



Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Found in Adirondacks

DEC recently confirmed the presence of an infestation of the hemlock woolly adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*) on Forest Preserve lands, in the Town of Dresden in Washington County. This is the second known infestation of this pest in the Adirondacks. The hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) is a tiny insect from East Asia that attacks hemlock trees, causing considerable ecological damage and potentially significant economic and aesthetic losses. DEC asks people to be on the lookout for invasive species around the state and report any sightings of invasives like HWA. For more information on HWA, including identification, control techniques, and reporting possible infestations, visit DEC's website at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7250.html.

Become a WAVEr

New York State's streams and waterways provide drinking water and recreational opportunities, sustain our fields, forests, and wildlife, and power our industries. You can help detect changes in the health of one of New York's waterways by becoming a WAVEr, part of a citizen-based water quality assessment and monitoring program (Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators or WAVE) developed by DEC. With guidance from DEC, WAVE participants select their own sampling sites and use a net provided by DEC to collect "stream bugs" to assess water quality in wadeable streams across New York. Sampling is done once per site, anytime between July 1 and September 30, and your efforts will help detect changes in the health of a waterway. Anyone can be a WAVEr—no science background is required. WAVE training is now available online; get trained on the WAVE method today from the comfort of your own home. To learn more, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/92229.html.

Play Smart • Play Safe • Play Local

New York State continues to encourage people to engage in responsible recreation during the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis and to remember to PLAY SMART • PLAY SAFE • PLAY LOCAL. Everyone can help stop the spread of COVID-19 by recreating locally, practicing physical distancing, showing respect for all outdoor adventurers, and using common sense to protect themselves and others. Getting outdoors is a healthy way to stay active, spend time with immediate household and family members, and reduce stress and anxiety when practicing social distancing. DEC and New York State Parks recommendations for getting outside safely incorporate guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Department of Health. To support this effort, DEC and New York State Parks are encouraging New Yorkers to take the pledge to enjoy the outdoors safely and responsibly. To learn more about PLAY SMART • PLAY SAFE • PLAY LOCAL, visit www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/119881.html.





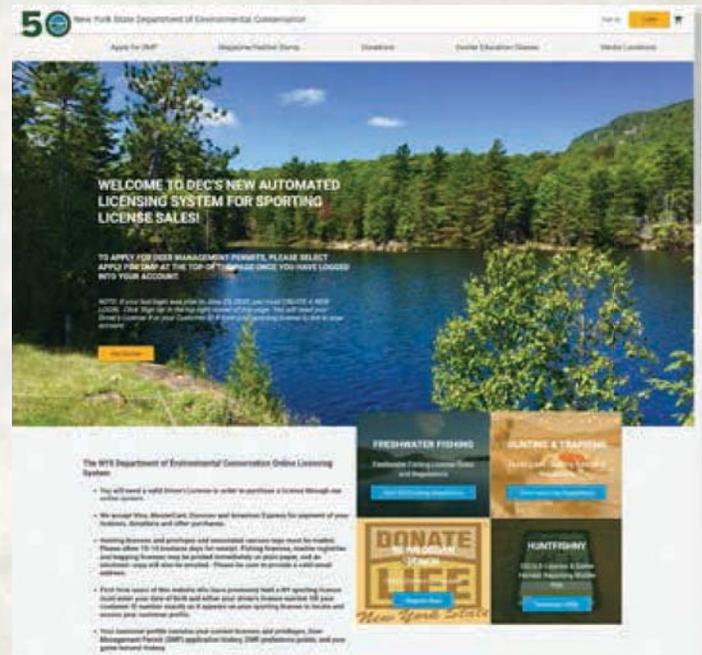
New York Waterways Among the Nation's Top Fishing

In its July/August issue, *Bassmaster* magazine identified four New York waters as being among the nation's best bass fishing spots of the decade. The fishing areas include Lake Erie, Lake Champlain, the St. Lawrence River, and Oneida Lake. Each year, the magazine bases its rankings for the best fishing areas in the country on research of the writers, input from state agencies that manage the fisheries, and data collected from anglers for lakes where bass tournaments were held. Congratulations New York for having some of the best fishing in America (which most anglers already knew).



State Proposes Significant Action on Climate Change

DEC Commissioner Seggos recently announced a major step in New York's efforts to transition to clean energy and reduce climate change by proposing regulations to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and implement the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. New York is leading the nation in aggressively combatting climate change by reducing harmful GHG emissions and stimulating a green economy. The proposed regulations would establish statewide emission limits on carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. New York is on a path to reach its goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and to 85 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, and achieving a zero-carbon emissions electricity sector by 2040. You can review the proposal at: www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/proproregulations.html.



DEC's New Online Licensing System

DEC recently launched a new, automated system that makes it simpler than ever for sportsmen and sportswomen to purchase fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, either online or over the phone. The system includes user-friendly information to help people locate license vendors, receive instant copies of fishing and trapping licenses, enter and view harvest information, and more. It is designed to meet the needs of New York's large sporting community, allowing them to focus on enjoying the abundant fishing, hunting, and trapping opportunities available throughout the state. To purchase a license using the automated system, call DEC's customer service hotline (866-933-2257) or visit <https://decals.licensing.east.kalkomey.com/>. New Yorkers are encouraged to engage in responsible recreation close to home during the State's ongoing response to COVID-19.