Shunenberg Lake BAISS Boat Report

May 26- June 5

On May 26, 2025 the BAISS boat began this season's CLP removal from Shunenberg Lake. Five divers and 9 community volunteers worked on the boat during the 7 days it was in operation. Out of the 8 days scheduled there was one rain day cancellation. The BAISS CLP removal on Shunenberg was two weeks later than in 2024, and some of the plants were nearing the surface, (average bed depth 3-4 feet), however they were strong intact specimens without turion development when they were removed. Divers found rootballs on the CLP they extracted and almost no plants were growing from turions. The plants were scattered among the 3 patches mapped by Matt Berg in 2024 with sizable areas where CLP was not found. Divers also GPS’d and removed plants from areas outside of the 3 patches. The amount of CLP found and removed was significantly less than in 2024.

2024 - Total number of bags collected 48 in 5.5 days

2025 - Total number of bags collected 18 in 7 days

For 2026 I recommend careful surveillance, preferably in May, of Shunenberg and Smith Lakes and hand removal with aquatic plant rakes of any CLP plants found. Early intervention by the BAISS boat divers and volunteers on Shunenberg in 2024 in removing the CLP infestation, showed visible reduction in infestation resulting in positive impact on the lake system and native plants in the Spring of 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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