

## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association (MPSLA). In April 1989 the Association paid its state fees and officially became a nonprofit corporation. The first annual meeting took place that summer at Camp Tracy. Throughout the 1990s, our Association worked to improve water quality in our lakes and to build community among the folks who loved them. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, it was also involved in forming BRCA and starting the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). BRCA has since grown to become 7 Lakes Alliance, and we have a larger community of Maine lakes lovers to help us protect and preserve these wonderful twin ponds in the heart of the Belgrades.

In 1998, MPSLA embarked on our first comprehensive watershed survey to get a handle on where nutrient-rich runoff was entering the lakes. As a result of that survey and working with BRCA, the YCC, the Kennebec Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Maine DEP (using Federal grants), we remediated runoff problems on more than 100 shoreline properties over a five-year period, saving something like 14 tons of nutrient-rich sediments from ever reaching the lakes to turn them green. Think about how much that has enhanced water quality when you are enjoying your favorite lake this summer!

It's now two decades since that first watershed survey, and MPSLA has just finished its second. If anything, this one is more thorough than the first. With the recent survey as a guide, we have developed a Watershed-Based Protection Plan to guide us through the process of once again remediating over 100 sites. From experience, we know that there are tons of sediment to keep out of the lakes so that our children and grandchildren can enjoy McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake as much as we have. It's a job that's never really done, and it's good to know that MPSLA will always be here to work with those who love them to keep McGrath and Salmon as clean and as beautiful they can be.

-- Lenny Reich , MPSLA President, 1989-1993



Painting of McGrath Pond  
by Jenny Allen

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your support of the McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association (MPSLA). As the new MPSLA president and a year-round lake resident since 2016, let me be the first to say how thrilled we all are to say goodbye to Maine's blanket of winter and make way for another wonderful summer on the lakes! I very much look forward to serving as Association president for these very special gems in the heart of the Belgrade Lakes. Big things are afoot in the Belgrades, and MPSLA is very pleased to be involved with the other lake associations and with region-wide organizations to better protect our lakes and to join in the larger lakes community.

I have taken the reins from our previous President Dave Hallee so he and his amazing wife, Kim (both still on the MPSLA Board) can better focus on following up on the Watershed-Based Protection Plan, developed from the results of our big Watershed Survey project in 2017. Last year, we sent letters to landowners with nonpoint-source pollution issues, and we will be trying diligently to follow-up with them this year to keep nutrients from getting into our lakes. Dave and Kim's preferred tool for this is the LakeSmart Program, which you can also read about in this newsletter. In fact, you can find out how to get a LakeSmart evaluation of your own to help preserve the lakes and increase the value of your property, all at the same time!

Finally, I should mention that with your support, we will again fund Courtesy Boat Inspections (CBI) at the public boat launch on Spaulding Point. Please be nice to our inspectors, they are dedicated people who are there to check boats and trailers for invasive species like milfoil. As you probably know, milfoil is a big problem in Messalonskee Lake and in Great Pond. About a decade ago, we had a small infestation introduced at a private launch ramp (since closed), but it was fortunately caught in time and appears to have been eliminated. Since then, CBI inspector Doug McCafferty has actually stopped milfoil from coming into our lakes again on several occasions. We need to keep up the vigilance. That requires the funding to keep a CBI inspector at the boat launch site for as many hours per day as possible, all summer long. More members and more contributions mean more funding to make that happen.

*Thank you for your support.* If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership and encourage your neighbors to join MPSLA. We really could use the support of all who enjoy McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake. Together we make a difference!

Warmly wishing you all a happy and safe Summer 2019,

Jenny Allen  
MPSLA President (2018-Present)  
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## 7 LAKES ALLIANCE

After more than a year of discussions between the two boards of directors, the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) and the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC) joined forces in January 2018 to become 7 Lakes Alliance. McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake are two of those seven lakes.

MPSLA had been actively involved with BRCA right from its founding in 1991. Our Lake Association was also an instigator of the Youth Conservation Corps, which came under BRCA's wing during the 1990s and continues its work every summer as one of the most important water-quality initiatives in Maine.

Besides its efforts on lake water-quality issues, BRCA functioned as a land trust. Its largest and best known conservation area is the Kennebec Highlands. Along with many other parcels, it also conserves the property on the east side of the McGrath-Salmon narrows donated some years ago by the late Dr. Joseph Sataloff.

MLRC is the organization behind the barn-style building constructed during 2011 in the heart of Belgrade Lakes Village after a big capital campaign. It had numerous educational and outreach programs about Maine lakes and established a strong working relationship with the Environmental Science Department at Colby College. It also provided very low-cost office and storage space for BRCA's growing operations.

As discussions between the two boards of directors proceeded, it became apparent that the organizations would be much stronger together than apart. Very importantly, funding sources let both know that consolidation and a unified direction looked very good to them.

With better opportunities for funding, a combined donor/member base, strong connections to Colby College, and expanded programs, the new organization could add the kind of professional staff that neither had before, tie them in with the College, and house the new organization in its own Lakes Resource Center. In keeping with the Lakes Resource mission of MLRC and to complement the Land Trust side of BRCA, the combined organization would form a Lake Trust to provide direction to and services for the lakes associations.

Laura Rose Day joined 7 Lakes Alliance as its first CEO in September, but she attended many lake association meetings throughout the summer, including the MPSLA annual meeting in August. Laura recently served as Executive Director of the Penobscot River Restoration Trust, where she had a crucial role in opening up the Penobscot River to fish runs for the first time in a century, while mitigating local concerns and maintaining energy production from lost dams. She is already deeply involved in lakes issues.

Danielle Wain Ph.D. also joined 7 Lakes Alliance in September as the Lake Science Director from a position on the faculty at the University of Bath (England), where she investigated turbulence-plankton interactions in stratified lakes and the impact of reservoir hydrodynamics on water quality. Danielle brings over a decade of aquatic research experience to help us preserve the Belgrade Lakes.

7 Lakes Alliance staff also includes long-time Project Director Charlie Baeder, who works primarily on the Land Trust side but in summer gets involved with lakes issues; Lauren Pickford, who runs the Adopt-a-Shoreline Program; Amy Soper, Director of the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program; Youth Conservation Corps Co-Directors Jake Violette, Robert Knowles II, and Emily Pellerin; and Mary Kerwood, the office manager who holds it all together.

Check out the 7 Lakes Alliance Web site at <https://www.7lakesalliance.org/> or stop in and visit the Maine Lakes Resource Center in the heart of Belgrade Lakes Village. There is always something going on.

# McGRATH-SALMON WATER QUALITY UPDATE

Dr. Danielle Wain, Lake Science Director, 7 Lakes Alliance

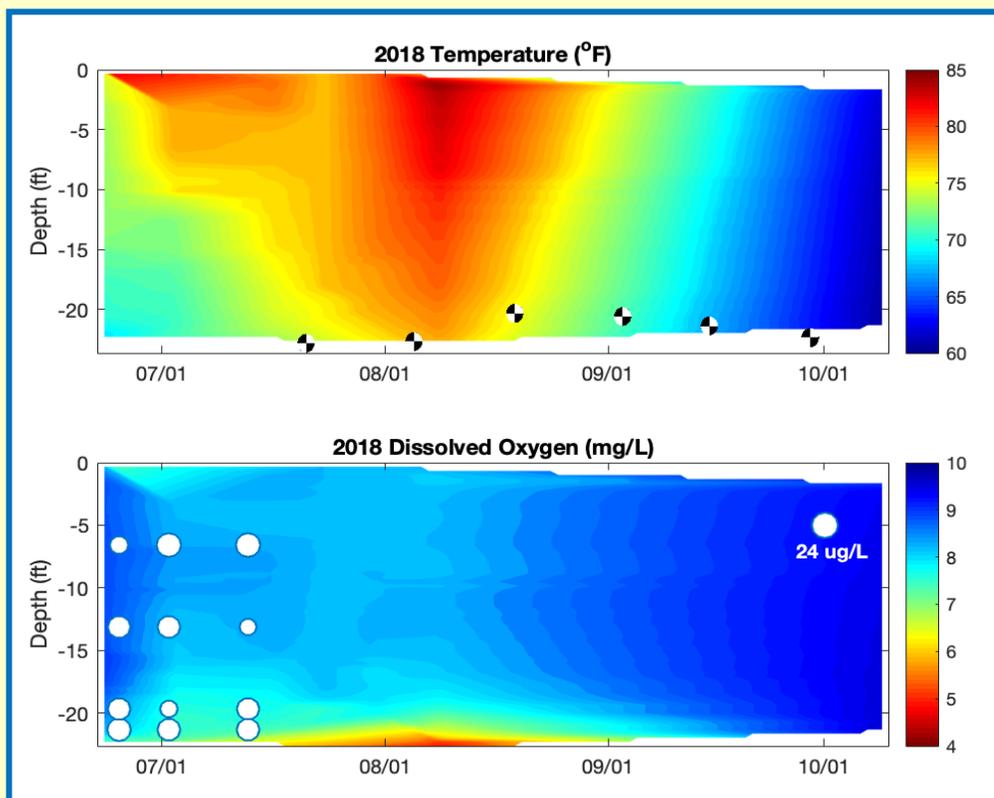
(Data from 7 Lakes Alliance, Colby Water Quality Initiative, and MPSLA)

Throughout the summer, students from Colby College collected profiles of temperature and oxygen on both lakes, took Secchi disk readings of water clarity, and collected water samples for phosphorus analysis. This data was supplemented by Dave Hallee and John Loomis, volunteers with Lake Stewards of Maine, who provided additional Secchi disk data for the summer.

## McGrath Pond:

McGrath Pond is one of the shallower lakes in the Belgrades. As a result, it remained well mixed through much of the summer, with some stratification during particularly warm and calm periods (Figure 1). But even in these warm periods, McGrath remained generally well oxygenated to the bottom, with dissolved oxygen (DO) remaining above 4 mg/L for the summer. This is an important threshold, as below this level fish such as trout are affected. Phosphorus can be released from the bottom sediments if DO falls below 2 mg/L, fueling algal blooms.

The water samples collected from the beginning of the summer indicate that the phosphorus (P) levels were all well below 24 ug/L ( $P_{avg} = 17 \text{ ug/L}$ ), which is another important water quality threshold. When average lake concentrations of phosphorus get into the mid-20s, a lake is trending towards regular algal blooms. The Secchi disk readings from the summer confirm what the other data say: McGrath Pond was clear almost all the way down to the bottom for much of the summer. Figure 1. Top: Contour plot of temperature profiles versus date, with Secchi disk observations overlaid.



**Figure 1**

**TOP:** The colorbar on the right indicates the water temperature.

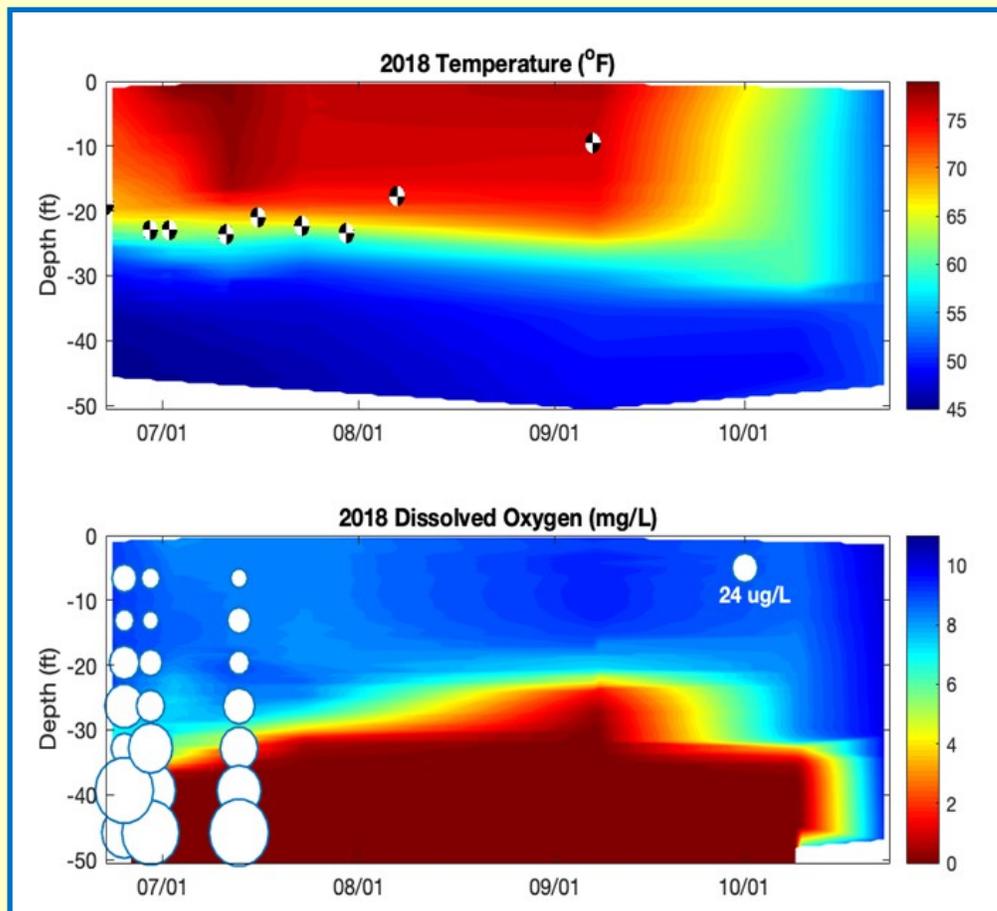
**BOTTOM:** Contour plot of dissolved oxygen profiles versus date, with phosphorus observations overlaid.

The colorbar on the right indicates the oxygen concentration in the water. The size of the white dots indicates the phosphorus concentration (big dots mean higher phosphorus), with the 24 ug/L for scale in the upper right corner.

## Salmon Lake:

Salmon Lake is one of the deeper lakes in the Belgrades. As a result, it remains stratified through much of the summer (Figure 2), with the onset of stratification taking place even before we started measuring last year! The stratification cuts off the bottom layers of the lake from the atmosphere, and thus the dissolved oxygen decreases quickly in the summer, all the way down to 0 mg/L. However, phosphorus levels in the upper 15 feet of the lake are similar to those at comparable depths in McGrath Pond.

Because the water is oxygen-starved at the bottom, phosphorus comes out of the sediments there. However, this phosphorus is trapped by the stratification in the dark regions of the lake, where most algae are unable to photosynthesize for lack of light. This is why the water clarity (indicated by the Secchi disk depth) remained good for much of the summer. Only when the lake turned over in late October, as chilled surface water sank and broke up the stratification, did that phosphorus become available to algae, and year-round residents noticed a bloom.



**Figure 2**

**TOP:** Contour plot of temperature profiles versus date, with Secchi disk observations overlaid. The colorbar on the right indicates the water temperature.

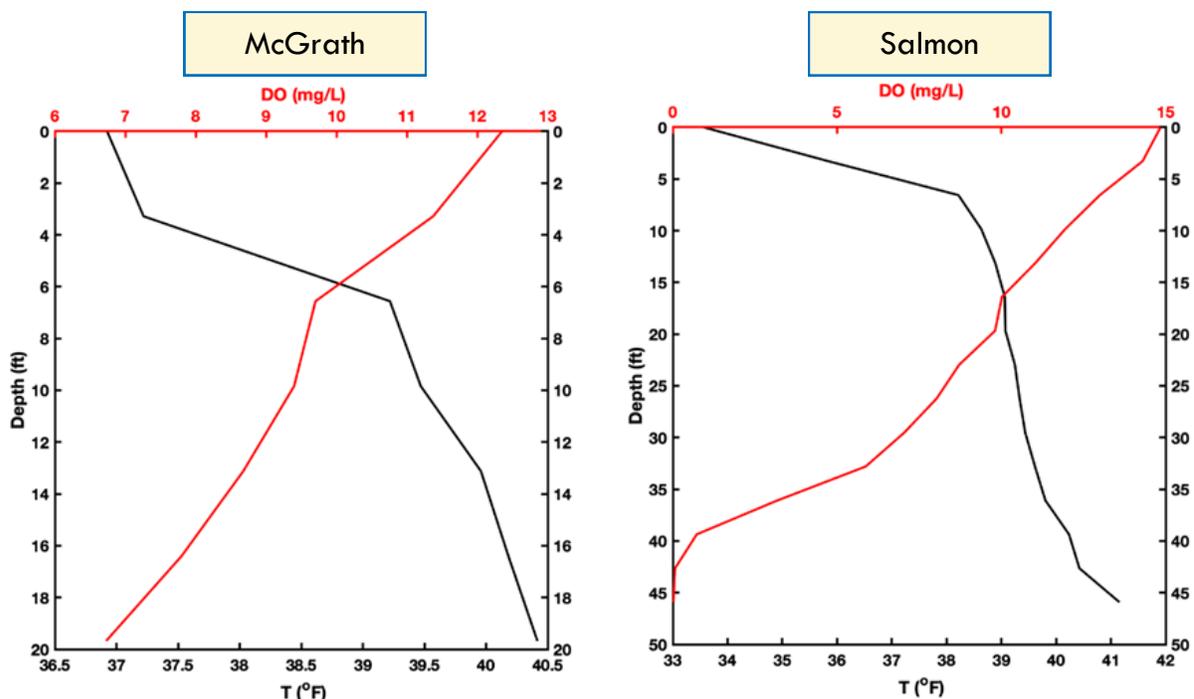
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## Winter Sampling:



This winter, 7 Lakes Alliance staff, with help from Kim and Dave Hallee and Robyn Deveney, did water and sediment sampling through the ice on both McGrath and Salmon. This can help us understand the nutrient conditions going into the summer, including how much oxygen is being consumed in the sediments. Fresh water is most dense around 4°C/40°F, and thus temperature increases with depth in the winter. The opposite is true in summer.

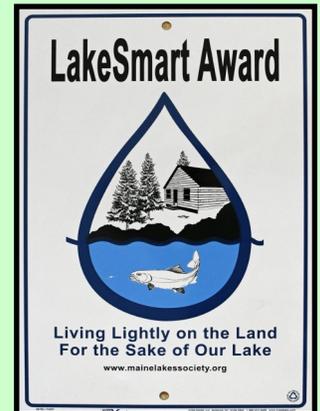
Both lakes are weakly stratified under the ice (See below). While McGrath remains well oxygenated to the bottom, Salmon continues to have low oxygen near the bottom. This is not uncommon in lakes that have had blooms, as Salmon did in October; the algae die and settle to the bottom, where they decompose. This process consumes oxygen, even in the wintertime. 7 Lakes Alliance and Colby will continue to monitor the lakes through spring and summer.



**Left:** Temperature (black) and oxygen (red) profiles under the ice in McGrath Pond.  
**Right:** Same for Salmon Lake.

## MAKING McGRATH AND SALMON LAKESMART

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection developed the LakeSmart Program of Best Management Practices in 2004 as a way to guide lakeshore property owners who want to help preserve the lakes and ponds that they love. The Maine Lakes Society took over in 2013, when MPSLA's Kim and Dave Hallee got involved. To date, they have certified 12 LakeSmart properties on McGrath Pond and 7 on Salmon Lake. Kim and Dave hope to do between 7 and 10 properties every year for the next five years. *Yours could be one of them.*



What makes a property smart enough to be LakeSmart The whole idea is to landscape your property and maintain it so no storm-water runoff reaches the lakes carrying sediment or pollutants. That's what it takes to keep our lakes clear.

So, for example:

- You want a crowned driveway that directs water to vegetated areas where it can soak into the ground.
- You can seed a low ground-cover plant whose roots join those of other plants, holding soil in place and taking up nutrients otherwise destined for the lakes.
- You should keep natural leaf litter to act like a sponge, soaking up a sudden rain and slowly releasing it into the ground. Don't rake near the lake!
- You should avoid having any bare soil, especially near the shoreline.

If every property along our lakes' shores — and up into the watershed — were this LakeSmart, our lakes would stay crystal clear for thousands of years to come.

When Kim and Dave are invited to evaluate a property, they come for a visit and give you ideas as well as technical assistance on how to make your home or camp more lake-friendly. In most cases, the end result is a more beautiful property in the bargain! Kim and Dave will do a write-up about your property and submit it to the regional LakeSmart director for approval, a process that takes two or three weeks. If you qualify for the coveted LakeSmart award, you will receive a pair of handsome display signs, and your property, now enhanced in value, will serve as an example for lakefront neighbors, encouraging them to take action to protect our lakes as well.

Kim and Dave urge all McGrath and Salmon property owners concerned about our lakes to have a LakeSmart evaluation. It's free and it's well worth doing.

You can contact them at 873-5285 or [LakeSmart@McGrathPond-SalmonLake.org](mailto:LakeSmart@McGrathPond-SalmonLake.org)



*Natural shoreline vegetation protects the shoreline from erosion caused by stormwater runoff and ice and wave action.  
(Photo: Robyn Deveney)*

## BE A VOLUNTEER COURTESY BOAT INSPECTOR



**A boat prop snarled in milfoil.**

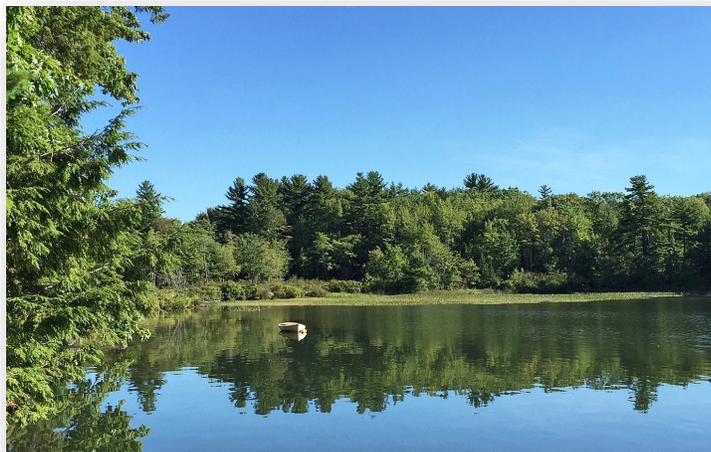
McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association works with 7 Lakes Alliance's Courtesy Boat Inspection program, placing inspectors at the Salmon Lake boat launch to keep invasive species such as Eurasian milfoil out of our lakes. Unfortunately, costs for the program have gone up in recent years, and we are not able to maintain inspectors' presence at the launch site as many hours as we should, especially in the afternoons.

That's where volunteers come in. MPSLA would like to organize a cadre of volunteers to fill in for a few hours most afternoons after the paid staff members have left but when there are still a significant number of boats being launched. Inspections are simple, effective, and extremely important. It only takes one missed inspection to infect both lakes.

This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to meet our neighbors and help assure our lakes will stay weed-free, as well as to spread the word about MPSLA. It's also a great way for high school students to build the community-service hours they need for graduation while enjoying some pleasant time by the lake.

There is about an hour of free training involved at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in Belgrade Lakes Village. To learn more or to sign up, please send an email expressing your interest in the VCBI program to [mpslassociation@gmail.com](mailto:mpslassociation@gmail.com).

Thanks!



**Cold Stream Morning  
Photo: Lenny Reich**

## WATERSHED-BASED PROTECTION PLAN

As a result of our big Watershed Survey in the fall of 2017, MPSLA put together a Watershed-Based Protection Plan (WBPP) that set out a multi-year work schedule for protecting the lakes' water quality. Each of the property owners with runoff that affected lakes water quality received a letter of notification along with a guide to available resources. The WBPP is available for viewing and downloading on the MPSLA web site as a link on the Watershed Survey page. [www.mcgrathpond-salmonlake.org](http://www.mcgrathpond-salmonlake.org)

### Implementation of the WBPP is underway in several areas. For the summer of 2019, this includes:

- Planning and initiating Pleasant Point Park shoreline remediation with Oakland Town officials, 7 Lakes Alliance staff, and RSU18 science students.
- Supporting and promoting 7 Lakes Alliance's Camp Road Workshops, inviting MSPLA members and encouraging those identified in the Watershed Survey with road or driveway issues to attend.
- Initiating Best Management Practice workshops for lakes protection in high-density camp/residential areas such as Tilton Point Trail, Tranquility Trail, Spaulding Point, Pinewoods Trail, and Kelleher Trail.
- Conducting LakeSmart evaluations on low-impact sites identified by the Watershed Survey.



Salmon Lake at Sunset  
Photo by Robyn Devney

Funding for the WBPP was provided in part by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in partnership with EPA. EPA does not endorse any commercial products or services mentioned.

# DAM KEEPER'S REPORT

## Belgrade Area Dams Committee

The number-one question that I get from lake residents is, "Why have the lake levels been so low in recent years?" The main reason is the lack of rain. The watershed of the Belgrade Lakes has experienced three consecutive years of drought conditions, with last summer being the most severe.

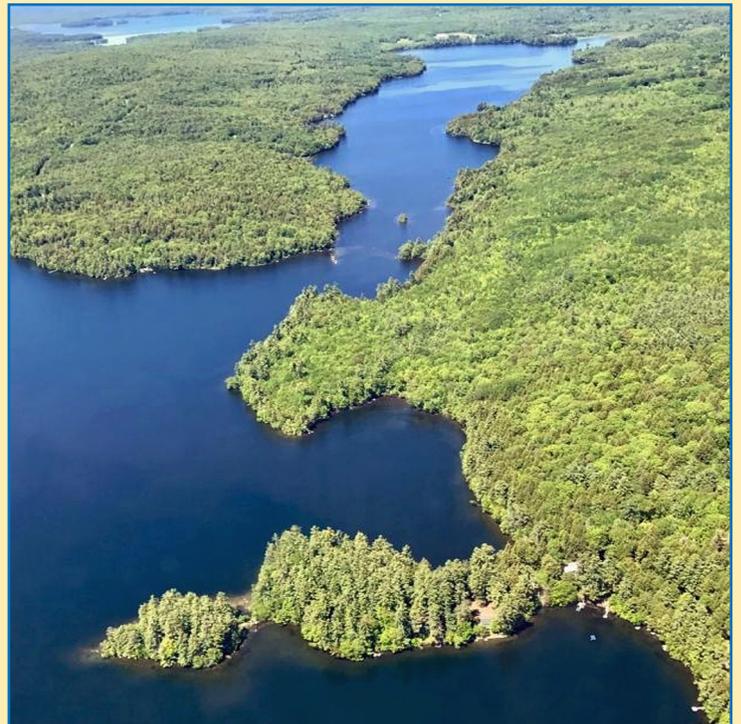
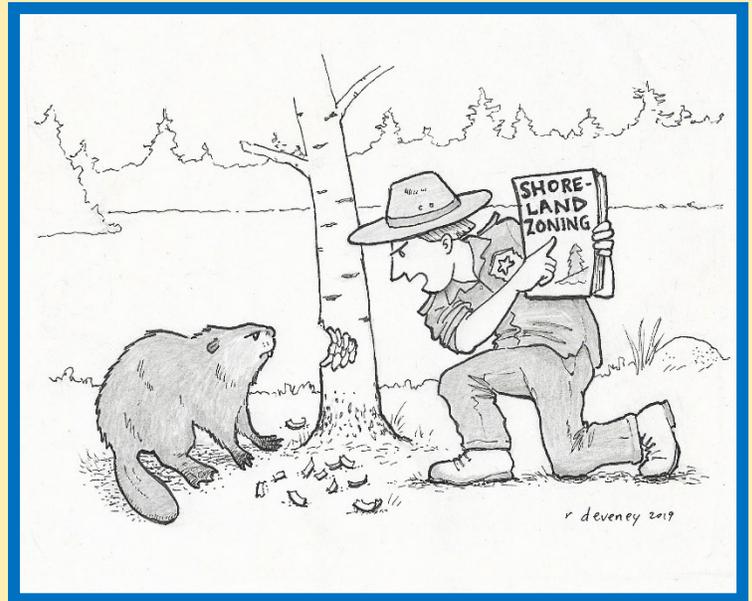
McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake have no major tributaries feeding them. All the water flowing in comes from the runoff around the lakes and from springs that feed the lakes from within. When our area experiences drought conditions and the water table gets very low, those springs can work in reverse, taking water from the lakes to fill underground voids.

Compound that with last summer's above-normal temperatures causing unusually high evaporation from the surface of the lakes, and add in very little rain. All of these factors place a burden on the water level management plan that we are asked to follow by the State's Department of Environmental Protection.

The number-two question that I get is, "Why are you letting water flow out the dam when the lake level is so low?" The State's water-level management plan requires that we have a flow of one cubic foot per second of water exiting below the dam to maintain the environment in the outlet stream, in support of the trout and other aquatic life. The stream is just as important as the lakes when it comes to the aquatic environment.

I hope this answers a few of your questions. Please feel free to contact me if you have more. Let's all hope for good rains this spring and summer. It sure would be nice to have a full pond to play in!

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Aerial view of Salmon Lake through the narrows into McGrath Pond. East Pond in the background.

# EAST POND ALUM TREATMENT

By Charlie Baeder, 7 Lakes Alliance

East Pond, located to the north of McGrath and Salmon, began in the early 1990s to experience quite severe algal blooms during August and September, the result of decades of nutrient-rich runoff entering the lake from roads, driveways, and unbuffered waterfronts. The bloom was slimy blue-green in places, bringing reports of skin rashes and other health problems. Mostly, people just stayed away from the water when the bloom was in progress.



SOLitude Lake Management barge spreading alum

Extensive sampling and testing on East Pond by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Colby Environmental Science Program, and Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) determined that about half of the nutrients (primarily phosphorus) feeding the bloom were coming into the lake from annual runoff and about half were recycling up from bottom sediments. Of course, some nutrients in the runoff would find their way to the bottom and add to the sediments every year. That's how the sediments accumulated.

So, containing nutrient-rich runoff was a crucial first step, and East Pond Association, with help from BRCA and the Youth Conservation Corps began working with camp- and homeowners, commercial property owners, and the Towns of Oakland and Smithfield to mitigate runoff problems, efforts that will continue.

Colby began intensively monitoring East Pond water quality in 2015 as a preliminary step to working with Maine DEP and an outside consultant to develop a management plan for resolving the recurrent algal blooms. Ultimately, they decided the best way to do that was to spread an aluminum sulfate, known as alum, on the part of the lake deep enough to experience oxygen deprivation along the bottom in late summer. This anoxic condition led to the release of phosphorus-rich sediments up into the water column and, combined with nutrients from runoff, precipitated algal blooms.

On East Pond, this was happening on about 675 acres (of the lake's 1700), and calculations from numerous bottom samples and water tests called for using 45 grams of alum per square meter of bottom surface. Once on the bottom, the alum would bind with the phosphorus and hold it there for 15-20 years. This project would be the largest alum treatment undertaken in New England, by far.

Fundraising and organization took place between 2016 and the project's implementation last summer. Of the \$1.1 million cost, funds came from private camp- and homeowners, from commercial property owners (including multi-year pledges), from a Maine foundation, and from the Maine DEP. Colby and BRCA/7 Lakes Alliance donated many hours of staff time as well as boats and laboratory services.

The contractor SOLitude Lake Management conducted the treatment on East Pond in two phases over a total of 30 days in June and October 2018, and Colby students carefully monitored lake water the entire time to be sure its chemistry stayed within normal ranges so that it was safe for aquatic life and for human recreation.



SOLitude barge following bottom depth contour

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## AROUND THE WATERSHED

Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA), the lake association for Great Pond and Long Pond, last fall undertook a watershed survey of Great Pond. Our own Kim and Dave Hallee helped as volunteers, bringing their expertise from last year's McGrath-Salmon survey to that giant effort. Although water quality in Great Pond is still good, the phosphorus concentrations in the water have been creeping up and the amount of dissolved oxygen in the deeper parts of the lake declining.

All of that points toward the possibility of algal blooms in future years if nothing is done to contain nutrient-rich runoff. In fact, BLA is contemplating the prophylactic application of alum over the richest sediments in the lake after shore-side problems have been dealt with. Of particular note for us -- approximately 15% of Great Pond's nutrient load enters it from the McGrath-Salmon outlet stream.

To the north of Great Pond, North Pond in fact experienced a full-on algal bloom last summer. First thoughts were that (grandfathered) dredging for boat slips at the refurbished Sunset Camps by Smithfield Village had raised enough sediments into the water to cause the bloom, but later evaluations called that analysis into question.



Painting of McGrath Pond  
by Jenny Allen

In any case, phosphorus levels in North Pond have for some years been close to those needed for a bloom, and last summer they tipped over, despite strong efforts by the well organized North Pond Association (NPA) to work with property owners on fixing shoreline runoff problems. Everyone is waiting to see how things will go next summer, and NPA is redoubling its efforts.



MPSLA is collaborating with Messalonskee Middle School science teacher Amanda Ripa's class in learning about lake water quality. The students will be helping this spring with mitigation at the site identified in our recent Watershed Survey, Oakland's Pleasant Point Park.

### (East Pond Alum Treatment, continued from previous page )

The lake did not experience an algal bloom during the summer of application, to everyone's relief. Winter through-the-ice sampling has found good oxygen at the bottom for all the test sites, an excellent sign that the treatment is working as intended. Danielle Wain, 7 Lakes Alliance's new Lake Science Director, is cautiously optimistic. "It's looking very good," she said, "but we need to get through the summer of 2019 without any problems before we can declare victory."

If that happens, listen for some really loud Whoops of Joy coming from the shores of East Pond!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 29	Wed	TBD	Demo w/ Amanda Ripa	Pleasant Point Park
June 9	Sun	1:00-3:00 pm	Drum Circle & Clean Up	Pleasant Point Park
July 4	Thurs	3:00-4:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade	Pleasant Point Park
<b>July 11</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 pm</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>North Belgrade Community Center</b>
July 14	Sun	1:00-3:00 pm	Drum Circle & Clean Up	Pleasant Point Park
July 25	Thurs	8:30-11:00 am	Plant Paddle Identification	Salmon Lake Boat Launch
Aug 11	Sun	1:00-3:00 pm	Drum Circle & Clean Up	Pleasant Point Park

### Also, July 26 – Aug 2, Lights on the Lake

Lighting up the Lake for a couple hours a night – Please nothing flashing or super bright – No spotlights. Light up your boat, shoreline or camp with small twinkling lights until 10:00 p.m. to celebrate our beautiful community!

**For more information, contact Facebook group Salmon Lake Serenity.**



Deborah Massey and Robyn Deveney on  
invasive plant patrol at the outlet of  
Cold Stream in Salmon Lake

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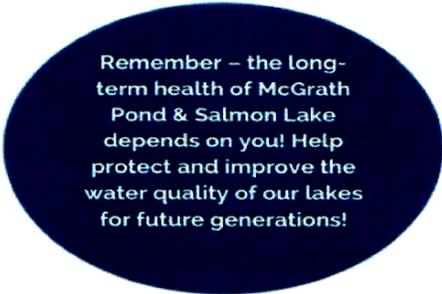
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Our Mission is to protect the natural character, enhance the water quality,  
and promote the responsible use of the lakes for the benefit of ALL.

MPSLA of the Belgrade Lakes  
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2019 Annual Membership Form  
January 1—Dec 31

Your **tax deductible** membership contribution funds education and water quality improvement efforts, as well as Courtesy Boat inspections at the public boat launch on Salmon Lake.

Please complete the form below or online at [www.mcgrathpond-salmonlake.org/](http://www.mcgrathpond-salmonlake.org/)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you prefer email over postal mail.

**I / We wish to be members of MPSLA for 2018 ➔ (please CIRCLE your choice):**

Individual Membership  
\$35

Family Membership  
\$50

Futurist *or* Business  
Membership  
\$100

I / We would also like to contribute: \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Water Quality (includes Watershed Protection Plan).  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Frances Fox Sandmel Environmental Education Fund.

**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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Or - donate via our website at [www.mcgrathpond-salmonlake.org](http://www.mcgrathpond-salmonlake.org) with your credit card or PayPal.

**I'd like to get involved!**

- I'd like to become active with the MPSLA board of directors.
- I can help with Water Quality & Education and/or Social & Community activities.
- I am able to assist MPSLA in this capacity \_\_\_\_\_.
- We wish to participate in LakeSmart. Please contact us this summer via  phone  email.

**THANK YOU!**



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& SALMON LAKE

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