

Oregon Lakes Association

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President's Message - Ela Whelan

A very successful 1992 Conference was held at Diamond Lake in September. Cascade Lakes were the focus of the conference with talks presented on Diamond Lake (naturally), Crater Lake, and Waldo Lake, to name a few. Important issues for lakes management were addressed, including fish stocking of lakes. A detailed description of the presentations at the conference will be distributed under a separate mailing in December.

Installation of new officers occurred at the annual September conference. The following persons were voted into office and will serve on the Board:

President	Ela Whelan.....	650-3474
Past President.....	Joe Eilers	758-1330
President Elect.....	Stan Geiger.....	245-4068
Treasurer	Dave Wagner.....	994-5330
Secretary	Gary Larson.....	737-1498
Director.....	Mike Bonoff	244-6922
Director.....	Anjala Ehelebe.....	378-3449
Director.....	Richard Peterson	725-4241

The first board meeting, held in Salem on November 11, was well attended. All members of OLA are invited to the Board meetings. If people would like to attend but are unable to for various reasons, we would like to find out why and establish another means of increasing involvement. An initial draft of a plan for the coming year was discussed at the November meeting. The plan will be updated with comments from the Board and distributed to OLA members for further comment and input.

Of the many activities important to lakes, the focus for the coming year will be to actively involve a large portion of the membership, aggressively attract new members, and

educate state, federal, and local agencies about OLA's mission to protect and restore Oregon's lakes.

The following committees will finalize workplans in the coming months and are interested in input from members:

Legislative and Government Affairs Committee

Stan Geiger, Chair..... 245-4068

Membership Committee

Mark Sytsma, Chair..... 684-9097

Monitoring and Assessment Committee

Richard Peterson, Co-chair..... 725-4241

Mike Bonoff, Co-chair..... 244-6922

Publications Committee

Richard Raymond..... 752-4271

Lake/Homeowner Association Outreach Committee

Andy Schaedel..... 229-6121

Richard Peterson is also chair of the next conference to be held in Eugene in September, 1993. Any ideas or suggestions should be forwarded to Richard at 752-4271. Although the focus will be on Willamette Lakes, please call if there are other topics you would like to see addressed. (*article continued on Page 2*)

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In order to involve more persons around the state in OLA activities, the Board will move its meetings to Eugene and Lincoln City, one meeting to be held at each location this year. Board meetings are held every other month; the next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 1993, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the City of Eugene offices, 858 Pearl Street. Call 687-5291 for information on directions. This will not be a dinner meeting; however, snacks will be provided. Please call one of the Board members if you need a ride or are interested in carpooling.

Become a 1993 OLA Member, You'll Feel Better About Yourself.

In this issue of the OLA newsletter, there is a list of everyone who has paid membership dues for 1993. If you are getting this newsletter and are not a member of OLA, pay your dues now to the OLA treasurer using the renewal notice enclosed. We, who have been OLA members since the start of the organization in 1990, are still not clear about what the most effective way is to protect and enhance Oregon's lakes. It's a big job. It seems like there is increasing clarity about the kind of program that makes sense for getting the job done, but we're a long way from where we should be. Oregon still doesn't have a state lakes program. OLA is the best bet for accomplishing that. So we'd like some help. If people have a few good ideas and a little bit of time through the year to give to the effort of better protecting Oregon's lake resource.

Recap of the OLA 1992 Annual meeting at Diamond Lake

The quality of the presentations at this year's annual conference at Diamond Lake (and what a setting the Diamond Lake Resort is for such a conference), the quality of the presentations was excellent in every respect. The focus of this year's conference was on the Cascade lakes and emphasized primarily the protection of these wonderful, beautiful, unique bodies of water. Presentations were made on Crater Lake, Diamond Lake, Lake Natasha, Klamath Lake and Waldo Lake. A video recording was made of most of the presentation. As it

turned out there was good sound but poor image. We'll do better next year.

Avis Newell has written up a recap of the meeting and it's being sent along with this newsletter for more details for those of you who couldn't make the meeting. We feel it was a good job, thanks Avis.

Decision on Grass Carp Gets Closer

One of the more innovative programs of lake management has been underway at Devil's Lake through the past five years. A study has been done of the effects of the introduction of grass carp into Devil's Lake on the reduction of nuisance aquatic plants into that lake. University of Washington was responsible for directing the studies during the first three years and CH2M Hill directed the work during the past two years with Richard Raymond, an OLA member, being responsible for the CH2M Hill studies.

The results of these studies which are relatively voluminous are in the hands of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife for them to make a decision on whether or not to permit the introduction of Grass Carp generally or selectively into Oregon Lakes for further aquatic weed control. This is not a trivial issue. When the project was first proposed to the ODFW commission, six years ago, it was a highly contentious meeting with many members of the Devil's Lake association and others some of whom at the meeting were very much opposed to the introduction of Grass Carp.

Because of the nationwide interest in the use of Grass Carp and the use of Grass Carp in neighboring states like Washington, after also quite a number of years of study, there is an inclination on the part of many people to use this fish for controlling plants in Oregon's lakes. Whether or not it is an appropriate choice is the question and whether or not it's ecologically sound to introduce these fish into the lakes is the question and results of the five-year work at Devil's Lake are mixed with respect to benefits and disadvantages. It would be worth anyone's while to take a look at the data from this study and begin to interact with ODFW before they simply make a decision without really discussing it with many other people, which is a possibility.

OLA has been in touch with AFS (American Fisheries Society) local northwest chapter to consult with them over the desirability of Grass Carp introduction in a more wide-spread way and OLA would like to have input to the ODFW decision-making process. If you have ideas about the introduction or opinions and you'd like to have them expressed through OLA, contact Ela Whelan to let her know how you feel. If you have feelings that you'd like to communicate directly to ODFW, or request information from them, contact Al Smith at ODFW. Al is in charge of freshwater fisheries in the state and can be reached at 229-5400, ext. 375. Information on the grass carp of Devils Lake is available from Dave Wagner (994-5330). He has copies of University of Washington and CH2M Hill Reports.

Dial Up NALMS in the Privacy of Your Home

You can connect with the NALMS bulletin board. The North American Lake Management Society has a bulletin board that can be dialed to get access to timely information on lake management. OLA intends to establish a sub-directory of the NALMS bulletin board so that Oregonians can be in discussion with each other within this sub-directory as well as tap in through the bulletin board with other nationwide information on lakes. The NALMS Bulletin Board number is 612-783-9064. If you seek human assistance, please contact James Vennie in Wisconsin at 608-266-2212.

OLA is considering the value of having its own bulletin board to localize the information and provide incentive for people to truly network and be in touch with others of a similar bent who are interested in fixing or protecting Oregon's lakes. If you have interest in this particular project, call Mark Sytsma. Mark, a limnologist at KCM in Portland, is investigating the availability of free computers and assessing the cost of running the bulletin board system. Mark's number is 684-9097.

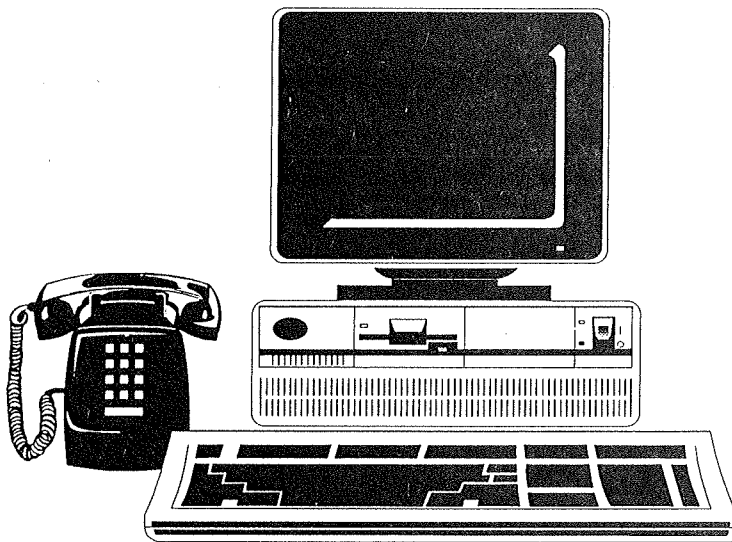
WANTED! Ideas for Topics Under the General Guideline: Coastal Lakes

The 1994 OLA Conference in Seaside will focus on Oregon's Coastal Lakes. Do you know of research going on at a Coastal Lake? Are you a member of a coast lake

association with topic ideas? If so, contact Anjala Ehelebe at 378-3449 (days) or 285-6221 (evenings).

Legislative Warning

Word has it that there will be a piece of legislation in this year's Oregon legislature that relates to the management of watersheds. We're going to alert you to the kind of legislation and the opportunities to influence it's passage, hopefully, if it's a good piece of legislation, through the legislature. Andy Schaedel will have additional information on this legislation and other legislation relating to lakes that will be introduced into this year's meeting at the legislature in Salem. Give him a call at 229-6121. DEQ does have a lobbyist whose name is Olivia Clark. You might give her a call at 229-5327 to find out what DEQ legislation or the lobbying agenda is and how lakes fit into that agenda.



1993 OLA Members

The following is a list of all OLA members who have paid their membership dues through 1993. This list was compiled from the list of registrars for the 1992 conference and from OLA membership applications received through October 1, 1992. If you believe you were erroneously omitted from this list, please contact OLA Treasurer Dave Wagner at 994-5330.

Ades, Dennis	Jennings, Holly	Ordelheide, Karl	Smith, D. David
Bredimus, Dawn	Jones, Mikeal	Oxley, Karen	Stonum, Scott
Buckingham, George	Kann, Jacob	Paulson, Beverly	Swanton, Roger
Colonia-Roque, Helmer	Kelley, Kathryn	Paulson, Lewis	Sweet, Jim
Corzatt, Lorena	Kern, Chris	Peterson, Joseph	Sytsma, Mark
Cummings, Earle	Kreutz, Gary	Peterson, Richard	Truitt, Robert
Daggett, Steve	Larson, Douglas	Prendergast, Linda	US Forest Service
Devils Lake WID	Larson, Gary	Pres. Assoc of Devils	Vigil, Ken
Dressler, Robert	Lomnicky, Gregg	Lake	Vogel, Allan
Edwards, Roger	Mace, Judy	Raymond, Richard	Wachs, Sidney
Eilers, Joe	Mason, Joan	Reynolds, Roger	Wagner, David
Everson, Larry	Mastrogiuseppe, Ron	Rice, Al	Wall, Bill
Geiger, Stan	McNabb, Gretchen	Riker, Joan	Watson, Ron
Gervais, John	McNabb, Terry	Riker, Joe	Whelan, Ela
Gibbons, Harry	Miniszewski, Gary	Roholt, Rob	Whelan, Nick
Gienger, Beth	Morris, Therese	Salinas, John	Whitaker, David
Hayes, Catherine	Newell, Avis	Sanders, Dawn	Womack, Anna
Henderson, Bruce	Newcomb, Bill	Schaedel, Andy	Wood, Robert

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