

Hi Peter,

Here are some additional thoughts and information on the Lakes Host Program.

Mary Ann Murray who runs the Lake Host Program in Tuftonboro said she would be happy to attend the December 8th milfoil meeting and speak to us and answer questions (twenty minutes) about their program. Mary Ann feels it's been a great success and a good way to educate the public about preventing the spread of milfoil and other exotic weeds.

Usually if a ramp has never been funded NH Lakes will only grant \$750 the first time. We may however apply for more grant money the first year and since we have three public ramps we could apply for all three there are no guarantees but it's worth a try. Then it would be a matter of coming up with the 50% matching funds and of course the Lake Hosts.

A good source for Lake Hosts are responsible high school seniors and college students. Maybe an Eagle Scout or two that would be interested in taking it on. The Rec. Department is a good resource. I'm sure we can find volunteers through the Cove Associations, the new Weed Watcher Group and some of the more active senior citizens.

States Landing Beach has a fair amount of activity and Lee's Mills is usually a busy ramp. Both areas are heavily infested with milfoil. I am not familiar with the Long Island ramp.

Andrea LaMoreaux of the NH Lakes Association said she is not sure how much funding will be available in 2010 from grants and State funds and doesn't think there will be any Federal funding in 2010.

Andrea believes the \$300 fee to join the NH lakes Association will be waived in 2010.

Applications for 2010 will be sent out in November 2009.

Last years grants needed to be filled out and returned by March the grants were announced in April.

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