



Background

On 26 May 2009, the Quebec Government approved the charter of the Blue Sea Lake Watershed Association. The Association's mission is to protect and preserve the watersheds of both Blue Sea Lake and Blue Sea Stream, an ecologically sensitive and endangered 80 sq km area situated within the municipalities of Blue Sea and Messines.

Accomplishments

Since the approval of its charter, the Association has moved aggressively to organize itself and to promote its objectives within the local community. Key accomplishments to date include the holding of the first Annual General Meeting on 12 July 2009; the establishment of a dedicated nine-member administrative council; the coordination of two presentations on shoreline revegetation; the establishment of an ongoing, formal dialogue amongst the leaders of the seven local lake associations and the mayors of Blue Sea and Messines; and the drafting of a four-prong action plan that focuses on monitoring the state of the lake and its shorelines, mobilizing the local population in support of the Association's mission, liaising with local and regional authorities/associations, and working to solidify and strengthen the association as an effective and sustainable organization.

Be Part of the Solution

Although the Association has gotten off to a good start, it will not be able to achieve its mission without the support of the entire community - full time residents and cottagers alike. By becoming members, you and your family will be helping to preserve our beautiful lake for generations to come, and - at the same time - helping to protect your investment in this area. As a member, you will have the **unique opportunity** to make a difference, to become informed as to what is happening to the local ecosystem, to be pro-active in addressing both short and long term threats to our aquatic environment, and to be part of a friendly and supportive community that shares your interest in and concerns with the health of our lake.

To become a member, please complete the following form and mail it together with a cheque for the \$20 annual fee to "Blue Sea Lake Watershed Association, PO Box 69, Messines QC, J0X 2J0".

Municipality of Messines, telephone: 819-465-2323 - www.messines.ca - Municipality of Blue Sea, telephone: 819-463-2261

By Becoming a Member of the BSL Watershed Association, I am joining a Team Dedicated to Halting the Premature Death of our Lake

Name:

Email:

Telephone(s):

Residential Address:

Cottage Address: (if different):

Mailing Address (if different):

Board of Directors of the BSLWA: President: Marc Grégoire; Vice President: Louise Verreault; Secretary: Eric DesRosiers; Treasurer: Marlene Thonnard
Administrators: Denis M. Côté, Dick Ryan, Richard Mayer and Gilles Galipeau

With the collaboration of Laurent Fortin, Mayor of Blue Sea and of Ronald Cross, Mayor of Messines