



CHINA LAKE ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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President's Letter

As many of you may be aware, there has been a significant development in the China Lake Restoration Project. We learned this fall that \$185,000 in federal funds needed to complement \$233,000 in federal funds already appropriated would not be available for the 1993 calendar year. The East Basin Alum Treatment Project is a \$568,000 project. \$418,000 of that money was to come from the federal government with \$150,000 coming from state and local matching funds. Initially, the state was to provide \$78,000 funding in 1991. The Lake Association had stepped in and told the town that through a fund raising effort the Lake Association would attempt to raise approximately \$100,000 thus providing a significant portion of the local share of money. The ground work for a large scale fund raiser has been laid through multiple meetings this fall.

The Board of Directors felt that before asking the shorefront property owners to donate money, the federal funding should be lined up and the Phosphorus Control Ordinance that the State mandated should be approved by the voters. At the recent election, the Phosphorus Control Ordinance passed overwhelmingly, but the additional \$185,000 that was needed from the federal government is not available. It is hoped that the remaining federal funds will be available for 1994, but there is no guarantee of this.

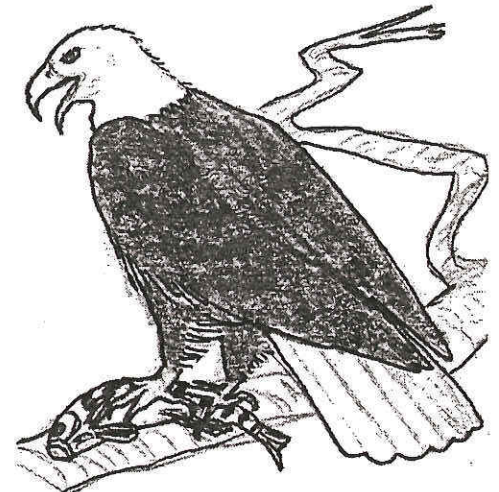
We are now looking at the options that are available to the town, the state, and the Lake Association in regards to funding the Restoration Project. One option is to pass a state bond that would fund many needed, but yet unfunded, lake

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Lakefest '92 A Great Success

A perfect day in July provided the setting for Lakefest '92. It was held in conjunction with the annual Congress of Lake Associations meeting hosted this year by The China Lake Association. Approximately 500 people, summer residents, and people just passing by, enjoyed the festivities. A chicken barbeque was provided by the Boynton-Webber American Legion Post. "The Greens" from Dexter, Maine added to the festive atmosphere with bluegrass music. This event was held to increase community awareness about the Lake Restoration Project. Handouts were available regarding water quality and wetlands. Some of the long time residents of China loaned old photographs for a display table. Scenes around China Lake from years past provided a lot of memories and interesting stories. Because of the enthusiasm and positive response from those attending, Lakefest may become an annual event! Stay tuned....

Bruce Daniels



China Lake Association Named "Lake Association of the Year"

The Congress of Lake Associations has given its 1992 Lake Association of the Year Award to the China Lake Association, in recognition of our accomplishments. Joan Irish, director of the Congress of Lake Associations said "We wanted to recognize the outstanding work that your Association has done, and continues to do to help China Lake. We think you have done a great job!" COLA is a statewide organization, representing 112 member Lake Associations. Its purpose is to be an advocate for clean lakes in Maine, to help coordinate efforts, and to help educate the public and its members about ways of improving Maine's lakes. Each year, COLA sponsors an educational, day-long forum, which was held in China this past summer.

Your Lake Association continues to lead the way, to set an example for the entire region about what can be accomplished, with the support of the community and dedicated volunteers.