

Walker Lake Lake Committee report

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Coliform bacteria testing at beaches – Prosser notifies Walker Lake, Bill Boehme & I through e-mail with the e-coli testing results. The e-coli testing is completed for the summer.

Wildlife - A laser was purchased for the lake committee to harass Canada Geese on the lake. This will prevent the geese from congregating at the beaches that contribute excessive levels of e-coli.

Water Quality – Aqua Link performed a bacteria treatment and a submerged aquatic plant treatment targeting bladderwort on August 18. Aqua Link found bladderwort in light to moderate densities throughout the lake and no more variable leaf milfoil was seen. In addition, Rodeo was applied in the dam area as requested. They also conducted their last monitoring for 2020. Finally, we are still waiting a cost for Aqua Link to complete an updated bathymetric study. The study would determine the depth of the water in the lake as well as the depth of the sediment layer.

Aqua Link will conduct a fishery study this fall.

I am still waiting to hear about the status of the Emergency Action Plan from the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

The lake committee encourages fisherman to complete the creel survey on the Walker Lake website.