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## *A View From Raquette Lake By Gail Morehouse*

*“No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.” – Hal Borland*

I took a long, needed break this winter. I feel like it was a long winter's nap. But here it is, Spring again! This will be the sixth time I'm writing a Spring newsletter, and you probably are all tired of hearing me talk about how the spring makes me feel so full of hope and renewal. But sorry, I'm going to do it again!

This was a great winter for the North Country. And of course, I say that from here in my winter home in South Carolina. It was a cold winter here also, with 6 inches of snow lasting for 2 days. I'm thrilled that winter sports came back, the ice palace in Saranac stayed intact, and the ice harvest was a success. But I also know that the winter was long and the temperatures numbing. But no matter how long and cold the winter may feel, there is always the promise of Spring. There is something about the warmth, the crocuses peeping through thawing ground, and the ability to open windows that is quite special. And I transfer that good spring feeling to my thoughts about the approaching year for RLPF.

First and foremost, most of you are probably already aware of the news that the Town of Long Lake found out that it is designated as the sole beneficiary of all proceeds of the sale of John Hendrickson and Marylou Whitney's estate known as Whitney Park. Any money from the sale can be used without restrictions by the town. What an incredible gift! Clay Arsenault, the Town Supervisor is quoted as saying the gift will have "a profound and positive impact for generations to come." After all the devastation Long Lake endured after the historic floods, I can see Jennings Pond returning, infrastructure repaired and updated and who can imagine what else?

Raquette Lake is politically part of Long Lake, so I would expect that our town will benefit as well. And of course, Mark Bird is on the town board! It has long been my belief that the lakes are our town's most important resource. I have not talked to Clay, but the Town of Long Lake has long supported our Invasive Species control and prevention programs. I am being optimistic that this support now will have a more permanent standing.

RLPF held a virtual board meeting at the end of February. We again will be hosting a number of events throughout the summer, including our educational ice cream giveaways, tables at various events, our Durant social cruise, as well as a number of other ways to educate people and bring people together that will develop over the next several months. We discussed challenges that we may be facing as funding decreases for environmental issues. We discussed the on-going challenge of finding boat steward coverage due to many factors beyond our control. In my annual report for the DEC, I noted that we had only 36 days with a boat steward available to inspect boats at Raquette Lake from May through October. About 85% of the boats launched into Raquette Lake were **not** inspected. Historically, there are about 1,500 – 1,800 boats launched into Raquette Lake every year. I just pray that our message about Aquatic Invasive Species is being heard, and that we don't discover any new "visitors" to our ecosystem any time soon!

We also discussed the Adirondack Council and their on-going commitment to us and our community. We discussed new signage that we are developing for the ice fishing season, new board members, this newsletter and the date of our annual meeting.

Our annual meeting will be held on July 19, 2025, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Raquette Lake school. Please save the date! We want to work *with* you. We want to hear from you. One of our most rewarding projects was removing 29 derelict docks from our shoreline. First, they were an eyesore, and we had so much help in cleaning them up. Second, we got to work with so many of you that we hadn't met before. We got to talk with you, about where your camps are, about your families and about why you are members. That is very important to us.

Once again, this is a great newsletter filled with lots of information. My sincere gratitude to all of those who contribute to it each and every time and to Laurie Rosborough who puts it together every time! My sincere thanks to all of you reading. It takes a village!

All the best,

Gail

*"Despite the forecast, live like it's spring." – Lilly Pulitzer*

## *A View From The Top*

*By Pat Deyle*

Is road salt a serious concern for lake ecology?

New York State is one of the largest users of road salt in North America. The salt applied to the roadways in the ADK by the State, counties and towns totals over 190,000 tons per year, per data from Adirondack Watershed Institute. This is about 1.6 tons for every permanent resident of the park! The State applies road salt at a rate about 3.5 times higher than the local municipalities.



The impact of road salt is that it alters the aquatic ecosystem in a variety of ways. Salt water is heavier than fresh water, so salt water will sink to the bottom of the lake and can cause a lake to be unable to “turn over” (see p.5) in the spring and fall. This can cause a disruption in the normal cycle for mixing oxygen in the water and the affect nutrients at different layers of the lake. This problem has occurred in Mirror Lake near the Village of Lake Placid, so it is documented.

Elevated salt concentrations can affect both phytoplankton and zooplankton organisms at the bottom and middle of the aquatic food chain. This may cause an increased probability of algal blooms. Road salt can also make a lake more prone to the establishment of invasive aquatic species because some species may have a higher tolerance than their native counterparts. High salt levels can kill all the native fish in a lake and kill native plants as well. Some road salt may also find its way into water wells used for drinking water. Salt on roadways also causes corrosion to vehicles, bridges, and other highway infrastructure.

For more info check out the DEC's [Rock Salt Reduction - NYSDEC](#)

## *Ice Fishing at Raquette Lake*

*By Lynne Ballou-Gentry*

### **Raquette Lake was a busy ice fishing venue this winter.**

The Mike Norris fishing tournament had 161 entries. There were 23 Juniors and 130 Adults checked in. Good fishing and great prizes made this tournament one to remember. Throughout the winter season you can see ice shanties and tip ups in many spots out on the ice. We tend to overlook the winter season when it comes to thinking about Invasive Species. RLPF has made 3 heavy duty 2'x2' signs asking ice fishermen for their help protecting Raquette Lake. One sign will be posted by the Boat Shed and the other 2 will be placed in appropriate spots.

The Raquette Lake Fish and Game Club has a website and a Face Book Page. Their membership is only \$10 and it's a fine way to support this organization and give back to the lake.

### **ICE FISHERMEN: PLEASE HELP**

- Thoroughly inspect and clean all fishing equipment, line, hooks, nets, scoops and auger after each use.
- Drain all water from equipment and containers containing fish prior to leaving ice.
- If you are using live bait, buy it locally from a licensed bait dealer and dispose of any unused bait. Don't use leftover minnows in another body of water to prevent the spread of diseases.
- Pack out your waste from ice and dispose of it in appropriate waste containers.
- Dry all your equipment for 5 or more days or disinfect with an appropriate disinfecting solution.

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## *Lake Turnover for Raquette Lake*

*By Kim Hoffman*

As winter changes to spring, deeper lakes like Raquette lake will experience lake turnover. Simply put, lake turnover is the seasonal mixing of the entire water column. Water is unique in the way it changes density at different temperatures. Unlike almost all other liquids, water is most dense at 39 degrees Fahrenheit (4 degrees Celsius) and is lighter at both warmer and colder temperatures. In other words, when water reaches the critical temperature of 39 degrees Fahrenheit, further cooling causes the water molecules to become less dense and rise to the surface. This unusual characteristic allows water to form distinct layers within an otherwise uniform liquid. This phenomenon explains why ice forms at the surface and does not sink.

There are two ways that help visualize this phenomenon. First, think of diving down into a lake in the summer. The top layer of water is very warm. As you swim deeper you often feel a distinct and sudden drop in temperature.

Now imagine it is winter and the lake is frozen over. Solid ice floats and stays on top of the lake because it is less dense than liquid water, despite the ice being colder than the water it floats on. The weather keeps the water near the surface cool, making it less dense than the warmer water deep in the lake. Ice also acts as an insulating blanket, preventing deeper lakes from freezing completely solid.

Due to seasonal changes in sunlight intensity, surface water temperature begins to transition in the spring and fall. In the spring, the water surface warms. This causes the temperature of the top and bottom layers of the lake to equalize. With the help of strong winds, this new equilibrium breaks the thermal stratification, and the lake is able to mix. Oxygen from the surface mixes with the bottom, while nutrients trapped near the bottom are free to mix throughout the lake. Decomposing organic materials are churned up from the bottom of the lake, bringing a signature sign of lake turnover.

Did you know that deep lakes like Raquette Lake are “dimictic,” meaning they undergo turnover twice during the year?

Lake turnover is extremely important in freshwater lakes, as it is the event that is responsible for replenishing dissolved oxygen levels in the deepest lake waters. When the lakes are a uniform temperature and density, it takes relatively little wind energy to mix



water deep into the lake. Wind moves highly oxygenated surface water to the lake bottom, forcing low oxygen water from the lake bottom up to the surface where it becomes saturated with oxygen. This is critical for aquatic organisms, as once the lakes freeze over for the winter, no new oxygen gets mixed into the lake from the atmosphere, and what is in the lake must last until ice goes off in the spring.

At times when I see how much ice there is on the lake, I'm surprised we'll be swimming in July.

# Lake Turnover

- Most lakes change with the seasons
- Lake turnover happens in the winter when the warmer water cools and sinks to the bottom causing the water & nutrients to mix

**Lake Turnover**

The diagram shows four cross-sections of a lake across the seasons:

- Summer:** The lake is stratified into three layers: Epilimnion (top, warm), Thermocline (middle), and Hypolimnion (bottom, cold). Arrows indicate that wind moves water from the surface down to the bottom.
- Fall:** The lake is in a state of turnover, with arrows showing water mixing from the surface down to the bottom.
- Spring:** The lake is in a state of turnover, with arrows showing water mixing from the bottom up to the surface.
- Winter:** The lake is frozen over with a layer of ice. The water below is stratified into Epilimnion, Thermocline, and Hypolimnion layers.



# *2024 Raquette Lake Fish Egg Take Data*

*Compiled by Neal McCarthy*

*Department of Environmental Conservation  
Fish Culturist*

The 2024 Lake Trout egg take began October 16<sup>th</sup> and was completed on October 20<sup>th</sup>. During the five-day egg take a total of 968 Lake Trout were netted allowing staff to collect 110,476 green eggs from 122 females. A total of six trap nets were used during the egg take, set at various locations that have historically proven to be the most productive sites (Figure B-1, sites 2, 5, 9, 14, 15, and 19).

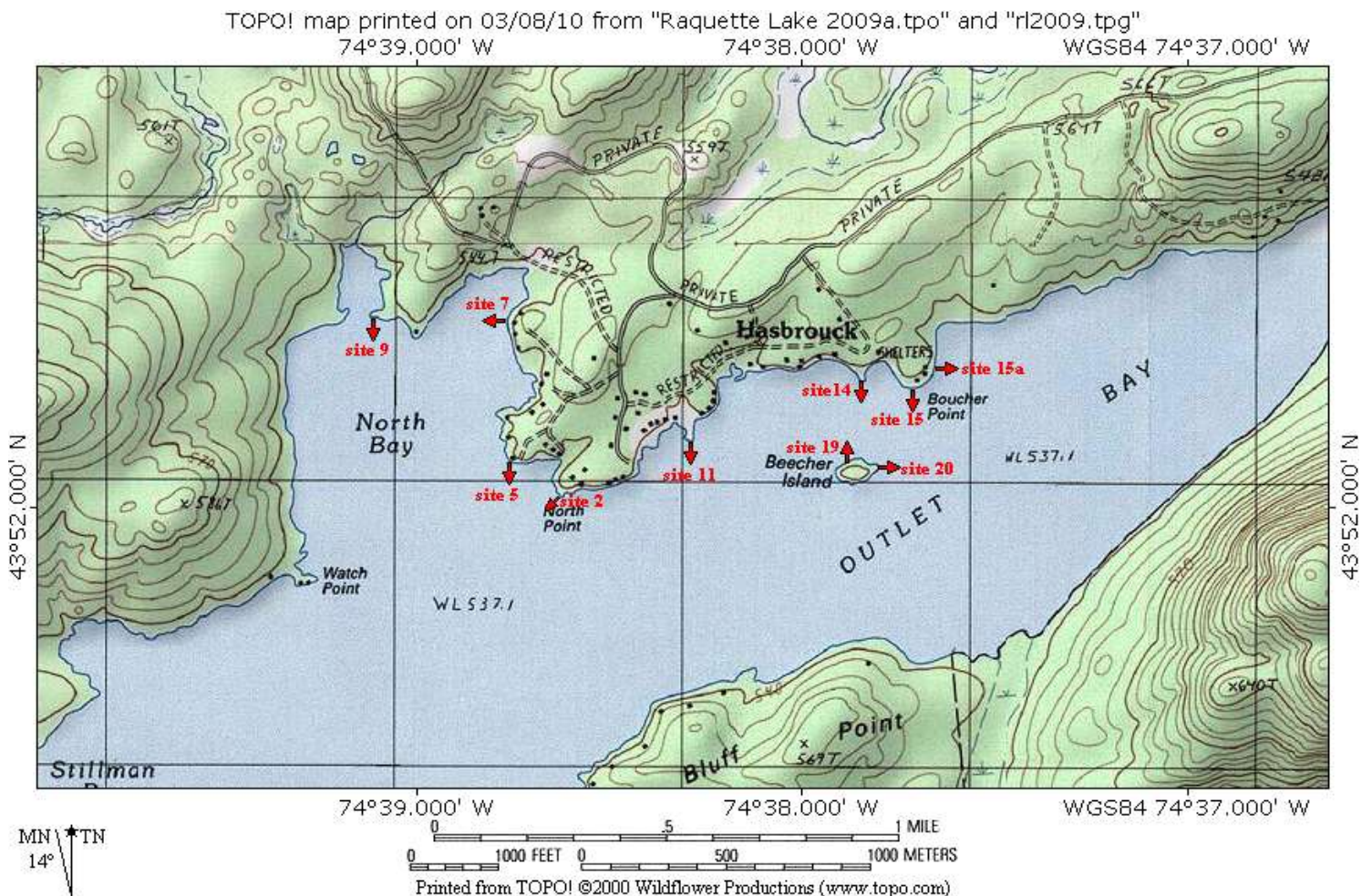
All Lake Trout caught and handled were given a caudal punch for population estimates and any fin clips already present were noted. The biological data such as length and weight as well as fin clip data for the first 200 of the Lake Trout caught was also recorded by fish culture staff for fisheries management data. The Lake Trout were sorted into separate tubs according to sex, selecting only females ready to produce eggs and all males for additional handling. All male lake trout are held to ensure that enough milt will be available to fertilize the eggs as some males we collect may not supply adequate milt. Once sorted, the eggs from the females were stripped into a plastic bowl and fertilized by stripping milt directly onto the eggs. The same number of males and females are stripped into the bowl, giving us a 1:1 male to female ratio, which allows for greater fertilization success should any of the males prove to be infertile.

In 30 net nights (net nights being the sum of the total number of nets fished each night of the egg collection) a total of 968 Lake Trout were trapped, for an average of 32.3 Lake Trout caught per net night. This year's catch per unit effort was 8.9 fish more than last year's egg take and was 2.8 above the ten-year average. From the 122 females, staff collected 110,476 green eggs which was within the target goal of 110,000-120,000 eggs. The female Lake Trout provided 906 eggs each on average. After the eggs eyed up they

were shocked, a process which turns any unfertilized eggs white. These white unfertilized eggs were then picked out, resulting in a total of 97,463 eyed eggs which is an eye-up rate of 88.2%. Out of these eyed-up eggs we had 87,114 healthy Lake Trout fry hatch, and on January 16<sup>th</sup> they were moved from their egg incubators into larger rearing tanks at the hatchery. These Lake Trout will be raised until the spring of 2026 at which time they will be released at a size averaging 6" to 7" in length.

In summary, this year's egg take ran smoothly and the eggs we collected had a good eye-up percentage. The weather cooperated with us, and we couldn't have asked for better conditions for an egg take.

**Figure B-1. North Point of Raquette Lake: map of sites used in Lake Trout egg take.**





## *Loon Friendly Lake*

*By Dick Gentry*

Raquette Lake has been certified a “Loon Friendly Lake” by the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation. This is the third year in a row we have received this certification thanks to the efforts of RLPF.

In order to qualify for this certification we worked on lake area clean ups (community pride day, derelict dock removals), added fishing line recycle containers at Bird’s and Burke’s marinas in addition to the one at the village boat launch, added loon protection signs at Bird’s Marina and the General Store to go with the ones already at the village boat launch and at Burke’s Marina, monitored and reported on loon nests around the lake, provided brochures at the boat launch, post office and at the RLPF at events, and participated in the annual loon census.

We should all feel proud of our work to help with loon conservation.



## *Pollinator Conservation and Native Plant Sale By AdkAction*

Are you passionate about protecting native pollinators and planting native plant species? Look no further than AdkAction's Adirondack Pollinator Project. The Adirondack Pollinator Project works to build our region's awareness of the threats facing pollinators, and to inspire coordinated local action to combat these threats and help pollinators thrive. Pollinator conservation is a founding issue for AdkAction. In 2011, the organization began working to increase awareness of and create habitat for monarch butterflies by designing and distributing milkweed seeds and informational brochures, and by sponsoring lectures and film showings. Today, AdkAction distributes thousands of free seed packets each year and its annual online plant sale allows residents to create their own pollinator gardens with a variety of neonic-free pollinator plants to provide a diversity of nectar and pollen sources for local bees, butterflies, moths, and hummingbirds.

### **Pollinator-Friendly Native Plant Sale**



The Adirondack Pollinator Project's annual Native Plant Sale is open for pre-orders!

[Place your order now](#) for pick up on Saturday June 7 between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM at the scenic Uihlein Farm Greenhouse at 281 Bear Cub Road in Lake Placid. AdkAction will also be holding a Pollinator Festival that day until Noon, with fun activities for pollinator advocates of all ages. Plants will be available for purchase at the festival, but pre-ordering is recommended to ensure availability. Contact AdkAction if you need to pick up your plants at another time within 2 weeks of the festival.

Your purchase will support AdkAction's Adirondack Pollinator Project's mission to ensure a future where pollinators thrive,

native habitat abounds, and Adirondack residents and visitors are engaged

pollinator advocates. Learn more about what your purchase supports at [AdkAction.org/pollinators](https://AdkAction.org/pollinators). Thank you!

**About the Plants:**

AdkAction offers 16 varieties of native flowering plants to benefit pollinators that live in the Adirondacks. These species are selected based on their presence in NY State, habitat value, and nutrition they offer to pollinators throughout the year. Each plant has been carefully sourced or grown from seed to ensure that they have never come in contact with neonicotinoids (a class of insecticides that are harmful to pollinators).



*Aquilegia canadensis* (Eastern Red Columbine/Wild Columbine) \*Deer resistant  
\$14.00



*Asclepias incarnata* (Swamp Milkweed) \*Deer resistant  
\$12.00

### **Tees for the Bees!**

We're bringing back a tee shirt pre-order to our annual Pollinator-Friendly Native Plant Sale and adding a kids shirt for our youngest pollinator advocates!



The youth '[Bee a Friend](#)' shirt will be printed in white on a Hanes Youth Essential-T T-Shirt in Athletic Teal and features butterfly wings across the back. The adult '[Native Plants](#)' design will be printed in black on a Bella + Canvas Unisex T-Shirt in Heather Mustard.

We've also added a "Pollinators Welcome Here" 6" x 9" metal garden sign to help you spread the word about pollinator conservation in the Adirondacks.



Shirts and garden signs will be available to pick up along with the rest of your order at the Pollinator Festival on June 7.

**Please note that shirt and garden sign pre-orders will close on May 21 to allow time for printing.**

**[SHOP THE PLANT SALE](#)**



# *Raquette Lake Winter 2025*

## *Submitted by Kevin Norris*

### **A "REAL" Winter**

I know all of you in the outside world are starting to think it's spring and your thoughts are turning back to Raquette Lake. It is still winter here so you can hibernate until May. We had an old-fashioned winter this year which was great for all the businesses. Winter started in early November and looks like it will last into April. We shoveled roofs, and we have not had to do that for a long time. All throughout the Adirondacks there were buildings collapsing from snow load. Forestport lost their historic church, and the Restoration Boat Company lost their building.



We had a good year for cutting ice. We had to pack the 8 inches of slush so it would freeze, getting us to 16 inches of ice for the blocks. The rest of the lake only had 12 inches.

The RL Fish and Game Fishing Tournament went well with over 100 people on the lake. Winter Carnival went well with over 50 kids doing the kid races and games. Adults had a good time too! The pancake breakfast in the new firehall was delicious and well attended.

We have a group of 6 -9 pilots who fly in for lunch here when the ice is thick enough. It's fun to see. You can watch the webcam to see when spring approaches.



# *Perchlorate Impacts from Fireworks On Raquette Lake Drinking Water*

*Compiled by Lenny Schantz*

The EPA has done a study on Perchlorate levels in lakes. Perchlorate is a compound commonly associated with fireworks as well as other, more esoteric sources (rocket fuel). The objective of the study was to document the impact of fireworks displays on perchlorate concentrations in lakes.

Last year, I collected samples from Raquette Lake for the study, and the results are summarized in the attached report below. Not surprisingly, the perchlorate concentrations in Raquette were either not detected (less than 0.05 parts per billion) or just above the test's detection limit. It's worth noting that California's perchlorate standard (MCL) for drinking water is 4 parts per billion, so even our highest level detected following July 4th, is significantly below that threshold. Currently, there is no federal MCL for perchlorate in drinking water, and if one is ever enacted, it will be much higher than California's.

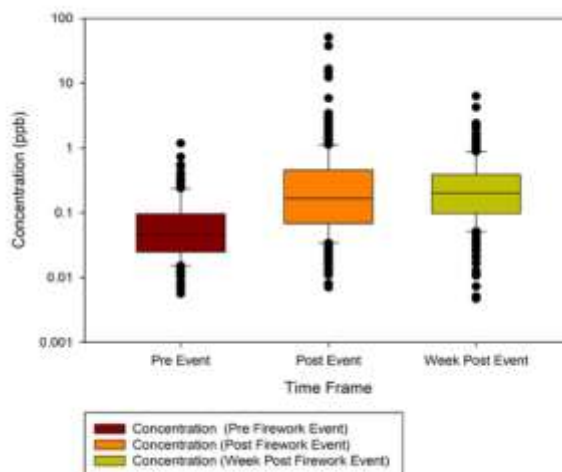
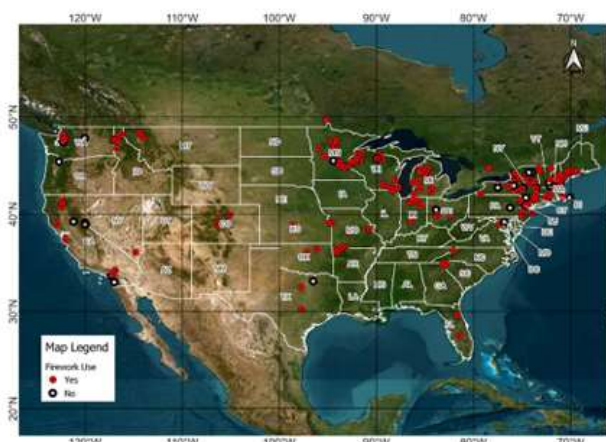
## **Quantification and Modeling of Perchlorate Impacts from Fireworks on Drinking Water Sources**

### **EPA Grant # R840554 Lake Sampling Results for July 2024**

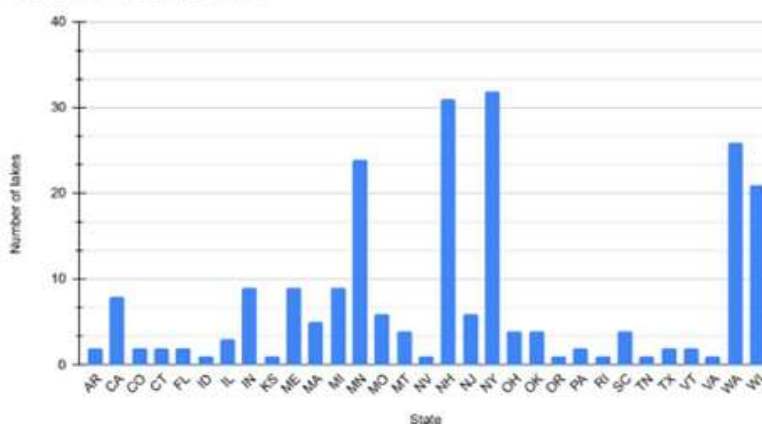
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In total, 262 citizens volunteered to take samples in 226 US lakes, located within 31 states in the United States. Fireworks is used in 85% of the lakes (map location below). Lakes were sampled before, after, and one week after fireworks. Samples were analyzed by Texas Tech using a Dionex Integrion Ion chromatograph couples with a MS SCIEX-Triple Quad-3500. The sensitivity of the analytical method is 0.05 parts per billion (ppb). A total of 1059 samples were analyzed and only 85 of them had perchlorate concentrations > 1 ppb. The Box Plot below, obtained using the entire data, reveals that the vast majority of the samples taken before the fireworks had very low levels of perchlorate < 1 ppb with mean concentrations below 0.1 ppb. After the fireworks, the mean concentration increased to above 0.1 ppb with some higher concentrations (between 1-100 ppb) found for 11.42% of the samples taken after fireworks. After one week, the mean concentration stayed below 1 ppb and the higher concentrations decreased to 1-10 ppb range, showing the impact of mixing and/or abatement on perchlorate levels in the lakes.

**Lake Name: RAQUETTE 7/7 30023** Before ppb 0.050, after ppb 0.186, 1 week after (ppb) 0.0558



Number of lakes per state



*Community Pride Day '25*

**Our 25th Annual Community Pride Day** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 7th, 2025**.

On this day, many towns will be working together to clean up the streets and begin thinking about a prosperous summer. The area schools also participate by taking their students outdoors to help. All volunteers, students and teachers who show up on this day will receive a free t-shirt and a free lunch. If you wish to help clean, you can sign up in advance (this helps guarantee a shirt for you) or show up on the day of the cleanup.

**Questions for Raquette and Long Lake please contact:** Long Lake Parks & Rec. @ 518-624-3077, [events@mylonglake.com](mailto:events@mylonglake.com).

## *Lake Area Opportunities*

*Compiled by Laurie Rosborough*



**Registration is open for the 2025 Adirondack Paddling Symposium, June 13-16 in Saranac Lake.**

Presented by Northwest River Supplies and the Northern Forest Canoe Trail, the Symposium is a comprehensive weekend of paddling instruction for beginners and intermediates, and includes course tracks for kayaks, pack boats and canoes. The Harrietstown Town Hall serves as a home base for the weekend, with dry-land and on-water instruction taking place at locations across Saranac Lake.

The Symposium begins on Friday, June 13, with introductions, meet and greet, gear outfitting, dinner and evening programming. Additional instruction takes place Saturday and Sunday, June 14-15, with optional tours on Monday, June 16.



Spots are filling up fast. For more information, including registration, details on lodging, courses, gear rentals and more, visit [adirondackpaddlingsymposium.com](http://adirondackpaddlingsymposium.com) or contact Danny Mongno at (518) 524-4117 or [info@adkpaddlingsymposium.com](mailto:info@adkpaddlingsymposium.com).

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

[Click Here to Register](#)



The second annual [Youth Paddling Symposium](#), four days of introductory paddling and camping instruction for youth age 10-15, is set for July 14-17 at the Paul Smith's College Alumni Campground.

The Youth Paddling Symposium is presented by the NFCT in partnership with Paul Smith's College and Matt Burnett Guiding, with additional support from NRS, St. Regis Canoe Outfitters, Adirondack Lakes & Trails Outfitters and the Adirondack Foundation's Uihlein-Ironman Sports Fund. The program includes: introduction to camping (setting up tents, building campfires, shelter building, first aid); introduction to paddling & paddling safety; introduction to fishing; paddling excursions; and campfire storytelling.

The Youth Paddling Symposium costs \$300/kid, which covers all costs including gear, food and instruction. Scholarships to cover the cost of participation are available; email [karrie@northernforestcanoetrail.org](mailto:karrie@northernforestcanoetrail.org) to learn more about scholarship opportunities.

**Registration** is now open. Click the button below to sign up today! Please note that space is limited to 24 kids. Additional questions can be directed to Matt Burnett at [matt@mattburnettguiding.com](mailto:matt@mattburnettguiding.com) or Chris Morris at [chris@northernforestcanoetrail.org](mailto:chris@northernforestcanoetrail.org).

We currently have just **five** spots left, so be sure to sign up ASAP!

[Click Here to Register](#)

*Hamilton County Soil and Water  
Conservation District  
Seasonal Technician Needed*

The Hamilton County Water and Soil Conservation District is actively looking to hire a seasonal technician for the 2025 summer season. If you have any college-aged family members who would be interested in staying with you for the summer while they work for the District, **please share** this attachment with them. Housing is always the biggest challenge when it comes to hiring summer work.

[2025 Seasonal Technician Vacancy Announcement \(1\).pdf](#)



***Treasurer's Report***  
***By Bob Rosborough***  
***As of March 1, 2025***

RLPF Budget YTD Income & Expenditures		2024 Actual	2025 YTD	2025 Budget
<b>Income</b>	Dues	\$5,400	\$2,460	\$4,500
	Cruise Tickets	\$1,820	\$0	\$0
	Donations	\$9,442	\$1,500	\$10,000
	Dividends and Interest	\$2	\$0	\$10
<b>AIS Fund</b>				
	Donations	\$585	\$100	\$8,000
	TOLL funds	\$17,000	\$0	\$17,000
	<b>Total Income</b>	\$36,989	\$4,060	\$39,510
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Administrative Expense	\$312	\$0	\$300
	Annual Meeting	\$175.60	\$0	\$200
	Awards, POY, Recognition	\$425	\$0	\$300
	RLPF Social Cruise Expense	\$3,467	\$0	\$3,500
	Bank Expense	\$432	\$111	\$400
	Community Outreach	\$1,435	\$100	\$1,335
	Education and Research	\$2,646	\$0	\$10,000
	Insurance	\$180	\$0	\$185
	Lake Testing	\$425	\$0	\$750
	Marketing	\$1,414	\$125	\$5,000
	Newsletter	\$0	\$0	\$500
	PO Box	\$0	\$100	\$100
	Travel/Fees	\$0	\$0	\$200
	Tax Prep	\$0	\$0	\$50
	Website hosting	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Equipment Investment	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
<b>AIS Fund</b>				
	Hand harvesting Aqualogic	\$21,250	\$8,000	\$22,000
	Extra compensation for boat stewards	\$900	\$0	\$1,000
	Shed Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$250
	<b>Total Expense</b>	\$42,411	\$8,436	\$47,070

	2024	2025	2025
<b>Community Outreach</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Adk Ctr Arts	\$100	\$0	\$100
ANCA	\$35	\$0	\$35
ADK Action	\$100	\$0	\$100
Central Adk Association	\$50	\$0	\$50
NYS FOLA	\$175	\$0	\$175
Adirondack Lake Assoc.	\$75	\$0	\$75
Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation	\$100	\$0	\$100
RLVFD	\$150	\$0	\$150
St. Williams	\$100	\$0	\$100
RL Library	\$50	\$0	\$50
TOLL Community Pride Day	\$100	\$100	\$100
TOLL Fire Dept.	\$75	\$0	\$75
TOLL Rescue Squad	\$75	\$0	\$75
NFCT	\$75	\$0	\$75
RL Rescue	\$75	\$0	\$75
Adirondack Council	\$100	\$0	\$100
<b>Total Community Outreach</b>	<b>\$1,435</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$1,435</b>

**Note: Starting this October the dues notices will be sent out in October, to better align with our fiscal year.**

### *Websites Of Interest*

Raquette Lake Preservation Foundation <https://rlpf.org/>  
 Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation <https://www.adkloon.org/home>  
 Adirondack Watershed Institute [www.adkwatershed.org](http://www.adkwatershed.org)  
 NYS DEC Algae Bloom Report <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/83310.html>  
 Town of Long Lake <https://www.mylonglake.com/>  
 Hobolink to check Current Lake Conditions:  
<https://dashboard.hobolink.com/public/AWI-Raquette-Lake#/>  
 New York State Invasive Species Information <https://nyis.info/species-information/>



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## *Membership Information*

Welcome. The **RLPF** is happy to have had a number of new members joining us. By becoming a member, you've helped us to ensure that we are able to do as much as possible to preserve and protect Raquette Lake. Membership is \$30 and you may join us at <https://rlpf.org/new-membership-form/> Please consider giving members of your family the gift of a membership in RLPF. If you are reading our newsletter and are not yet a member, we hope you will consider joining us. As always, we thank you for your support and your membership. We also want to deeply thank all those people who have so generously given donations to the **RLPF**. Your donations are put to use helping to keep our organization up and running and being involved in issues relating to protecting and preserving Raquette Lake.

**The purpose of the RLPF is to promote the cooperation and friendship among the inhabitants of the area and to unite its members in the material understanding of Raquette Lake, New York, so that the entire membership will go forward carrying out the preservation and conservation of Raquette Lake and its watershed through education, advocacy and broad-based community involvement. Please join us! Thank you!**