

Loon Report

2018 was, once again, a great year for the loons on Ann Lake. 2 chicks were born on June 21st. Here there are 1 month later.



Once again, the loons used the Artificial Nesting Platform, ANP, which ALPOA built in 2013. But, after 5 years, the ANP needs some repairs. Several ALPOA members got together to bring the ANP in this fall and disassemble it to see how much work needed to be done. Some major work was required. Luckily, we had one landscape architect, Scott Hedberg, who became very creative. Previously, we had added a 4ö PVC ring to the underside of the cedar base to add floatation. Scott suggested using that ring and adding some strapping rather than wire mesh for the base. Then use some landscape filler for the plant base (we add plants every spring). We also

decided to add a second ring for the actual nest to add even more floatation. We kept the nest that the loons built on the raft this summer. In the spring, we will again assemble a team to put the ANP back together. We will need to add this PVC float to the cedar logs, add the loon's nest, and add plants to the ANP before it can be launched. Anyone handy with some good boots or waders who would like to give us a hand in April, please contact me at Kathy@annlake.org.

