**Eurasian Water Milfoil Update**

**August 29, 2012**

Our Eurasian Water Milfoil was treated Thursday, May 31. Savin Lake Services treated 8.2 acres, principally at the south end, but also a small patch at the north as marked by the milk jug.  (See the white circled / shaded areas in the satellite photo and GPS plot of our 2012 treatments.)

Treatments were successful. The treated weed beds dropped within 3 weeks and haven’t reappeared. Treatment acreage summary: 2010-15, 2011-14, 2012 8.2 acres. We are doing a very good job!

Some folks have been recently asking about the significant non-milfoil weed beds which are so prevalent this year. The weed is a native species commonly called "Small Leaf Pondweed". Savin Lake Services explains this is a common occurrence after displacing Milfoil wherein the native species flourish again. Also mixed with the early spring and low water level, we have a major crop of native weeds.

Being a native weed, it's very difficult to get a treatment permit from the DNR unless it becomes a real problem. Savin's advice is to do nothing this year and see what happens with the Pondweed in 2013, so to determine if it becomes a big problem which the DNR might allow treating.

Back to Milfoil: It is possible, even likely that other EWM beds will develop in new, untreated locations.  (Henderson Lake is about 180 acres and we treated 8.2 this year.)  Please be on the lookout for any new growth and email me if anything is spotted.

**Donations of $150 are being requested for our 2013 treatment program. Having cash on-hand in the spring for rapid treatment response is critical to our ongoing success.**

**Please mail checks for $150 to: H.L.M.C. / P.O. Box 115 / Birmingham, MI 48009**

Watch <http://HendersonLake.org/> website, or Henderson Lake Group on Facebook, or email [BillOlsen3@gmail.com](mailto:BillOlsen3@gmail.com). Financial statements for 2010/11/12 are also available by request.

Henderson Lake Milfoil Project Committee

* South End / Henderson Beach 🡪 Al Johnston, Bill Olsen, Ron Hildner
* Allen Subdivision 🡪 Need a volunteer!
* Henderson Heights 🡪 Ken DeGroot / Greg Stancato
* North End / Henderson Lake Sub #1 🡪 Rick Mastricola

**HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB**

*August 2012 Alan Johnston Editor*

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**Loon Report:** The Loons did return and successfully nested. As we reported in May all was going well and one chick hatched and was doing well. The chick was accidentally caught by a Fisherman and successfully released with no apparent harm. A close inspection a week later (using binoculars) showed it was doing well and suffering no side effects. As of this writing, the two adults appear to have migrated for the season. The chick has been spotted once this week.

**Fund Raising:** Fund raising for this year stands at about $800. This gives us a balance of about $2200 which should be enough for a planting. However, if we want a really nice planting (like we use to have) more money is needed. If you have not donated yet please do so and ask your neighbors if they have. We are asking a minimum of a $30.00 donation from each family. Please remember that many individuals give much more than the basic donation and some families that don't even fish contribute because they believe it is the right thing to do. On a personal note, I fractured my leg mid-June, and due to the wheel chair I have only been able to fish the lake twice before the accident. So, this newsletter is being distributed with special help of friends and family. Thank you!

**Fish Plantings:** The Fall 2010 planting consisted of 300 Black Crappies (4-6”), 300 Hybrid Bluegills (4-6”), 200 Walleyes (4-6”) and 300 Perch. The planting occurred in November of that year. This year our planting should also occur in November and with a little more fund raising should be the best we have had in several years.

**4th of July:** The 4th of July fireworks were greatly appreciated. Please keep up the good work. Several people have indicated that they would like to get involved and or contribute. This would be a separate effort from the fishing club or Milfoil treatment fund.

**Weed Prevention:**Please keep lawn fertilizer at least 15’ away from the water’s edge and only use biodegradable soap in the lake. Make sure you do not transport weeds or other exotics from other bodies of water.

***HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB VOLUNTEERS***

North End Ron Chapman

Dave Attenberger

Allen Sub Schweihofer Family

Henderson Heights Dave & Adam Skornia

South End Alan and Mary Ann Johnston

George Losee

**Donations:** Donations will be collected in each of the subdivisions between Memorial Day and Labor Day

If you want to donate by mail you can mail a check to

### Alan Johnston 2239 Chippenham Chase Rochester Hills Mi. 48306

Make all checks payable to HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB.

#### Basic Family Donation $ 30.00

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If you have good luck let us know by using the attached form.

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Detach & return form to a club volunteer

Name: Type of fish caught .

Method of fishing Lure/bait or other--------------------------------------------------------

Size of fish length and weight Date caught Was it Kept or Released\_\_\_\_\_\_