

2008 REGION 5 ANNUAL REPORT: April 2008 - April 2009

Lake Associations in Gratiot, Ingham, Genessee, Livingston, Saginaw & Shiaswassee Counties

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MEMBERSHIP:

During Year 2008, 17 lake associations from Region 5 were paid MLSA members. Overall, Region 5 lost five memberships and gained 2 memberships from lake associations with lapsed memberships. I wish to thank all the associations that paid dues and/or contributed to the MLSA in 2008/2009 for their support and participation. Region 5 wishes to encourage our regional lake associations that have not yet renewed or obtained memberships for Year 2009 to do so as soon as possible. **The MLSA depends upon money from your memberships to put on programs such as the annual conference.** In addition, if you know of any lake residents, government officials, or community residents in Region 5 who may be interested in joining MLSA (individual memberships or corporate memberships), have them contact me for MLSA membership information.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES:

From April 2008 through April 2009, Region 5 held one (1) fall conference and one (1) lake representative meeting.

October 11, 2008 Fall Conference: Approximately 14 people attended the Regions 1, 5, and 6 fall conference in Howell MI at the Howell Nature Center. Attendees shared a continental breakfast and lunch and listened to presentations from several outstanding guest speakers.

Presentation Topics and speakers included:

- Earl Lake (Livingston Co.) Salt Intake Project-Study/Conclusions-presented by Mike Keelan (Earl Lake Homeowner's Association)
- Erosion Control and Seawalls-presented by Ken Lunsford, American Marine
- Milfoil Weevils in Michigan Lakes-Lessons Learned from the Weed Bed-presented by Cortney Marquette and Nancy Cushing, Enviroscience, Inc..
- Aquatic Nuisance Weed Control-Treatment Processes-presented by Aqua Weed Control, Inc.
- Weed Harvesting-presented by Eric Gleisner, Inland Lakes Corporation
- MLSA Business/Wrap-up

If you have topics that you would like to see included in the next MLSA Region 5 Fall seminar, please provide them to Ginny Himich.

February 21, 2009 Lake Representative Meeting: Region 5 held a lake representative's meeting jointly with Region 1 and the Hamburg Township CLMP participants at the Hamburg Township Senior Center in Whitmore Lake. Approximately 12 people attended the meeting. As part of the meeting, Jo Latimore, our partner from MSU Department of Fish and Wildlife (who has replaced Howard Wandell) discussed the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program. Unfortunately, there was a winter weather warning on the day of the meeting and that limited the attendance from lakes and from the MLSA.

REGIONAL NEWS:

If anyone wishes to become more active in the MLSA and has the time to devote to volunteer work, please contact me to discuss the 2nd V.P. position that is open in Region 5.

REGIONAL PLANS:

Region 5 hopes to build membership in the MLSA through additional lake association, corporate, and individual memberships. We also plan to host a fall conference some time in October, 2009 and at least one lake representatives meeting in February 2010. If you have suggestions for future MLSA Region 5 activities, I welcome your suggestions.

REGIONAL NEEDS:

- The MLSA Region 5 encourages you to provide me with your email address. At the current time, I do not have a complete list of email addresses for our Region 5 member associations or for individual MLSA Region 5 members. Email is a very effective way to pass along important MLSA updates and information to help you keep informed about water-related business. E-mail addresses should be directed to: himichv@michigan.gov. Thank you for your help!
- Region 5 would like to receive news about important events/happenings on your lake so that we can share the information with our regional membership. If you have something to share, direct it to: himichv@michigan.gov. Your news/event may help other members solve similar problems. And, it's a great way to share your successes!