Staats Lake Goose Health Update

Residents may have noticed an increase in sick and dead geese around the lake and on some streets and private property. Similar events that have occurred during past fall migrations, have involved illnesses such as aspergillosis (a naturally occurring fungal disease) as well as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and rodencide. At this time, we do not have confirmation of all of the causes of the current deaths. The Board will share additional information if it becomes available from wildlife officials.

The Oregon Health Authority considers the risk of HPAI to the general public to be very low. As a precaution, residents should avoid touching or handling sick or dead birds and keep children and pets away from them. Sick or dead geese can be reported to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Wildlife Health Lab at 866-968-2600 — although they know this is happening all over the valley and they are not in a position of retrieving them. Dead birds around the lake are being regularly picked up by a Staats Lake Association contractor. The HOA can be contacted regarding dead birds on its Common Area.
The Inland Shores HOA will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as reliable information becomes available.