

What is a COLA?

(Coalition of Lake Associations)

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President , MN COLA

- 16 to 18 COLA's across Minnesota
- A few are well-established, and well-organized, but most are less so
- Usually form to address some common lake problems with a larger voice
- Have become very engaged on AIS and often are key members of their County's AIS Task Force
- There is a statewide group of COLA's, lake associations and individuals



Lakes and Rivers Alliance, Box 53, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Promoting leadership and education that result in healthy ecosystems for present and future generations.

The Crow Wing County Lakes and Rivers Alliance (LARA) is Crow Wing County's coalition of lake and river associations. LARA's mission is to:

- *Represent the interests of member associations to the county, regional, state, and federal levels of government.
- *Promote educational opportunities for member associations.
- *Provide organizational support to existing and emerging lake and river associations.

LARA currently has 35 lake association members representing over 65 Crow Wing County lakes. **We encourage your lake association to join LARA in its efforts to preserve and enhance the quality of Crow Wing County's lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater.**

Lake and river association membership dues for the calendar year are based on your association's membership and are as follows: 1-50 = \$25 51-150 = \$50 151-300 = \$75 over 300 = \$100

Challenges Facing OTC Lakes

· **Climate change** is accelerating the encroachment of aquatic invasive plants and algae formerly limited to southern regions.

· **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)** including zebra mussels are migrating from the great lakes to OTC lakes.

· **Poor shoreland management** is accelerating shore and beach erosion

· **Excess weeds in lakes** can be caused by land chemical runoff, inadequate septic systems and use of phosphate fertilizers.

· **Desire for organizational expertise** to form Associations, LIDs and Foundations.

Cross-infestation of lakes with Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) is occurring due in part to lack of public education and viable preventive systems and programs.



OTC Lakes Need COLA

· OTC COLA partners with Lake Associations sponsoring water quality testing programs, communications, education and legislative forums.

· OTC COLA maintains strategic alliances with organizations, government lobbyists, State and County government officials.

· OTC COLA is an advocate for its Member Lake Associations providing assistance and support.

Why Associations And Individuals Join OTC COLA

· **COLA Water Sampling**
Over 50 member lakes participate in COLA's water testing program each year. Data analysis contributes to promoting healthy lakes.

· **Influence Legislation**
Member meetings include forums to confer directly with Federal, State and County legislators to give input on current issues.

· **Networking and Socializing**
Events including monthly seasonal meetings provide opportunities to mix with others that have the same challenges as you do.

· **Association Administration**
Get assistance in creating and managing various administrative functions and organizational projects.

· **Stay informed**
Stay informed on lake news, current issues and legislative developments with COLA'S website and monthly E-Newsletter.

You Are Invited To Join OTC COLA

· Lake / River Associations

COLA Membership dues are prorated by number of Association Members. Minimum is \$10 annual dues for 10 Association Members.

· Individual Property Owners

Individual Memberships annual dues are \$10.

· Donations

OTC COLA accepts unsolicited donations from lake property owners and Associations to help sustain the efforts and programs of COLA.



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See Who We Are

OTC COLA Board of Directors

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Jeff Stabnow · Patrick Prunty · Roger Neitzke ·
Russ Severson · Sylvia Soeth

OTC COLA Members

Berger Lake Association · Big McDonald LID ·
Boedigheimer Lake Association · Clitheral Lake
Association · Dead Lake Association · Devils Lake
Association · Eagle Lake Lakeshore Association ·
East Battle Lake WS Association · Elbow Lake As-
sociation · Franklin Lake Association · Hoffman
Lake Association · Jewett Lake Association · Lake
Lida Property Owners Association · Lake Lizzie
Lakeshore Association · Lake Seven Association ·
Lake Six Association · Leaf Lakes Association ·
Little McDonald Kerbs and Paul Lakes LID · Loon
Lake Association · Marion Lake Association ·
McDonald Lake Improvement Association · North
Long Lake Association · Otter Tail Lakes Property
Owners Association · Pelican Group Of Lakes Im-
provement District · Pickerel Lake Improvement
Association · Pine Lakes LID · Prairie Lake
Lakeshore Association · Round Lake 56-214 · Rush
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ation · Sybil Lake Association · Tamarac Lake As-
sociation · Ten Mile Preservation Association ·
Trowbridge-Leek Lake Association · Wall Lake
Association · West Battle Lake Association · West
McDonald Lake Association

*OTC COLA is dedicated to
protecting and preserving
Otter Tail Lakes*

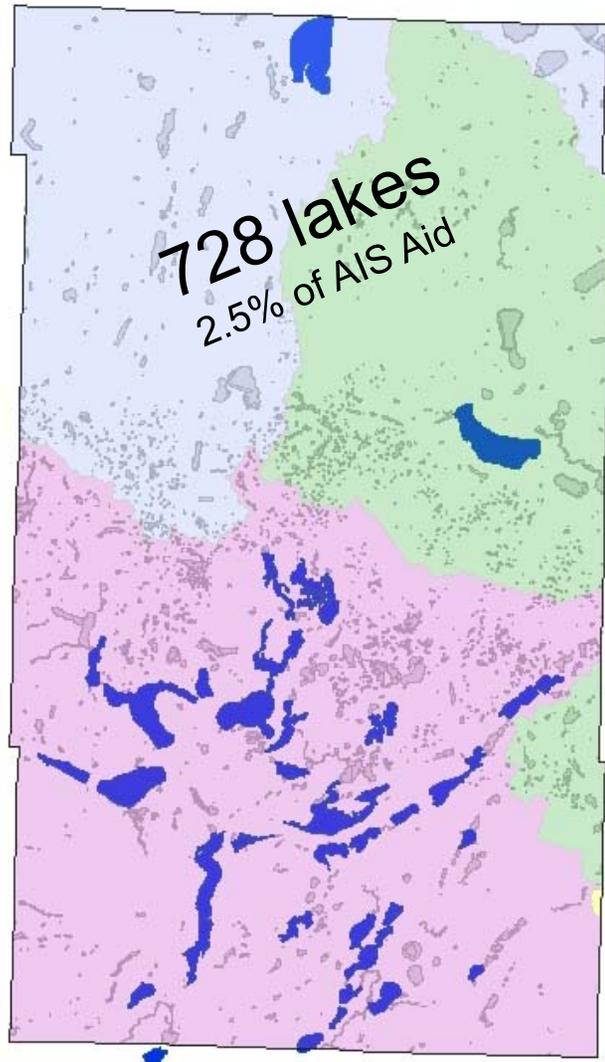


*The Otter Tail County Coali-
tion Of Lake Associations (OTC
COLA) is a private volunteer
group working with Lake As-
sociations and lake property
owners for the common good
of all OTC lakes*

We Love Our Lakes



Hubbard County & COLA



- Mississippi River - Headwaters
- Leech Lake River
- Pine River
- Crow Wing River

Our mission is to **protect and enhance the quality** of our lakes and rivers, **preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values** of our shorelands and **promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats**. Hubbard County COLA's mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lakeshore property owners, lake associations, local government, the general public and future generations.

Hubbard County COLA has a membership of **30 lake associations with over 2200 members** that have banded together with the **intention of educating the public on the best lake management practices**. **We are celebrating our 30th year united in 2018!** Our website's purpose is to provide Hubbard county's lakeshore owners the information needed to be good stewards of our lakes.

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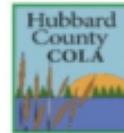
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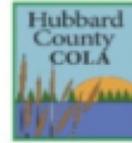
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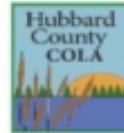
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