

Hello,

As was mentioned in our fall newsletter, Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) was discovered last fall by our contractor, Matt Berg, as he conducted his third survey of the lake in 2018 looking for invasive plant species in the lake. The infestation is located in the east basin at the landing to the right as you face the lake at the landing extending toward the point near Becherer's resort. Plants were also found a little to the left of the landing also. There are approximately 3.55 acres of plants in this area. Four EWM plants were found in the west basin, on the very south bay nook. These plants were all rake removed. This is the first time that EWM has been detected in the west basin.

We applied for a grant in December to obtain funding for the updating of our Aquatic Plant Management Plan and treatment for Eurasian Water Milfoil. Unfortunately, because our current Aquatic Plant Management Plan as of December 31, 2018 was older than five years, our grant application did not qualify for additional grant funding. We plan to apply for another grant to update our Plant Management Plan, but in the meantime, we must treat for the EWM that was discovered last fall.

We have applied for a chemical treatment permit to treat the 3.55 acres in the southeast part of the east basin. The permit requests the use of a liquid 2,4-D application or the use of ProcellaCOR. ProcellaCOR is a new chemistry developed specifically for aquatic plant control. The cost of the permit and the chemical treatment will be the Association's total cost. The liquid herbicide 2,4-D is less expensive when compared to the granular formulation we have used in the past and the liquid treatment is favored by the WDNR. ProcellaCOR is very new and the application ratios are determined by the company that sells it. We will decide which chemical to use based on the WDNR's approval, the recommendation of our chemical applicator contractor, our biologist, Dave Blumer with whom we have worked in the past.

Letters have been sent to the eight property owners adjacent to the areas to be treated. The letter advises the property owners of the treatment that will occur sometime between May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Once the herbicide has been applied, any water usage restrictions in the area will be posted on **yellow signs** attached somewhere on the adjacent properties. I will also send an email to everyone once we have that information. The application will not be close to or on the Memorial Day weekend.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Also, mark your calendars for the boat parade on July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Association annual meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Details will be announced as the dates approach.

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