

\*\*\*\*\*Please Attend\*\*\*\*\*

# BLIA Annual Meeting 2013

Saturday, July 6 - Ruttger's Lodge

9:00 Continental Breakfast  
9:30 Meeting



## **AIS = Aquatic Invasive Species**

*20 years ago EWM invaded our lake.  
Fortunately, it can be controlled  
(at great expense).*

*The AIS on our doorstep can't.*

*So funding and managing an  
effective AIS Prevention Strategy is  
the only way to protect our lake.*

*Understanding the threat and  
supporting BLIA's AIS Prevention  
Strategy is our job.*

### Special Presentation

In 2012, BLIA joined Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLRA) as a way to stay abreast of important AIS activities statewide and to collaborate with other lake associations. MLRA focuses on AIS and shoreline tax matters.

Our speaker, Jeff Forester, has served as MLRA Executive Director for the past 10 years. Jeff forged his "lake ethic" at his great grandfather's cabin on Lake Vermilion as a young boy.

Through his work with MLRA, Jeff has come to understand how decisions made in the state capital affect him, his family, and all owners of lakeshore property.

BLIA has asked Jeff to comment on the most recent MN legislative session, specific to efforts to secure new funding for AIS programs, what he sees as the most urgent threats to MN lakes and rivers, an update on efforts to reform lakeshore taxes, and what we can do to support MLRA.

Please visit [www.mnlakesandrivers.org](http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org) and consider joining as an individual member.



Bay Lake is ours to protect.....nobody else is going to do it.

