



Invasive Aquatic Plant Manual Control Training ~ 2017

Part 1 – Tuesday June 20

Gardiner Sportsmen's Club, Cobbosseecontee Stream

Agenda

- 8:30 Registration – (Registration will open at 8:00; early-birds encouraged!) VLMP staff
- 9:00 Greetings and Introductions
- 9:15 Overview: battling the invaders – *Roberta Hill*
- 9:45 Permit & reporting requirements; OSHA standards – *Karen Hahnel & Denise Blanchette*
- 10:00 Manual harvesting: techniques & gear – *Doug Faille & Denise Blanchette*
- 10:20 DASH overview – *Christian Oren*
- 10:40 Benthic barrier overview – *Jim Chandler*
- 11:00 Milfoil and milfoil look-alikes w/ Plant ID exercise – *Roberta*
- 12:00 Lunch (please check out the benthic barrier demonstration) – *Jim & Christian*
- 1:00 Gear up
- 1:30 On-shore orientation (Denise)
- 1:45 In-water Basics for divers using SCUBA & Surface Supplied Air (SSA) – *Randy & Denise*
- 2:15 In-water Practice (Rotate **via shuttle** between in-water learning stations)
- Manual harvesting instruction and practice – *Doug F., Toni Pied*
 - Benthic barrier installation & removal – *Jim C., Scott Gregory, Christian, with VLMP Interns*
- 4:00 Gear down; return to indoor facility
- 4:30 IAP Control Expert Panel Q & A – *All instructors*
- 5:00 Evaluations, Certification & Conclude

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Our Instructors for the IAP Manual Control Training Program include: Denise Blanchette (DEP), Jim Chandler (CLA), Doug Faille (CPMT), Scott Gregory (CPMT), Karen Hahnel (DEP), Roberta Hill (VLMP), Christian Oren (LEA), Toni Pied (BRCA), and Randy Richardson (VLMP)

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