

Friends of Lake Winnecook

Fall of 2003

WATER QUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAM **SOMETHING FISHY IN UNITY POND** **ALEWIVES -- FRIEND OR FOE?**

October 28, 2003 at 6:30 PM

Unity Community Center

32 School Street (Route 139 just west of 202/9)

PROGRAM

Purpose:

To share information about fisheries management in Unity Pond, better understand interrelationships among species sharing the lake and explore species balance goals for optimizing water and habitat quality. Special attention will be paid to the alewife stocking program and its impacts. Resulting discussion by FOLW members and guests may lead to advocacy by FOLW regarding desired studies and/or policy positions regarding fisheries management in the lake.

Panelists:

- Jim Lucas, IF&W Fisheries Biologist
- John Perry, DMR Stocking Program Biologist
- David Potter, Unity College Limnologist
- David Beane, DEP, author of Lake George study

Respondents:

- Pam Proulx-Curry, Unity College Chemist
- Naomi Shalit, Maine Rivers Executive Director
- Micah Thurston, IF&W Game Warden
- Keel Kemper, IF&W Wildlife Biologist

6:30 pm Welcome: Pam Dyer, FOLW President

6:45 Panel Background Briefings:

- Moderator: Mary Ann Hayes, FOLW Board Director
- Inland Fisheries Management Plan: Jim Lucas
- Alewife Management Plan: John Perry
- A Theory About Impacts: Dave Potter
- Water Quality Evaluation: David Beane

7:30 Discussion:

Respondent Questions and Comments

Audience Questions and Comments

8:30 Conclusion

Follow-up Meeting

8:45 Adjourn

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Unity College students Benjamin Beck, Jon Breslin, Jeremy Burger, Philip Mascia, and Rob Mitchell worked with FOLW at-large director Chip Edgecomb on Unity Day of Service October 4 in grading, rocking, seeding and mulching two new culvert sites on the Royal Pines Road. Many hands make small work in moving large boulders and shoveling gravel.

Unity Day of Service is a Unity College tradition in which students team with local organizations on civic improvement projects. FOLW has participated in Day of Service for several years, identifying projects to correct erosion and other lake problems.

At the end of the work day, townspeople, faculty, and students gathered for a feast at the Community Center.

Chip was so pleased with his student crew that he offered to take them all fishing or

Road Reps help to distribute educational materials and meeting notices to folks who live on their lane. Contact information for Road Reps is listed on the FOLW website at www.unitymaine.org/orgs/folw If you'd like to be a Road Rep, contact Jean Bourg at 948-3270.

Navigational Aids Program

On October 11, 2003, 23 navigational buoys were pulled from Lake Winnecook, marking the unofficial end of the 2003 boating season. This year has been a great season for boating, with lake levels appearing to be normal as compared to previous years and having a new float system installed at the boat landing on Kanokolus Road this past spring by the Department of Conservation. In 2004 boaters will see changes with the addition of 13 buoys purchased by the Friends of Lake Winnecook. These markers will include 2 channel markers, 3 rock buoys, 5 B&W striped and 3 shallow area markers. These additional buoys will add a little more protection from the many hazards that this lake offers. We would encourage anyone who knows of a certain area that needs to be marked to let us know because there will always be other hazards that are not identified. There are some guidelines to keep in mind:

- ♦ Markers will not be placed within the water safety zone, which is 200 feet from the nearest shoreline, except to mark a safe passage with green and/or red channel markers.
- ♦ Marking areas with a GPS is preferable but not the only way to mark a site. Point of reference from the area with a description of several landmarks that bisect the area through "line of site" or compass bearing is adequate.
- ♦ Contact **Mark Huard at 948-5310** or another FOLW official to make a visit to the site to determine its location and its relevance for marking.

Other new issues are being explored with the possibilities of installing a staff gauge to accurately monitor lake levels throughout the year. This staff gauge may provide useful information to the boater, resident or visitor and perhaps the environmentalist who is concerned with lake stage height.

Friends of Lake Winnecook Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Permanent home address

Street: _____

Town: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Seasonal lake address

Street _____

Town: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Number of members joining _____ x \$10.00 per member = \$_____.
(under 18 years no membership fee.)

Additional donations encouraged:

____ General donation ____ Eagles ____ Other lake associations
____ Loon preservation ____ Publications ____ Research or monitoring
____ Youth and education ____ Acquisitions ____ College Work Study
____ Boating/navigation/buoys ____ any other preferences?

Officers for 2003-2004

Officers

- President: Pam Dyer 872-8854
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