

West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association

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We need your help!

A note from “Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (March 2020)” “In 2016 the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency reported that 40% of Minnesota’s surface waters were impaired, many to the point where fishing and swimming were no longer advisable. In 2019, they updated this alarming number to 56%. Fish species are declining, hydrology is changing. Aquatic Invasive Species continue to spread. Salt, industrial effluence, and agricultural pollution are supercharging algae blooms in our lakes.”

As you’re aware, we do secchi disc (water clarity) readings all summer up to October of each year. We also do a most critical item of “Water Sampling” (five times) up to October each year-check <https://www.rmbel.info/schedule-2/>. These “Water Sampling” kits are to be given out in April by RMB Labs at a COLA meeting in Ottertail-date to be determined this month. This water sampling is presently done by **Bob Perry** (for the past “several years) and he wants to be replaced. **We need a new volunteer**. This sampling measures the “elements” of our lake and we’re kept up to date by RMB Labs as to the health of our lake and what to do if necessary concerns are noted from the sampling.

Would someone be so kind and agree to be a “Water Sampler” for five times a year? Please contact me at jhorgen@arvig.net