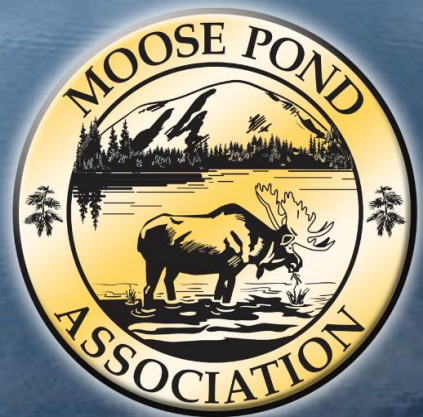


Moose Pond Association Annual Meeting

July 11, 2026



Celebrating Our 18th Year
of Protecting Your Pond

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Agenda

- Welcome and Agenda Overview
- Quick Boyne/Pleasant Mountain Update
- Report on Lake Health
- Lake Section Captain Initiative
- CBI Activities and Boat Wash Stations
- Lake Smart Program Reminder
- No Wake Zones and Wake Wise Program
- Member Communication
- Newsletter Sponsors
- Membership Health
- Financial Health and Approved Budget
- Board Nominations and Elections
- Question and Answer Session

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Pleasant Mountain's Ralph Lewis

LEA's Colin Holme

Zach Clayton

Bill Monroe

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Thank You Boyne and Pleasant Mountain

- Boyne/Pleasant Mountain have been very generous to the MPA in terms of providing us with:
 - the space to hold our annual meeting
 - As well as ongoing monetary support
- \$25,000+ from the Chair Lift Auction that we added to our Emergency Reserve Fund in 2025
- Thank You Boyne and Pleasant Mountain's GM, Ralph Lewis



**Pleasant
Mountain**



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Invasives Continue to Spread in Maine

Aggressive invasive plant found for the 1st time in Hancock County

by **Ethan Genter**
March 19, 2022



Children with weakened immune systems can get COVID-19 worse this spring.



Deep Dive: Invasives

Climate change is helping invasive plants spread through Maine's waterways

Maine Public | By **Charlie Eichacker**
Published October 12, 2023 at 9:10 AM EDT



Invasive milfoil threatens Maine lakeside property values and recreation



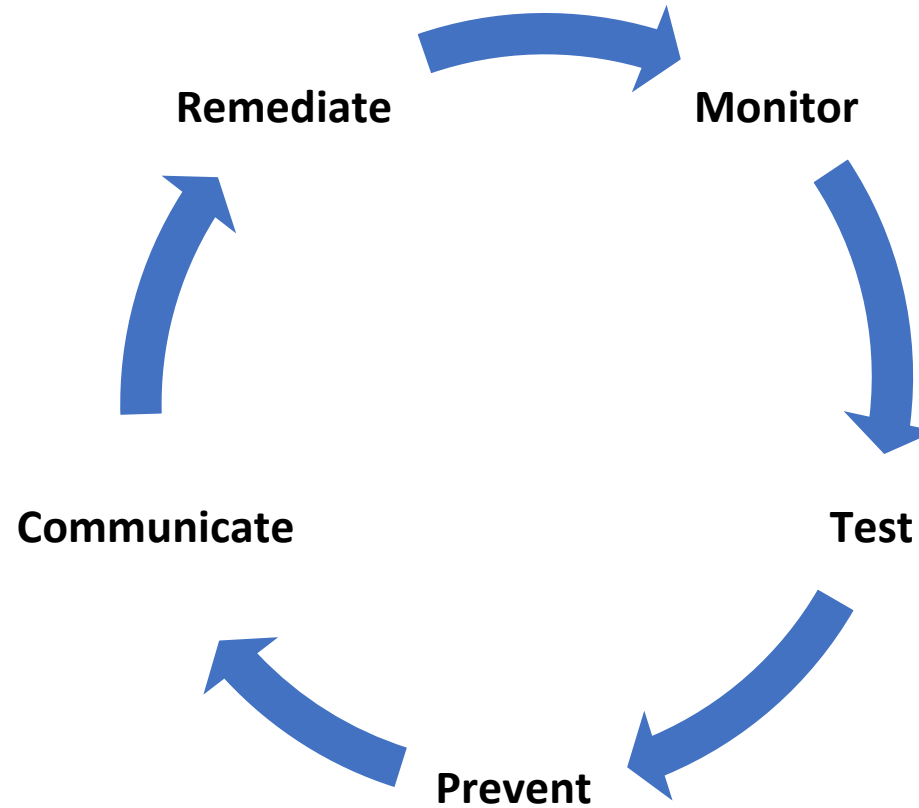
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Prevention is Much Cheaper than Remediation!



The Virtuous Cycle of Protecting the Pond



YOUR DONATION DOLLARS HARD AT WORK!



Monitoring and Testing

- LEA's Annual Invasive Plant Survey in Key "Hot Spots"
- MPA's Lake Section Captain Initiative = Shoreline Monitoring Program
 - End July Survey of Nearly the Entire Lake Shore
 - End September Survey of Nearly the Entire Lake Shore
- LEA's Summer Water Quality Testing
- LEA's Winter Water Quality Testing
- Annual Loon Count



Thank You LEA!

- LEA is an invaluable partner in the process of protecting your lake
- Your donations to MPA help to underwrite the costs associated with the CBI program, water testing and invasive survey work
- MPA strongly encourages you to support both organizations
- A big thank you to Colin and the entire LEA team at for their support and partnership



Lake Health: Water Quality Monitoring

In general:

- For 2025, average phosphorus, water clarity (Secchi depth), and chlorophyll were not significantly different from long-term average conditions.
- Long-term trends through 2025 were stable (no change) except for a slight decrease in clarity in the north basin, slight increase in phosphorus in the south basin (things to watch), and decreasing chlorophyll in the main basin (which is good news).
- Available data for 2026 through June: typical of early season conditions, though above-average phosphorus in south basin.

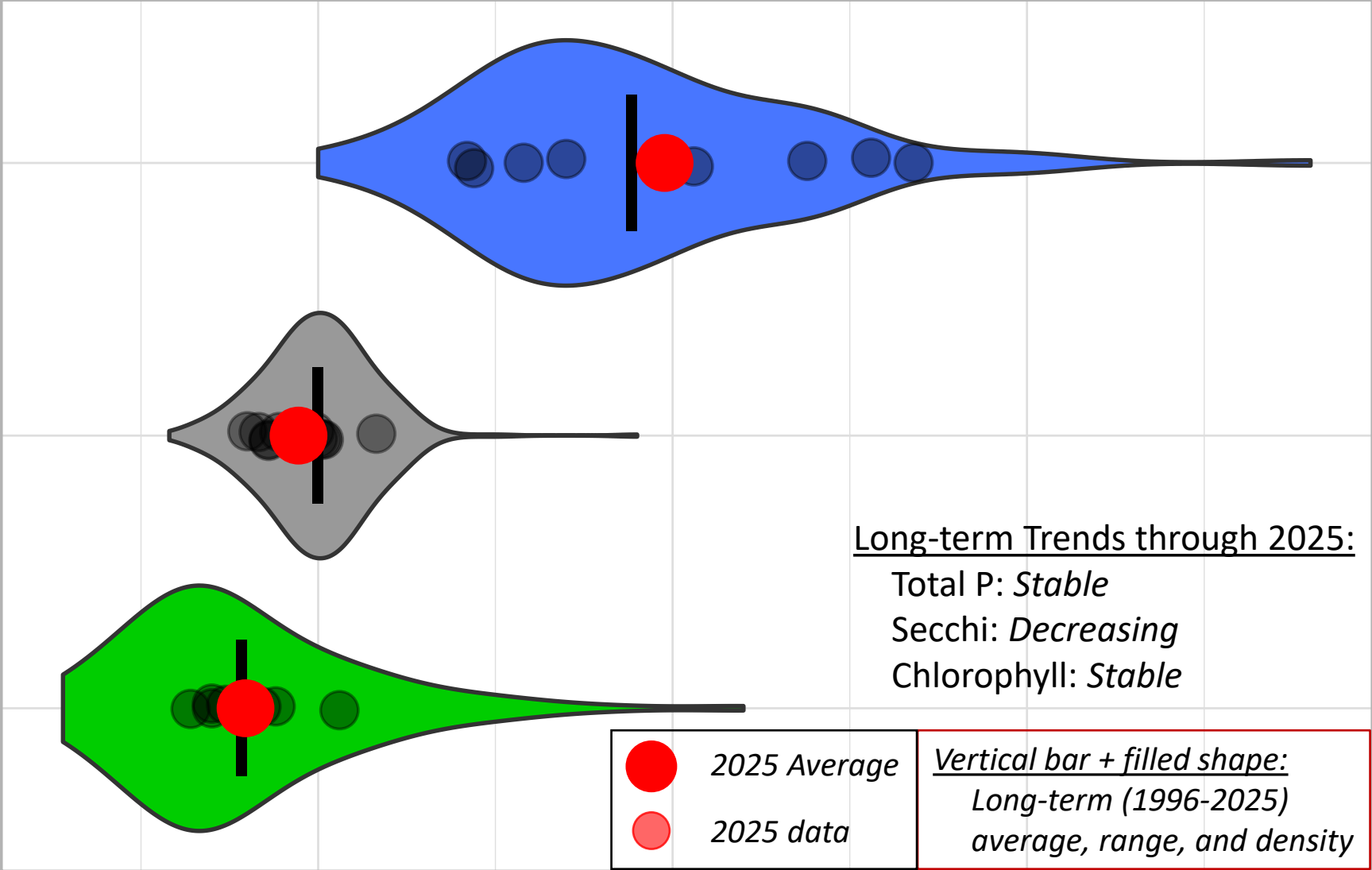


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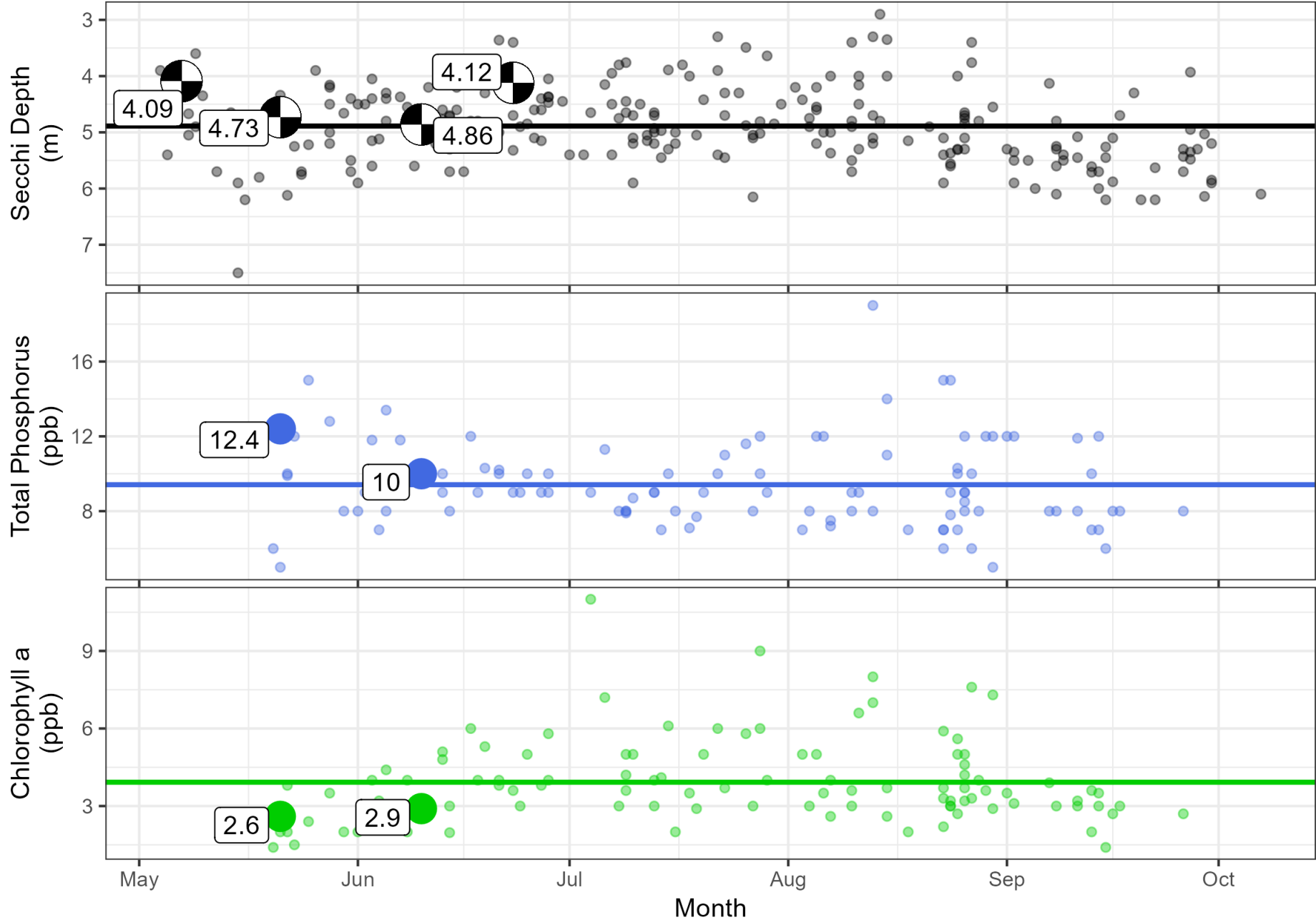
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Moose Pond-North - 2026



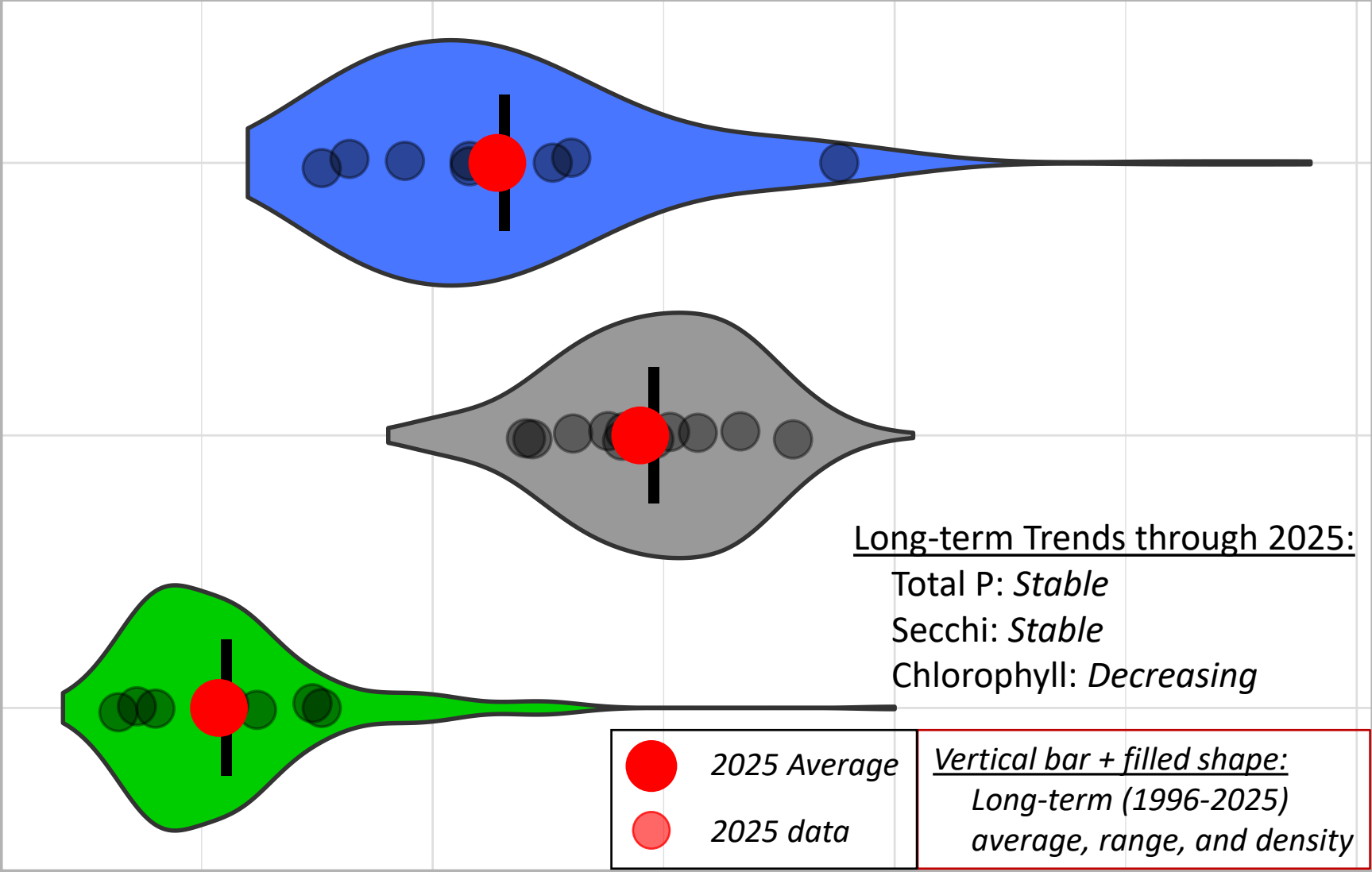
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Moose Pond-Main

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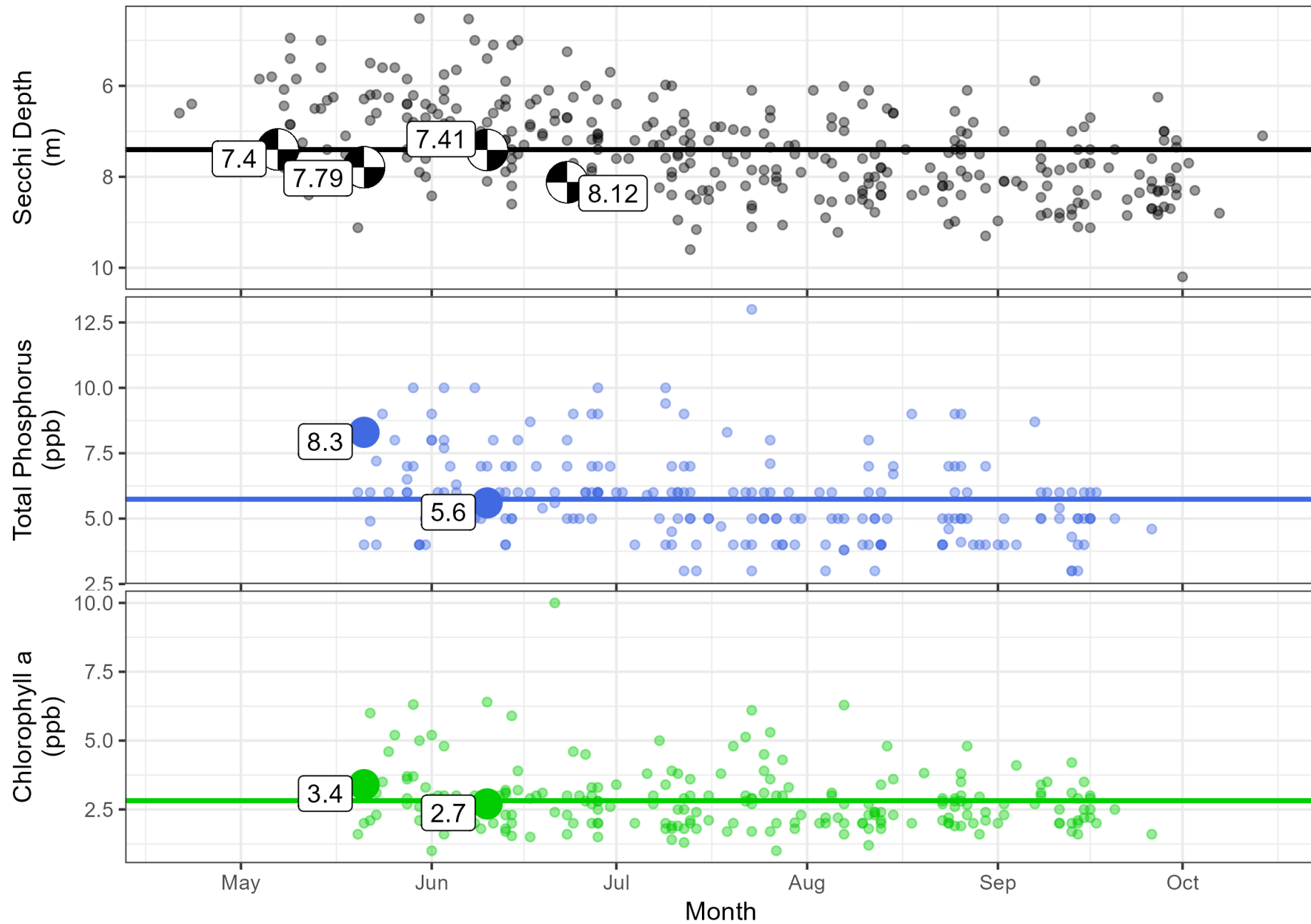


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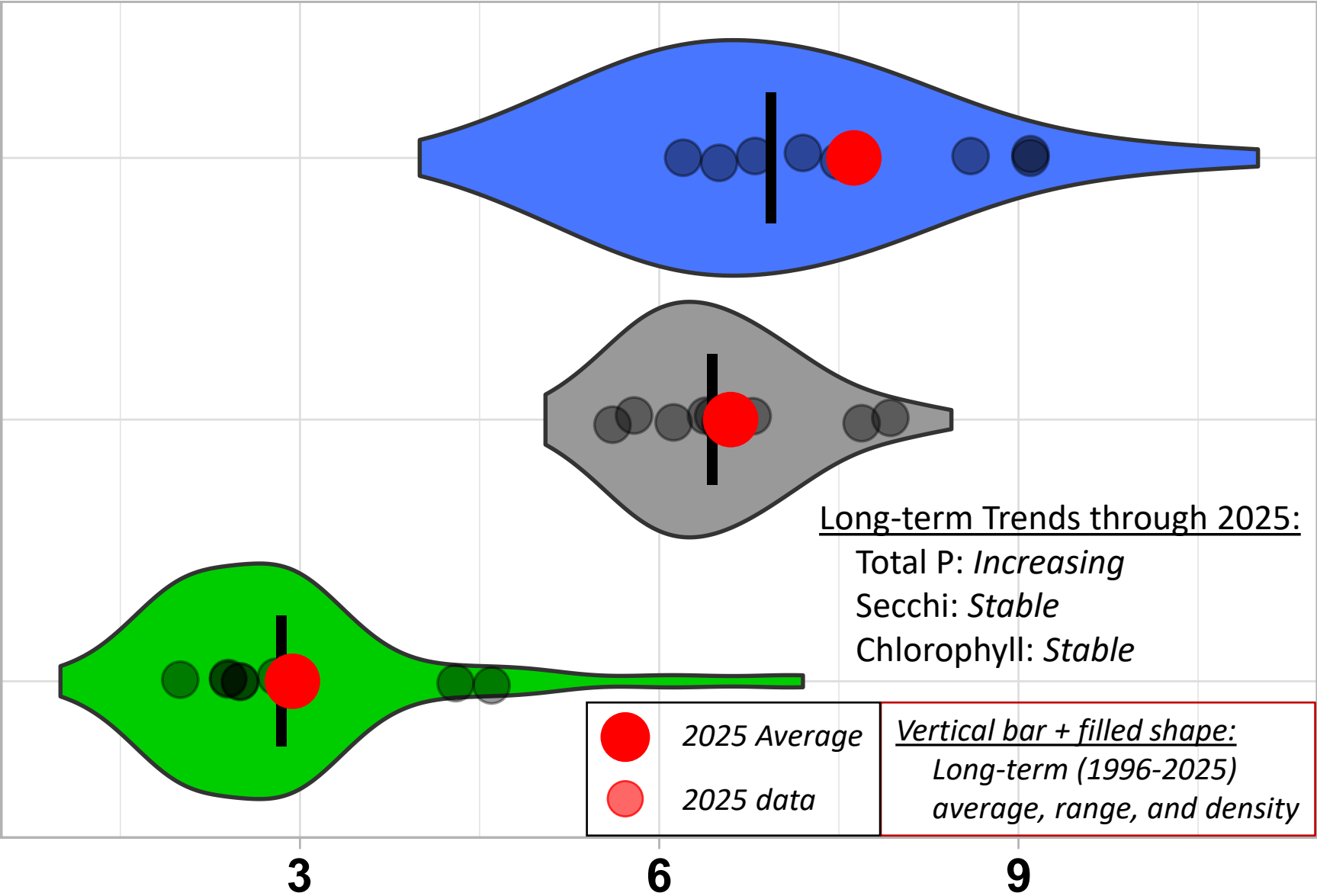
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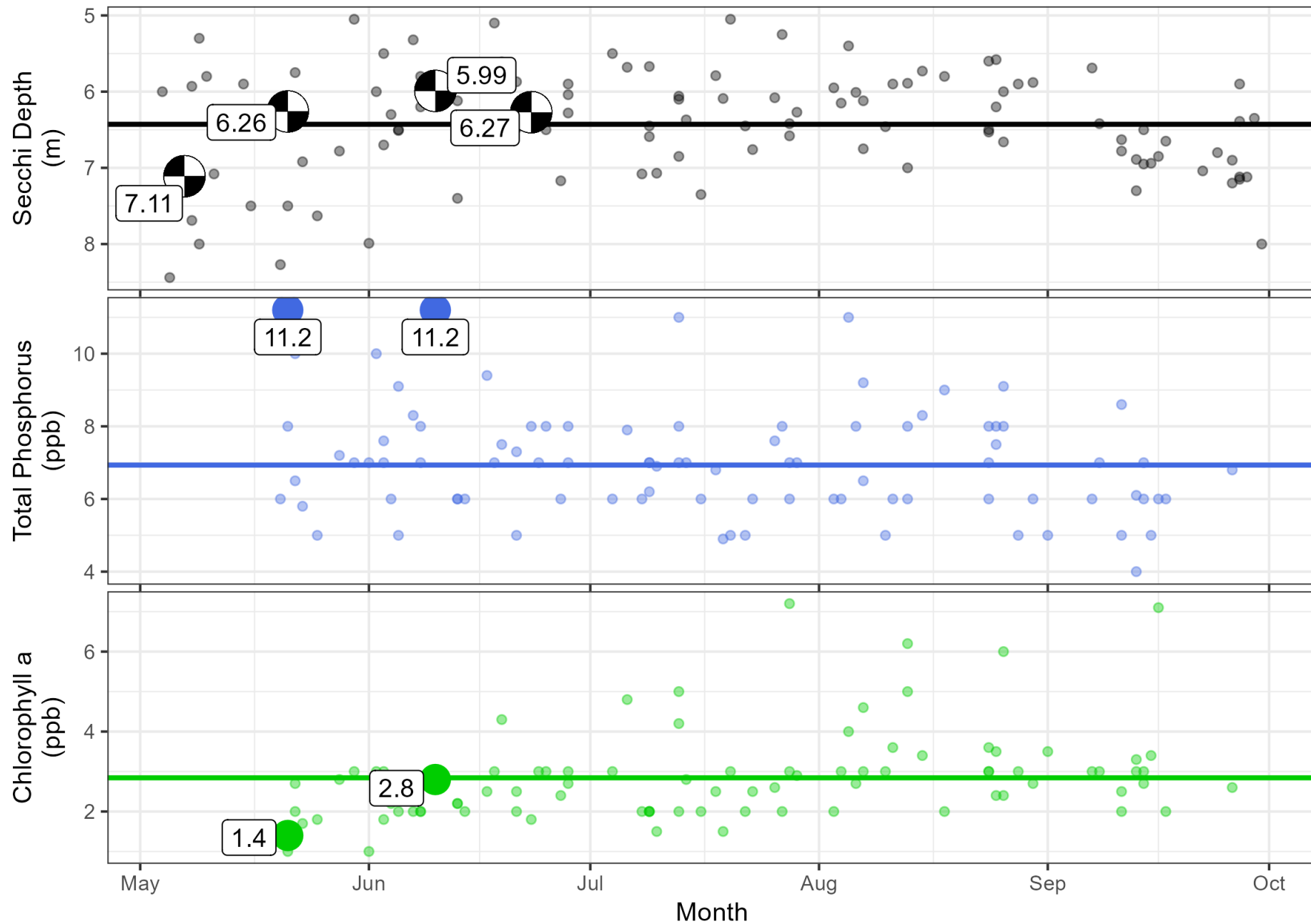
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Moose Pond-South - 2026



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Lake Health: Winter and Algae Monitoring

Winter:

- Sixth winter field season; two visits to main basin (Jan & Feb 2026).
- Typical temperature stratification; no bottom hypoxia.
- Secchi, phosphorus, and chlorophyll-a values were all within summer long-term ranges and near or below long-term averages.
- See: mainelakes.org/testing-reports/

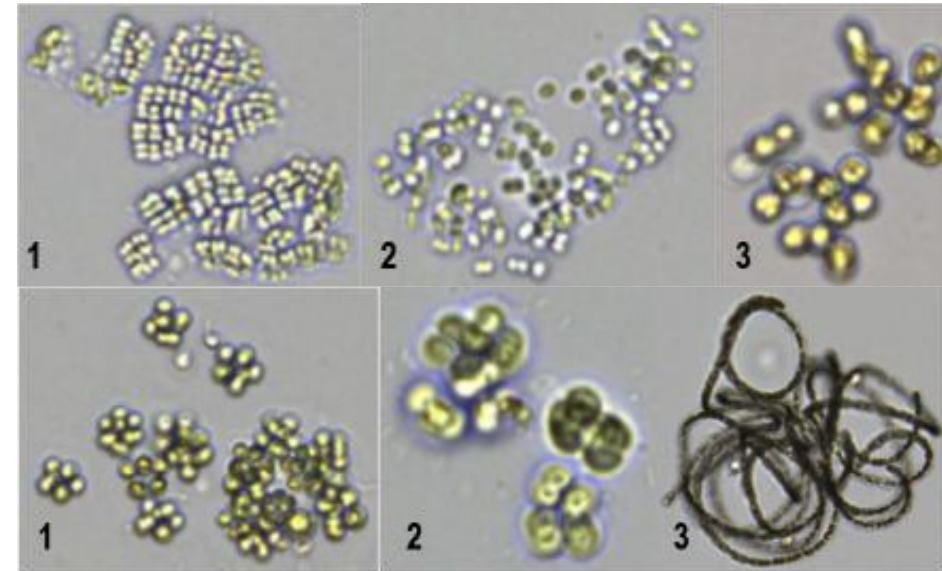
Algae:

- Monthly samples collected and analyzed July, August, and September 2025 in all three basins.
- Generally low densities of algae and cyanobacteria.
- Some potentially nuisance genera identified, but none at densities to cause concern.



Left: Maggie and Morgan collect winter sonde profiles on Moose Pond.

Right: Example FlowCam images of summer Moose Pond algae



The Loon Restoration Project on Moose Pond

Updates

- This project is no longer funded and LEA has turned over raft maintenance to volunteers
- No nesting in the south basin
- Predation of the first egg near the narrows occurred in June

Challenges

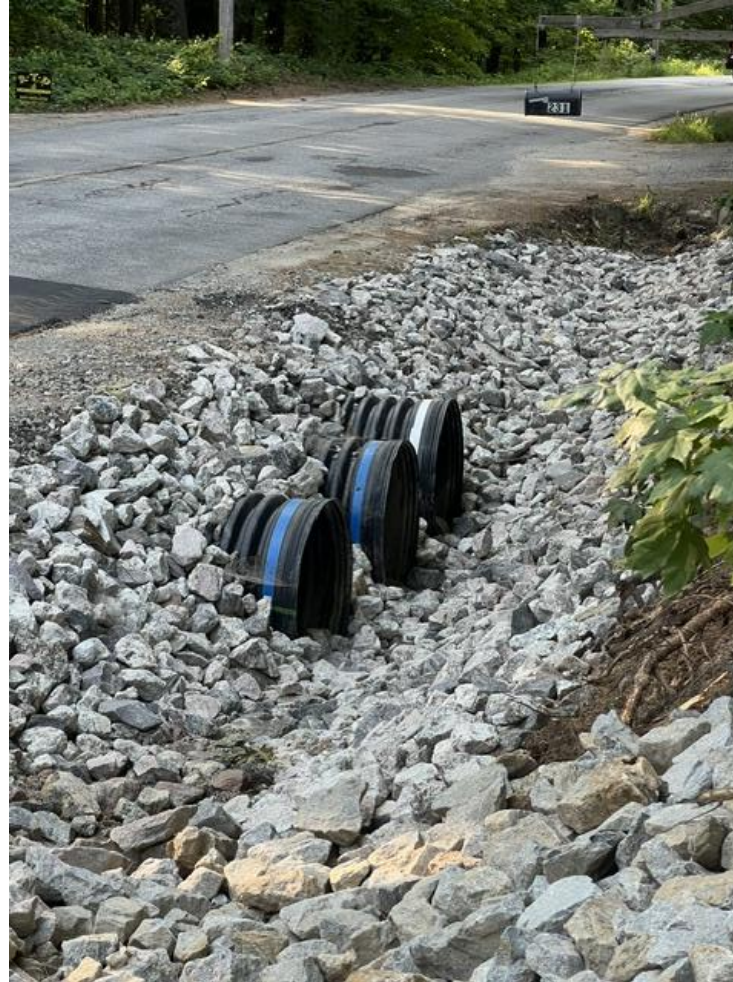
- Lead mortality from fishing weights is still most common cause of loon mortality
- Boat strikes is 2nd most common cause of loon mortality
- Rapidly fluctuating water levels and large boat wakes flood nests and kill loon eggs

Next Steps

- Continued monitoring
- Please share any loon nest locations that you know about with MPA and LEA
- Please consider monitoring loons on Moose Pond!



Mountain Road Culvert Remediation Project



MPA's Lake Section Captain Initiative

- Our key objective is to provide more thorough coverage of the lake above and beyond LEA's annual survey of potential hot spots (boat launch ramps, the north and south narrows and the neighborhood-related marinas)
- First full year of coverage in 2023 – Many plants reported to LEA for closer inspection. Again, in 2025, no invasive plants (or animals) were found
- Lake Section Captain's duties include:
 - Paddling "their" assigned section of the lake in July and September
 - Looking for suspicious plants along the shoreline
 - If suspicious plants (or animals) are identified
 - Take a picture and submit it to LEA at Submit sample photos to LEA through the Suspicious Plant form online. Address: <https://mainelakes.org/invasives/plant-submission/>
 - Note the time, date and location where the plant was harvested
 - Harvest a sample in a plastic bag filled with lake water and keep refrigerated
 - As requested by LEA (after the review the picture you have sent in) bring the sample to LEA
 - Report your successful survey to Zach Clayton (the Captain of the Captains)



MPA Lake Section Captains – Please Thank Them!

Section	Location	Person Who Agreed to Be a Section Captain	Late July '25 Survey Completed?	Late September '25 Survey Completed?
1	North Basin Western Shore, Causeway to North End of Knights Hill	Richard Nidel	Yes	Yes
2	Middle Basin Western Shore, Pencil Point to the 302 Causeway	Paul Dwyer	Yes	Yes
3	Middle Basin Western Shore, Pencil Point to Wyo Point	Laurie Vance	Yes	Yes
4	Middle Basin Western Shore, Wyo Point to Shawn's House	Ruth Neagle	Yes	Yes
5	South Basin Western Shore, Big Island to Middle Basin Your House	Shawn Hagerty	Yes	Yes
6	South Basin Western Shore, Snow Mobile Cut Thru to Big Island	Anne Munsteadt	Yes	Yes
7	South Basin Western Shore, South Narrows to The Snow Mobile Cut Thru	Stephanie Searce	Yes	Yes
8	South Basin Western Shore, Dam to South Narrows	Chip Wendler	Yes	Yes
9	South Basin Eastern Shore, South Narrows to the Dam	Mark Patterson	Yes	Yes
10	South Basin Eastern Shore, Cygnet Rd to South Narrows	Wyonegonic	?	Yes
11	South Basin, No Wake North of Narrows Bridge to Cynet Rd	Josh Harrington	Yes	Yes
12	Middle Basin Eastern Shore, Party Cove to No Wake North of Narrows	Scott Frame	Yes	Yes
13	Middle Basin Eastern Shore Green Roofed Winona Yurt to Party Cove	Bill Dexter	Yes	Yes
14	Middle Basin Eastern Shore, 302 Ramp to Gren Roofed Winona Yurt	Zach Clayton	?	Yes
15	North Basin Eastern Shore, 302 Causeway to North End of Cedar Drive	Bill Monroe	Yes	Yes
16	Route 302 Causeway North and South Sides	Bill Dromeshauser	?	Yes
17	North Basin Eastern Shore, North End of Cedar Drive to "Sweden Marina"	Randi Petter	Yes	Yes

It would be very helpful for you to scan your shoreline too. If you see something suspicious, say something to LEA or MPA.

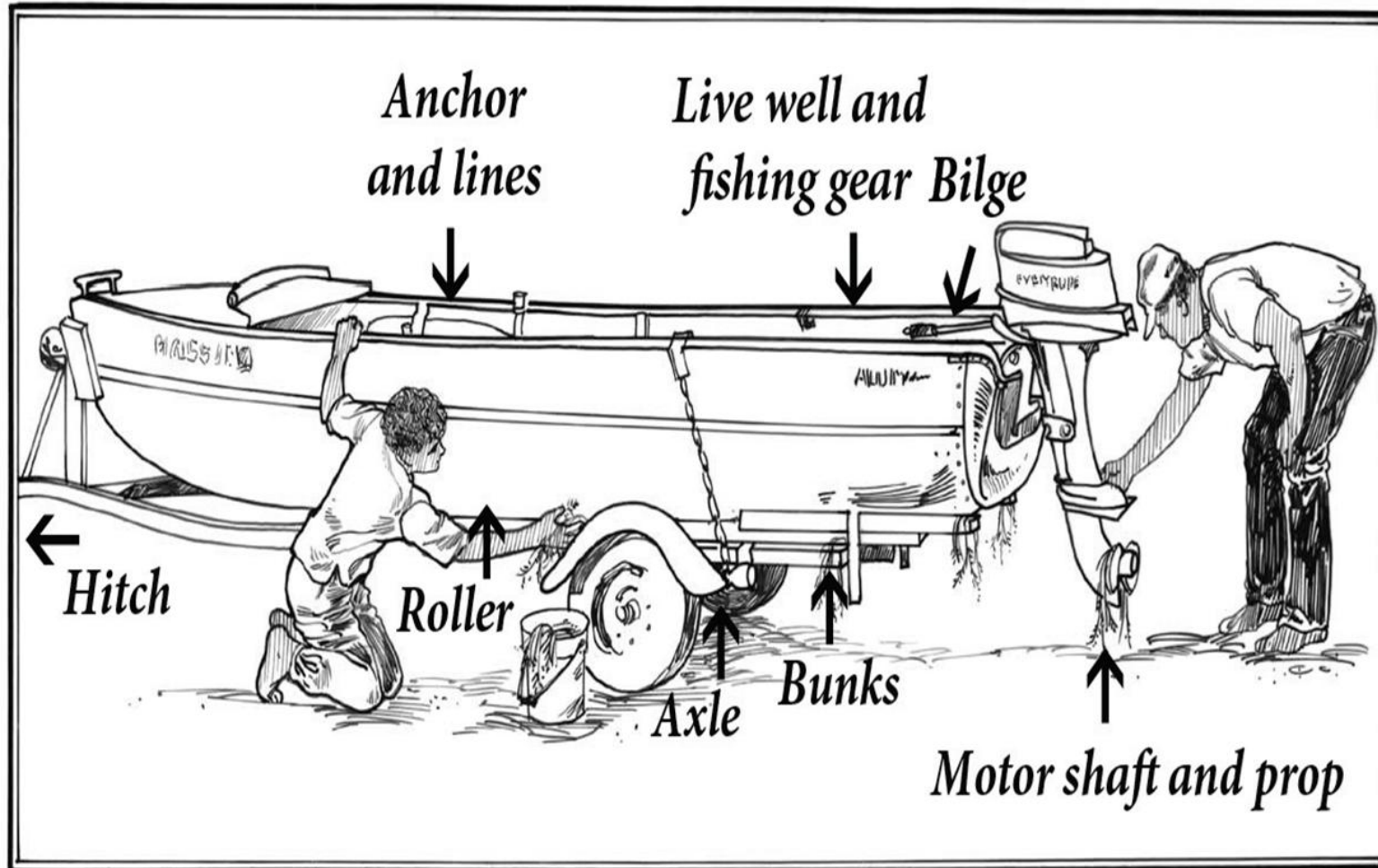
Prevention

- LEA's Courtesy Boat Inspector Program
- Two Boat Washing Stations
- MPA's WakeWise Campaign
- The LakeSmart Program
- Bridgton's Mountain Road Culvert Project



Courtesy Boat Inspector (CBI) Activities

- The CBIs are our first line of defense



Boat Inspections on Moose Pond

- MPA partners with LEA to provide Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs) at the Route 302 and Denmark boat launch ramps
- In 2025, 1,884 inspections were performed and 28 fragments were found – no invasives!
- We are always trying to build a back-up list of volunteer CBIs to fill gaps in the 2026 schedule, please add your name to our volunteer sign-up sheet if you are interested in helping out



CBI Activities: 2026 Projected Hours and Days

Total projected CBI Hours = 1,453

Rt. 302 ramp (1023 hours/89 Days) May 23-25 and 30-31, June-weekends; July 1st – August 31st; September thru October 11th weekends plus September 7th (Labor Day) and October 12 all are 7AM-5PM

Denmark Ramp (430 hours/41 days) May 23-25 and 30-31; June-weekends; July - Friday, Saturday and Sunday; August every Friday, Saturday and Sunday plus September 7th (Labor Day) and October 12 are all from 7AM-5PM

Added hours in May and October compared to previous years



CBI Activities: Cost and Impact

Paid CBIs:

- Total of 1,453 paid CBI hours per schedule
- Anticipated cost to cover the CBIs -
 $\$19/\text{hour} \times 1,453 = \$27,607$
- CBI wage rate up \$0.50/hour in 2026
- CBIs are provided and managed by LEA and paid for by MPA Member Donations



CBI Activities: DEP Cost Share Grant

- MPA applied for \$5,000 DEP cost share grant and was awarded \$5,500 (\$500 more than 2025)
- DEP grant program funded 100% through milfoil sticker sales



Boat Wash Stations

- MPA is Responsible for Two Boat Wash Stations
 - One in West Bridgton at the Fire House on Rt. 302
 - The other in Denmark across from the Denmark Beach on Moose Pond
- Collins Plumbing & Heating (Bridgton) donates time and materials to open, close and maintain both wash stations.
- CP&H replaced “foot valve” for free this spring!
- Please thank Collins Plumbing for their support of the MPA if you happen to use them!
- Bridgton’s Fire Chief helps to facilitate the opening of the Route 302 wash station.



LakeSmart: *What we do*

- Voluntary Program
- Free property inspection
- Suggestions to make your property lake friendly
- Education and NOT enforcement
- Matching funds available to help underwrite the cost of remediation
- LakeSmart Award Signs for qualifying Lake-Friendly properties



LakeSmart: *How we do it*

- Prevent RUN-OFF!
 - Erosion control mix
 - Drip lines
 - Rain gardens
 - Divert storm water
 - Vegetation



LakeSmart: *How you can help*

- Employ Best Management Practices to...
Prevent Run-Off!!
- All BMPs:
 - Stabilize soil
 - Infiltrate storm water
 - Divert storm water
 - Extract nutrients

How to move toward best practices?

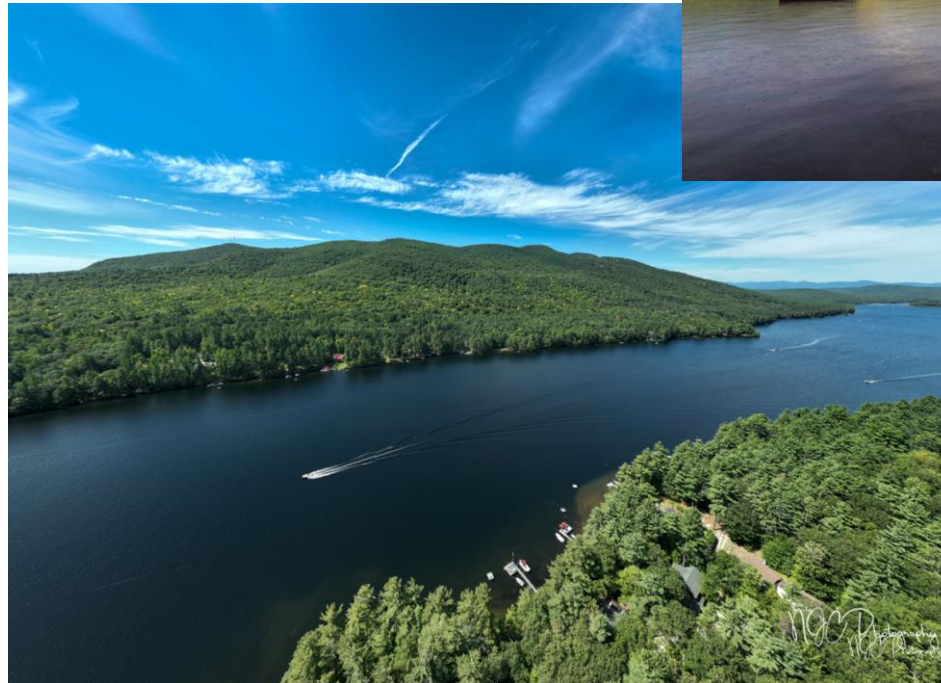
- Contact **Bill Dexter (207-232-0726, dexathome@gmail.com)** to set up a free, no hassle, property evaluation



LakeSmart: *The difference it will make to Moose Pond Over Time*

So we all can
enjoy this...

*Pics thanks to
Nancy Murphy
Campbell !!*

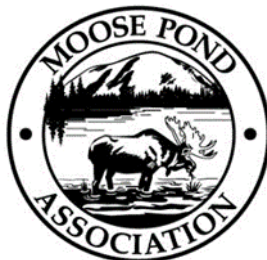


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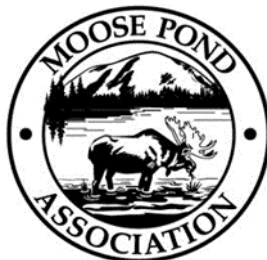
...to prevent this!



Wake Wise: What's New for 2026



- **It's now state law, not just courtesy:** wake surfers/wake boarders must stay in water that is >15 ft deep, >300 ft from shore (ME LD 2284)
- **Wardens are warning before they cite:** let's help members get ahead of it, together
- **Considering – a Moose Pond wake map:** a one-page guide showing where deep, wide water makes wake sports lowest-impact
- **Three specific habits, not just good intentions:** vary your track, avoid coves and docks, and give shorelines 300+ feet
- **Most Moose Pond boaters already do this right:** help us close the gap, not call anyone out



Member Communication

- Historic member communication:
 - Annual solicitation letters to the 900+ residents that live in and around the lake
 - Thank you/tax letters to our generous donors
 - This annual meeting
 - Meetings with neighborhood and road associations
 - Our annual fall/winter newsletter *Moose Pond Matters*
 - The Moose Pond Association Facebook site
 - The Moose Pond For Sale or Rent Facebook Site
 - The MPA Web Site (which we are in the process of refreshing)
 - Word of mouth



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Membership Health Report

- We received +/- 335 donor transactions in 2025 versus +/- 290 in 2024
- Things are moving in the right direction but...
- +/- 335 members is still only 1/3 of the 900+ properties around the lake
- Please promote MPA membership with your neighbors and mention the importance of the MPA's efforts at your neighborhood association meetings (we'd be happy to make a brief presentation at those meetings if you think that would be helpful)
- Broader membership would allow us to:
 - Pay for more CBI hours
 - Co-fund larger projects that will help prevent unhelpful run-off from entering the lake
 - Increase the size of the emergency response fund that we have established to combat an unexpected milfoil (or other invasive plant) infestation
- Thoughts as to how we can encourage more neighbors to \$upport MPA?



Financial Health Report

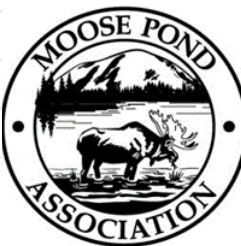
- Member contributions were +/- \$54.3K in 2025 vs. +/- \$46.3K in 2024
- Revenue from membership contributions already +/- \$32K in 2026
- Net revenue to the MPA from sales of Nancy Campbell SOMP calendars was \$1,575 in 2025 vs. a \$1,430 contribution in 2024
- Total revenues exceeded our budget by >\$8,210 because of two key factors:
 - Member donations exceeded expectations by \$7,760
 - We sold \$2,450 of newsletter ads vs a \$2K budget. Well done, Josh!
- Expenses were +/- \$6K lower (better) than predicted because of three factors:
 - Lower than expected CBI Coverage (rainy days and days when CBIs not available)
 - LEA testing costs were \$475 lower than expected
 - No one took advantage of our LakeSmart matching funds offer
- We have now +/- \$146K in our Rapid Response Emergency Reserve Fund
 - Including our contribution of \$10K and Boyne's generous \$25K from the Chairlift Auction



Approved Budget for 2026

	2026 Approved	Approved vs. 2025 Actual	2025 ACTUAL	Percent of 2026 Proposed	Percent of Budget	
INCOME					2025 Actual	2024 Actual
Membership Donations	\$ 49,000	\$ (5,260)	\$ 54,260	79%	80%	77%
Donations In-Kind	\$ -	\$ (50)	\$ 50	0%	0%	0%
MPM Newsletter Ad Revenue	\$ 2,450	\$ -	\$ 2,450	4%	4%	3%
Hat/Shirt Sales/Amazon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	0%	0%
Calendars	\$ 5,550	\$ (400)	\$ 5,950	9%	9%	10%
CBI Grant From DEP	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	8%	7%	10%
TOTAL Receipts	\$ 62,000	\$ (5,710)	\$ 67,710	100%	100%	100%
EXPENSES			ACTUAL	2026 Proposed	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
Courtesy Boat Inspectors	\$ 25,000	\$ 2,421	\$ 22,579	40%	42%	41%
LEA Moose Pond Survey & Monitoring	\$ 6,500	\$ 975	\$ 5,525	10%	10%	10%
LEA Support	\$ 3,500	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	6%	6%	5%
Wash Stations/Ramp Maintenance	\$ 1,000	\$ 452	\$ 548	2%	1%	1%
Bloomerang and Zapier	\$ 2,500	\$ 291	\$ 2,209	4%	4%	3%
Website Services/MPM Design	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,198	\$ 1,302	4%	2%	5%
Calendar Cost Including NMC Profit Sharing	\$ 4,000	\$ 169	\$ 3,831	6%	7%	8%
Brochures/Signs/Mailings	\$ 3,500	\$ 136	\$ 3,364	6%	6%	6%
Paypal, Tax, Legal Fees, LakeSmart Match	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,323	\$ 1,177	6%	2%	3%
Emergency Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	16%	19%	18%
TOTAL Expenses	\$ 62,000	\$ 8,465	\$ 53,535	100%	100%	100%

Proposed budget increase driven primarily by increased CBI coverage & additional LEA support



Leveraging Your Caring and Generosity

- We are using the extra donations we receive in several important ways including:
 - Increasing the number of CBI days and hours at the Route 302 Boat Launch
 - Paying for increased LEA monitoring and testing
 - Making more matching funds available to lakefront Moose Pond property owners who might need them to execute lake-friendly remediation projects as suggested by LakeSmart and/or LEA
 - Building up an Emergency Reserve Fund so that the MPA can pay for the rapid remediation of an invasive plant infestation site if (when!) we discover one



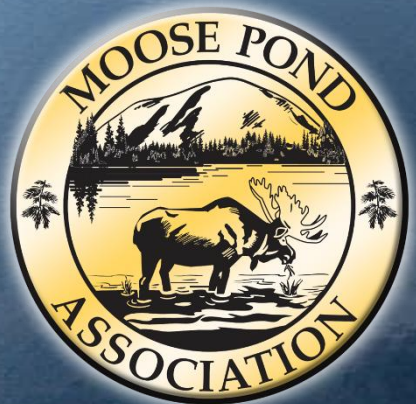
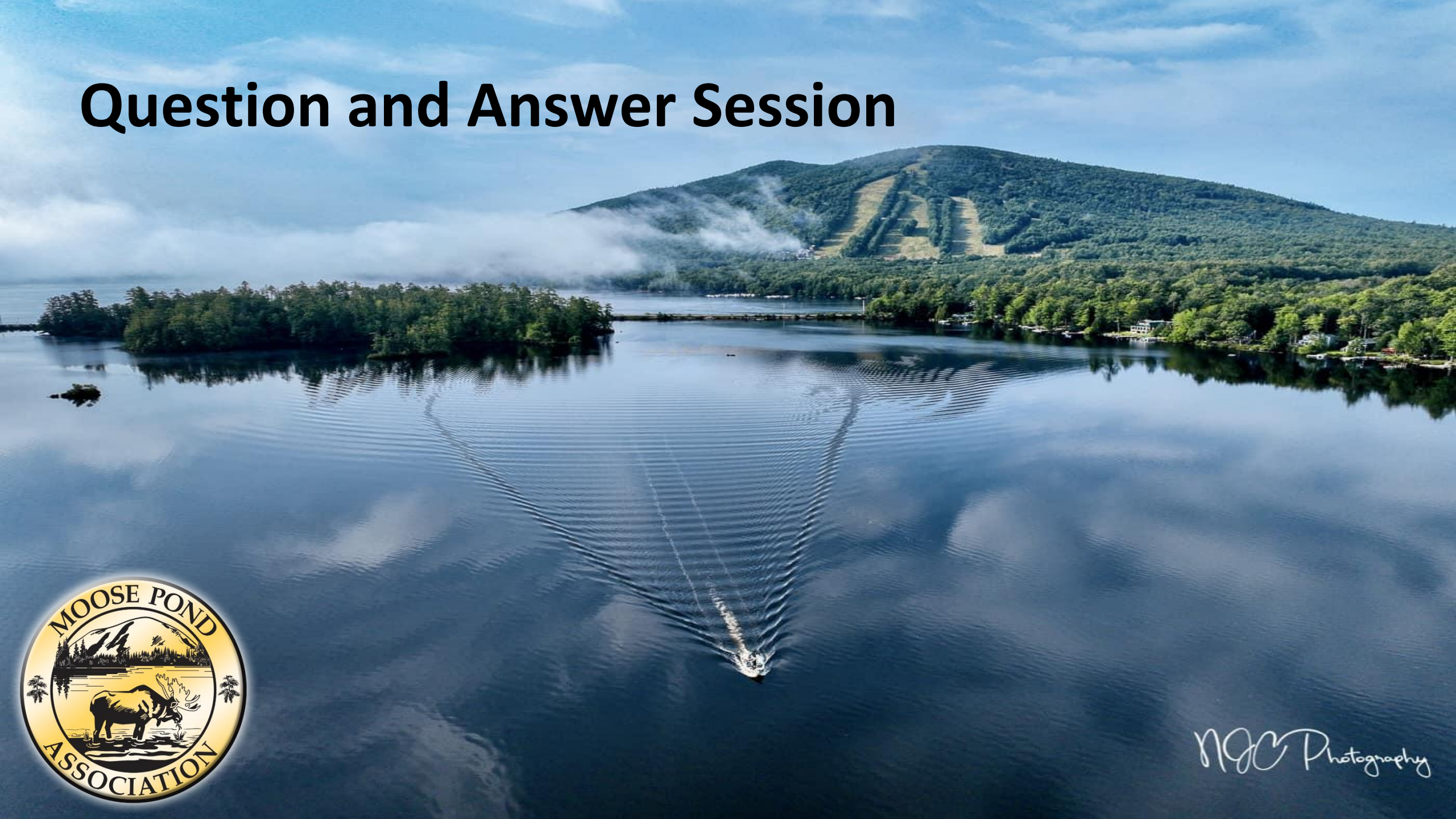
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