

Walker Lake Lake Committee report
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Walker Lake Dam – Kiley Associates will be conducting the dam inspection on August 20 at 8 am with Koberlein. Koberlein will be having a crawler camera to inspect the valve. The estimated cost of the inspection is around \$1,000 which includes Koberlein time, one-way travel from Waymart, a video & report.

In lieu of it not having to lower Walker Lake to conduct the dam inspection of the valve, the lake committee recommends that an informational meeting with the lakefront property owners take place on a Saturday morning in October. We would like to have Kiley Associates discuss the permitting process of a lake drawdown & dredging in 2020. I will contact Kiley Associates concerning such a meeting.

Chet & Pat Dawson will attend a PEMA/DEP Emergency Action Plan training on September 26 at PEMA headquarters in Harrisburg.

Water Quality – Aqua Link conducted their 2nd water quality monitoring on July 24 along with a 3rd bacteria treatment, 2nd bladderwort treatment & first round of lily treatments. There were some bladderwort plants floating around, but this was expected by prior to the 2nd treatment according to Aqua Link. The 2nd bladderwort treatment is expected to take care of most of the bladderwort plants.

The Twin/Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy contracted with the Pocono Lake Ecological Observation Network (PLEON) to conduct harmful algae bloom monitoring of Walker Lake, Big Twin Lake & Little Twin Lake. No significant harmful algae blooms were found in Walker Lake. The Conservancy will conduct harmful algae bloom sampling in 2020 with PLEON & PA DEP for Walker Lake.