're resuming a longtime/sometime tradition of meeting on the lake on Tuesday afternoons. Bring a beverage and snack and catch up with the lake folks.

Commences JUNE 22 at 5:30



ALL ALAMOOSOOK JULY 4 PARADE

We will gather in front of the Van Leer cottage at 9:30 a.m. on the 4th. After a horn salute to the memory of Sue Van Leer, we will proceed south, traveling counter-clockwise till we salute Alice Durbin and Shirley Walton near their cottages on the east side. Then proceeding north, we will salute Taylor Deweese near the cove just west of the Inn. Join in as you can—all are welcome. Contact Chip Stubbs with questions: (207)299-5291



LOON COUNT

July 17. Counters make sure you know your time and territory. Contact Fred Blodgett (207) 907-9176

Dates/Times to Remember

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 4 pm:
Gathering at Giards
(June 25 rain date)

June 22 5:30: Boat gathering on lake

July 4 9:30: "All Alamoosook" boat parade

July 14: Board of Directors summer meeting

July 17: Loon Count

August 3: Zoom membership meeting and election. Game warden Christopher Roy, speaker.



ZOOM with Game Warden Christopher Roy

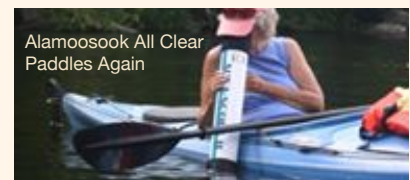
We welcome Christopher Roy via zoom August 3. If you have questions for him, please email them to a Board member before the meeting. Christopher has a wealth of knowledge about the wildlife of Alamoosook, and has a delightful personality. You will enjoy him! You will receive links for voting and attending prior to the meeting. We hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity.

GATHERING TOGETHER!

Let's also enjoy catching up on LAND! Joe and April Giard are happy to host a gathering on June 19 (rain date June 25). Joe will fire up the grill if you want to BYOBurgers and dogs, or any picnic you like. BYOB too. Come by land or sea. 203 Soper Rd.



Giard's home from lake



Alamoosook All Clear Paddles Again

2021 promises to be another exciting year for surveying—looking out for possible invasive aquatic plants and getting to know our native aquatics. It's addicting work once you get nabbed by curiosity fever as in "Wow, look at those teeny yellow flowers on a raft!" (floating bladderwort) or "Oooh, that looks nasty" (metaphyton).

A few hours a summer is all it takes for most to complete a survey of one section of shoreline; more if a volunteer takes on another. Thanks to our 2018 grant we have plenty of equipment for new volunteers.

Interested in learning more?

Contact any member of the team:

Katie Greenman, Anne Davis, Michele Dodge, Charleyne Gilbert, Pam Grindle, Uli Guthrie, Mary Murray, Andrea Oldenberg, Martha Pedrick, Miriam Tatum, Caroline Van Leer.

Hello to all the Stewards of Alamoosook Lake!

A warm welcome to all of our new members and neighbors. Please take note of the dates of various events and gatherings, and consider joining one of teams working to maintain water quality and the diversity of native wildlife. Membership in the Alamoosook Lake Association not only brings the benefits of shared community and information about our watershed but the opportunity to help in its protection. Let's continue to spread the word about the important work we do and the fun we have doing it.

There is an opening for a new director on the ALA Board this August. Pete Walton has contributed greatly during his 3-year term, but needs to step down. Please let any of us on the Board know if you are interested in serving. An election will take place electronically before the August 3rd zoom meeting for those current with their dues. Others on the board, including officer positions, will be termed out next year.

There'll be lots of opportunities for in-person gatherings this summer and see the smiles hidden for too long! See you out on the water!
Katie

Our Board of Directors

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Congratulations, Lake Stewards of Maine!

50 years of training volunteer citizen scientists!

With LSM's training for water quality monitoring and invasive plant detection, credible scientific data is collected for the State of Maine and we grow more knowledgeable about Alamoosook!

<https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/lsm-50th-anniversary/>



Link for info on the invasive pest Browntailed Moth

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/browntail_moth_faqs.htm

DON BLODGETT ICE OUT AWARD

Ice-Out is determined by a team (members from north, south and central lake), who make the call if the lake is navigable from north to south. Don Blodgett always instigated a contest (which he usually won) to guess the Ice-Out date. We have continued the tradition in his memory, and the trophy is a coveted accessory. This year's winner is Chip Stubbs who correctly guessed March 29.

COURTESY BOAT INSPECTIONS 2021

Alamoosook's popularity extends beyond its shores. Fishermen and canoe and kayak paddlers from near and far enjoy our beautiful waters. Unfortunately, boats from other lakes might bring unwelcome stowaways—invasive plants and other organisms that could wreak havoc on our lake. We have talked about Courtesy Boat Inspections at the Hatchery for years, and a few years ago had a volunteer program that fell victim to attrition. A grant from Ram Island Conservation Fund breathed new life into our efforts, and 2021 marks the third year of our new CBI program. Two paid employees cover much of the inspection work, with volunteers filling in the gaps. It's more a public relations/education task than a policing, and those who've participated have enjoyed meeting the interesting folks who visit.

We plan to begin **inspection on 6/25/2021 and end on 9/6/2021. That is 10 weeks of inspections.** To volunteer once every 2 weeks that's only 5 shifts the entire summer. This will allow you to enjoy most of your summer as you wish, with only a small commitment to the association.

If you might be interested, let me know

Thanks, Charlie

