

LAKE PARKER, FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2021 ANNUAL MEETING.

The Committee has been involved in various endeavors this year including:

1. Facilitating the State's stocking of Lake Parker with 900 rainbow trout which occurred on 6 May 2021; please let me know at FishWildlife@lakeparker.org if you have caught any!!
2. Viewing and reviewing reports by others of eagle sightings on the Lake.
3. Viewing busy beavers at the south end of the Lake as well as loons, mink and painted turtles at various locations.
4. Participating in the Ad Hoc Large Wake volunteer committee meetings and reviewing the State's progress regarding the use of wake boats on VT lakes and ponds and their detrimental effect on lakeshores, docks, swimmers, canoers, kayakers, sailors and stand up boards. The Ad Hoc committee consists of interested parties from various lake and pond watersheds in VT; it meets several times a month via zoom with the purposes of 1) educating boaters about the effects of large wakes and 2) providing input to VT State authorities who may restrict wake boats from smaller and/or shallow lakes and ponds. Wake boats are especially damaging to smaller lakes and ponds as their "wakes" are typically several feet in height and can travel 1000 feet! These boats churn up the bottom of shallow lake areas, dislodging aquatic plants and weeds, some of which are invasive. Some good educational information about wakes is available at the Kezar Lake website, <https://kezarwatershed.org/wakes>.
5. Monitoring the VT Fish and Wildlife website at <https://vtfishandwildlife.com> which provides lots of interesting and educational information as well as the requirements for fishing and hunting licenses.
6. Assisting Eric Hanson of the VT Loon Conservation Project, VT Center for Ecostudies, with the installation of a loon nest platform at the south end of the lake; please let me know if a pair of nesting loons are seen either at the platform or at any other locations on the lake.
7. Providing Fish and Wildlife information and documents for the updated Lake Parker Association website and the Lake Parker Resource Guide.

HOPING ALL ARE KEEPING SAFE AND ARE ENJOYING THIS SUMMER,

Respectfully Submitted, John Wooten, Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Committee
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