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### **Public Hearings Set For Lake George Invasive Species Prevention Plan**

The Lake George Park Commission has released its Draft Invasive Species Prevention Plan, and is holding two public hearings to receive public comments. The first hearing will be on Tuesday, May 21 at 2PM at the Fort William Henry Conference Center in Lake George, and the second will be on Wednesday, June 12 at 6PM at the Best Western in Ticonderoga.

“This has been a very open and significant effort over the past 18 months, and we look forward to the public’s comments on our draft Plan” notes LGPC Chairman Bruce Young. “These public hearings offer great opportunities for everyone to voice their opinion on this important topic, and these hearings will help shape the Commission’s decisions on how to proceed forward.”

The Draft Plan presents alternatives to keeping new invasive species out of Lake George, and focuses on the impacts that boats coming from other waterbodies can have on Lake George. Options for prevention include a voluntary program of boat launch stewards and public education, a self-certification program for boaters, and a mandatory inspection program for trailered boats prior to launch into Lake George. Each alternative is discussed in the Plan identifies the likely cost of that option, how it could be put in place, and what the impact to the boating public on Lake George would be.

The public comment period on the Plan is now open, and will remain so until June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Plan is available for review at the LGPC website, at [www.lgpc.state.ny.us](http://www.lgpc.state.ny.us).

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