



Alamoosook Lake Invasive Milfoil Response 2022

THE BAD NEWS:

Alamoosook Lake is no longer “ALL CLEAR!”

Invasive Variable Water Milfoil has been CONFIRMED to be growing in the lake.

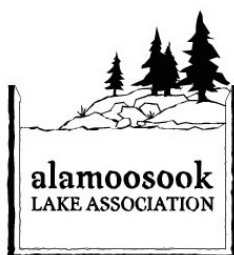
THE REASSURING NEWS: A collaborative response is already underway involving:

- Alamoosook Lake Association (ALA), Alamoosook All Clear (AAC) Team & ALA Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program
- Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM)
- Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Invasive Species Unit
- Hancock County Lakes Association (in affiliation with Hancock Soil & Water Conservation District)
- Toddy Pond Invasive Plant Patrol members
- Somes Meynell Wildlife Sanctuary

The first meeting was held on February 25th to discuss responsibilities, support and direction for the response and mitigation.

UPCOMING ACTIONS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGAGEMENT

- The Maine DEP Rapid Response dive team will begin surveying the infested area some time in May and begin removing invasive milfoil plants by hand. They will also conduct ongoing search and removal missions as needed, and as possible, during the growing season.
- Later in 2022, once a comprehensive survey of the entire lake and major tributaries has been conducted and the full extent of the infestation is known, DEP will help ALA develop an Invasive Aquatic Plant (IAP) Management Plan.
- LSM will assist ALA in organizing a comprehensive (Level 3) survey of Alamoosook, which will involve surveying at greater depths than previously conducted. Online and in-person trainings specifically focused on milfoil identification and Level 3 survey techniques will be made available to AAC team, ALA Board and membership and CBIs. Additional Invasive Plant Patrol training opportunities (including outdoor plant ID sessions and plant paddles) will be offered by LSM for volunteers across Hancock County to help strengthen early detection efforts in the region.



**Working
Together We
Will Succeed!
Please Join the
Effort!**



For More Information:

Alamoosook Lake Association

All Clear Team: 735-7552 (Katie Greenman)

Courtesy Boat Inspection Program: (210) 863-1105 (Charlie Dodge)

Lake Stewards of Maine (on invasives)

<https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/aquatic-invaders/>

(To access the Maine DEP Invasive Aquatic Plant Map and Lake Vulnerability Index scroll down the page to the section titled “Infested Waterbodies” and click on the map.)

Note: Alamoosook Lake has been added to Maine’s “infested waterbodies” list.