



# Save Our Geese



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The following screen shot is the Wildlife Management Service Team's current webpage as posted on [www.lop.org](http://www.lop.org) website.

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## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Wildlife Man...

Contact – Lead - OPP  
Staff Liaison - TBD

**No Staff Oversight**

**Purpose:** The Wildlife Management Team is responsible for monitoring the population of various wildlife species within the community and taking action, insofar as is permitted by regulatory agencies, to control resident wildlife populations to acceptable levels.

**Charter**

**Agendas**

- 2019
- 2020
- 2020.01.29 WMST Agenda
- 2021

**No Minutes Posted**

**Outdated documents**

- [Migratory Bird Depredation Application 2020](#)
- [LOP 2020 Goose Depredation Program](#)
- [Goose Depredation During Waterfowl Hunting Seasons FAQ](#)
- [Canada Goose Informational Update](#)
- [Goose Depredation Program Protocols and Procedures](#)
- [Resident Consent Form](#)
- [Goose Depredation FAQ 2020](#)
- [Migratory Bird Permit Signed 2020](#)

Canada Goose Informational Update

By Richard Mattison  
Lakes and Parks Committee Member  
Wildlife Management Service Team Leader

Wildlife Management Service Team webpage 5/24/2021



*Shot and Left to Die in the Lake 2020*

### **The WMST Flounders under Mattison's lead:**

- According to the webpage, WMST held a meeting in January 2020. The minutes for that meeting were never posted.
- According to its Charter, the WMST is required to hold an annual meeting. With the importance of the Canada Geese issue, and complete disregard to the desires of members, Mattison has yet to call a meeting for 2021.
- Documents on the WMST webpage are outdated.
- Why hasn't Mattison reached out to SOG for help with non-lethal control of the geese? Who, when and where do these individuals allegedly tasked with hunting, counting and egg addling meet? Why isn't this information listed on the WMST page? Aren't these meetings considered disclosable discussions? Are members not entitled to be kept apprised?
- One hundred thirty (130) Canada geese were killed in 2020. Most if not all, ended up in the garbage. Some were still alive while being stuffed into plastic garbage bags. Another was found still alive in a discarded bag and bludgeoned to death. Some were wounded and left to suffer and die - where members, their children and grandchildren found them floating in the Lake. This group of LOP self proclaimed "hunters" is a disgrace to the sport.
- Successful? Take a look at our beaches and let us know if you think lethal eradication was a success.
- In keeping with LOP's transparency policies, the alleged **2021** depredation **permit** (as referenced in the 4/27/2021 Announcement) and application, have not been posted.

- One final point which drives home the misinformation being fed to members. Mattison continuously refers to Canada Geese as "invasive species". We can not find these birds on the [CA Dept. F&W list](#). This inaccurate categorization appears to be his **personal opinion**. It is OUR opinion this label is a Freudian slip.

With so many shortcomings, can we really expect Richard Mattison to respond to member's concerns in an unbiased, professional manner as a Board Director?

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*Washed up Plant Material Covers Our Beach Areas  
attracting flies and other fomites*

### **Threats, False Narratives, Fear-Based Ploys and Bullying**

When LOP members disagree with Mattison's wildlife management decisions, he resorts to threats and accusations attempting to hold members responsible for the misguided efforts and inadequate performance of the WMST team.

Mattison serves on the Lakes & Parks Committee and the WMST. Both committees have been shrouded with disinformation and lack of transparency. Where is the 2021 Depredation permit that Mattison claimed was posted on the website? We can't find it.

Last but not least, Mattison resorts to false narratives, fear-based ploys, threats and bullying when addressing members. **This is a clear violation of the LOP Ethics Policy for Directors & Committee Members adopted February 12, 2020.**

We know the outcomes of Richard Mattison's leadership style. All members should be treated respectfully regardless of opposing views.

We need to end the divisiveness. Everyone is willing to come to the table and discuss solutions to the issues about the geese. That is, everyone except one person.

## **VOTE NO on Richard Mattison**

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## **2021 LOP Board Elections**

Deadline to Vote: Thursday June 24th

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If you haven't already, you should be receiving your ballot.

Please insert your ballot into the Secret Envelope, then insert your Secret Envelope into the outer envelope, **sign the outer envelope (REQUIRED!)** and mail it in or drop it off in the Admin office. **Unsigned envelopes will NOT be counted.**

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## **SaveOurGeese - Our Position**

### **We Oppose**

SaveOurGeese Coalition opposes the killing of live geese and discharging firearms within the LOP community.

### **We Support**

We are supportive of reducing the number of geese through a combination of nest depredation, **egg addling (done humanely)**, hazing, **contraceptives**, predator scarecrows, light/water motion detectors, fencing, etc.

### **SOG is Willing to Help**

We are willing to help form a committee of DEDICATED volunteers (or become part of the WMST) accountable to the members. Individuals who commit to ACTIVELY employ non-lethal means to reduce the geese population.

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## **Coming Up...**

Lake of the Pines Regular Meeting **June 16th 2PM. Please mark your**

calendar to participate in the comment portion of this meeting. Help save OUR geese. More information coming soon.

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## E-newsletter Sign Up

Sign-up for the SaveOurGeese E-newsletter [HERE](#).



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*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. – Margaret Mead.*

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Opposed to Killing OUR Geese

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