

## **Little St. Germain Lake Spring 2018 Update**

2018 was a hard year for our lake. Not just the cold and snow, but for our aeration systems. The station on South Bay was down just about every day in February and March. Our dedicated contractor, John Vojta (of J&J Services LLC), was out at that South Bay station just about every day restarting the system. Thanks to you John for keeping us running!

John found the problems we were having and replaced both motors and several electrical parts. That cost just under \$6,000. Now he has found that the blower on South Bay needs replacing and will do that before we start up again for next winter. The DNR noted some minor fish kill in both South and East Bays. But it would have been much worse had John not been so dedicated.

We are prepped and ready to cut native weeds should the crop get out of hand this year. The permit is in hand and the Contractor is engaged and ready to go.

Managing exotic weeds will be done again this year by use of DASH boats. (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting). Our Consultant will be mapping this spring and we will most likely harvest exotics in West Bay in early summer. Chemical treatment is not advisable in most areas of West Bay as the weeds are usually on the steep drop-offs.

The Board of Commissioners and some other property owners are working on a new Lake Planning Document. This Plan will enable us to perhaps do chemical treatment for AIS in future years. Plus it will give us a road map to manage the Lake's water quality, fishery, and overall health. You have been able to provide input with the survey sent out last year and you will see the finished work at the annual meeting in September.