



# Wizard Lake Watershed & Lake Stewardship Association

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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

What a year!!!

I would like to start by saying many thanks to **Laverne** Faulkner past chair and one of the founding members of Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association.



Blake Bartlett, Chair

Laverne has led WLWLSA through a considerable number of procedures and organizational steps. Without her management ability, WLWLSA as it is today, would never have come to pass. We, the residents of Wizard Lake along with the lake itself, thank her for her outstanding commitment to the sustainability and enjoyment of Wizard Lake for the benefit of all users and watershed inhabitants.



Although Laverne is stepping aside as a board member, she still is assisting the watershed with ongoing website management.

Our 2019 year brought a wide variety of new initiatives and programs to Wizard Lake. In February 2019, we had our first annual 'Try It' Event. This on-lake winter event offered new and exciting recreational activities for the community during a chilly February. Summer was also busy with new endeavours and I thank all volunteers for their support.

As always, if you have any comments or questions, please feel free to be in touch with myself or any member of the board.

## 'TRY IT' 2019

The first annual 'Try It' event held on February 16th was a huge success. The cold temperature did not deter enthusiasts from coming out to Wizard Lake to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities, as over 190 participants enjoyed the days events. Thank you to **Leduc County Parks and Recreation, Leduc County Communications** and the **County of Wetaskiwin, Leisure & Community Services** for their support.



Thank you to all the sponsors for their support.

Many thanks to all the WLWLSA volunteers that made this event so enjoyable., without your dedication, events such as this could not be possible.



**Mark your calendar for next year!!**

**Try It 2020 will be held on Saturday, FEBRUARY 8, 2020**

## BIO HAVEN FLOATING ISLAND UPDATE

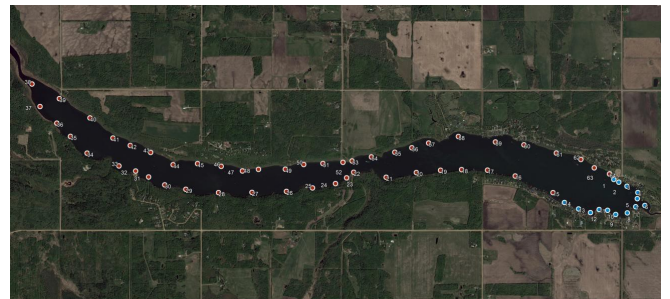
WLWLSA continues to work with Alberta Parks and Environment for permitting. Additional information on the BioHaven Floating Island project can be found on our website [www.wizardlake.ca](http://www.wizardlake.ca).



## BIO BLITZ: PLANT DNA IDENTIFICATION

Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS), with the assistance of WLWLSA volunteers, conducted a "Bio Blitz: Shoreline Plants DNA Project on Wizard Lake" on July 20th.

Plant samples were taken from 64 sites around the shoreline indicated on the map below. ALMS presented the results of this project at the AGM meeting on September 14. The results of this project indicated no invasive aquatic vegetation in Wizard Lake.



## CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY YOUR BOAT – IT'S THE LAW



WLWLSA volunteers provided information on the Alberta Government's **Clean, Drain and Dry Your Boat** program at the Jubilee Park boat launch area to support and promote this program.

This program is a **mandated** procedure of **Alberta Environment and Parks**. We strongly encourage users of Wizard Lake to follow these procedures. These three easy steps will help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and diseases.

**CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY** includes all boats, paddle boards, canoes, kayaks, recreational floating devices, fishing gear, etc.  
[www.alberta.ca/clean-drain-dry-your-boat](http://www.alberta.ca/clean-drain-dry-your-boat).

## 2019 CANADA DAY BOAT PARADE AND FIREWORKS



### Boat Parade

Unfortunately the annual boat parade on July 1st was cancelled due to inclement weather.

### Fireworks

On behalf of all participants on and off the water, we would like to thank **Brent Elder, Terry Clark** and helpers for another outstanding fireworks display. Their work and commitment make Canada Day a memorable event for all of us.

Thanks to those who make financial contributions. These contributions make it possible for Brent and Terry to put on this spectacular event each year.

## PARK DAY EVENT — JULY 13

**Leduc County** Park Day was held at Jubilee Park on July 13. Once again WLWLSA partnered with Leduc County to showcase the recreational advantages Wizard Lake has to offer.

## WIZARD LAKE WATER LEVELS

These water levels are calculated from the fixed elevation of the weir. Weir water levels are “+ or –”



- ◆ September 14, 2016 : -11”
- ◆ September 11, 2017 : -7.25 ”
- ◆ September 14, 2018 : -4”
- ◆ September 14, 2019 : +0.5”

## BOATING AWARENESS & SAFETY EVENT

On August 10th at the Jubilee Park boat launch, WLWLSA partnered with the following organizations to promote boating awareness and safety for all lake users:

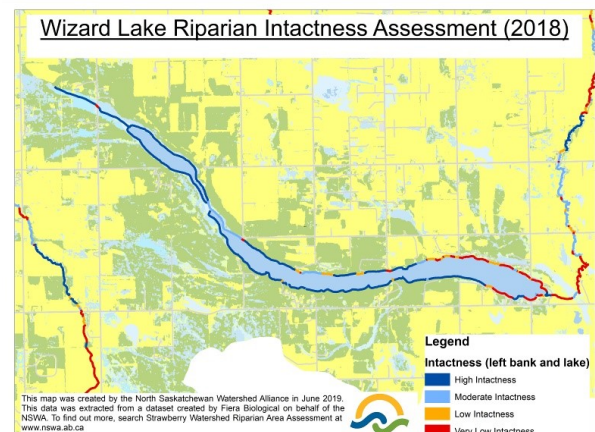
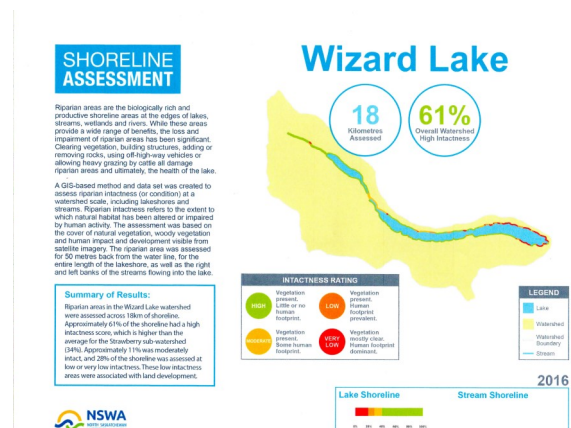


- » Leduc County Enforcement Services
- » Alberta Transportation—Office of Traffic Safety
- » Alberta Fish & Wildlife
- » County of Wetaskiwin
- » Leduc County Parks & Recreation
- » M.A.D.D. Canada (Parkland & Edmonton Chapters)
- » RCMP
- » Leduc County Communications
- » Transport Canada
- » Leduc Crime Watch

## NSWA RIPARIAN ASSESSMENT UPDATE

### WHAT IS THE STATUS OF WIZARD LAKE?

These documents from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance shows further clarification with respects to riparian intactness for Wizard Lake.





## 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

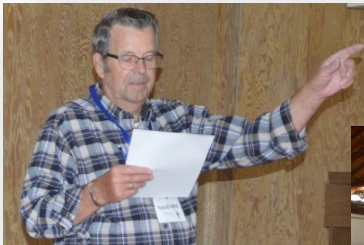
WLWLSA held its 2019 AGM at Glen Park Hall on September 14th. Guest Speaker, **Bradley Peter, Executive Director, Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS)** presented his analysis on the status of Wizard Lake water quality, ALMS programs, and the results of the Bio Blitz: Plant DNA Identification project.

For more information go to [www.aep.alberta.ca](http://www.aep.alberta.ca) search **Respect Our Lakes : Aquatic Vegetation and Lake Health**

The 2018-2019 financial statement was presented. We would like to thank our accounting firm of **Ross & Sylvestre Chartered Professional Accountants.**

Board members were re-elected.

AGM minutes are posted on our website [www.wizardlake.ca](http://www.wizardlake.ca)



## COUNTY SUPPORT



WLWLSA would like to thank the Recreation Board members from **Leduc County** and **County of Wetaskiwin** for supporting our initiatives.

Many thanks to **Dean Ohnysty, Director of Parks and Recreation, Leduc County** and **Geoff Lynch, Director of Leisure and Community Services, County of Wetaskiwin**, for their ongoing support.

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