



- Communiqué -

In a show of solidarity, the municipalities of North Hatley, Hatley, Sainte-Catherine-de-Hatley, Canton de Hatley and Ayer's Cliff have agreed, in recent weeks, to close the public boat launches located on their territory, with the exception of the launch located in Ayer's Cliff, while encouraging owners of private launches to close off their launches.

The objective of this decision, among other things, was to allow the divers mandated by the competent authorities to carry out their research work in order to properly assess the state of the situation concerning the discovery of zebra mussels in the Massawippi Lake and to carry out a full inventory, while controlling the access of boats to the lake, in order to minimize the risk of additional contamination.

Last Friday, November 5, 2021, the divers completed their research work. The Régie du Parc régional Massawippi is currently awaiting the results, which should be sent to us in the coming weeks.

Considering that the next interventions will depend mainly on the conclusions of the MFFP report and that the fall season is already well advanced, the members of the board of the Régie du Parc régional Massawippi have decided to proceed with the closure of the boat launch located at Ayer's Cliff starting Friday, November 12 at 2 p.m.

This decision was not taken lightly, and although the members of the board are aware of the negative impacts this could have on certain habits of assiduous fishermen, they consider that it is the right decision to take, particularly given the decrease of traffic as well as the drop in temperature and its impact on the Régie's working conditions and equipment, which is not adapted for this time of the year.

We therefore invite all residents who have not yet taken their boat out of the lake or who plan to use the boat launch at Ayer's Cliff to do so by Friday, November 12, 2021, before 2:00 p.m.

We also urge the owners of private boat launches located around the lake to close off these accesses in order to avoid any additional contamination.

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