



# Pleasant Pond – Cobbosseecontee Stream Lake Association

Spring 2026 – President's Message

Dear friends and neighbors-

After years of mediocre winters which shortened ice fishing and other activities needing a solid ice cover on the pond, we enjoyed a long winter season once again – the earliest ice fishing started out in mid-December and continued uninterrupted until the end of March. The first boats and migratory birds hit the water as the ice was breaking up in early April. Before long, seasonal camps will reopen for the summer and the water will be populated with kayaks, sailboards, pontoons, ski boats, and fisherfolk enjoying the pleasures of our waters. I love the annual rhythm of activity on the pond and stream, and I look forward to the seasonal changes each year.

The PPCSLA enters spring 2026 with great hope and enthusiasm for the upcoming summer season and the future. Our Steering Committee has successfully navigated the process of becoming a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit corporation, benefitting our members by making your donations tax deductible, and allowing us to apply for grants to help fund our association's activities. Chief among those activities is control of the three aquatic invasive species (AIS) that infest many areas of the pond and stream. The 2026 AIS Control Plan is posted on our website to keep our membership, and others in our community, informed of the control activities scheduled for this season. AIS control is expensive work, but the cost is shared among the five towns bordering our pond and stream, the Maine DEP (which provides grants for AIS control activities), and our lake association. Our share for 2026 will likely be \$15-20,000 which we must raise from our membership. You can learn more about aquatic invasive species affecting us on our PPCSLA website ([www.ppcsla.org](http://www.ppcsla.org)).

In late April or early May, we will launch our **2026 PPCSLA Membership Campaign** to bring as many people and families as possible into our association community. You will receive a letter in the mail (and possibly by email) which asks you to **join the PPCSLA (only \$25/year)** and to make an additional generous donation to our **AIS Control Fund** to help us pay for the 2026 AIS control work provided by our partner nonprofit, the Watershed Friends, of Winthrop, Maine. As well, we are engaging with local businesses to ask them to join as Business Sponsors. Thank you in advance for joining PPCSLA and a big thank you to the many folks who have already joined! You can see a current donor list on our website. Your generous support is invaluable and will help us to protect and preserve our beautiful pond and stream for everyone to enjoy for a long time to come.

Lastly, mark your calendar for our **2026 PPCSLA Annual Gathering on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**. The specific time and location are yet to be determined, but you can keep up to date on our website. We hope you'll attend!

Many thanks for your support – and see you on the water!

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