Eurasian Water Milfoil Update May 22, 2011

Plans for our 2011 Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) treatments are moving along well.

Through the fall & early winter (2010) quotes for the 2011 treatments were solicited by this committee and reviewed. Aquatic Services, Inc. was selected. They are a highly recommended provider who treat many lakes across Michigan. In our area they treat a list of lakes, including Lake Ogemaw and Hardwood Lake.

Property owners should have all received the DNR required "notification of treatment" from Aquatic Services. These were mailed to the property tax statement mailing address of record (like last summer's notifications).

Treatments will likely be in the next 2-3 weeks. With our very late thaw and spring, the weeds have not had sufficient chance to grow and become visible for treatment. The GPS location plotting information from last summer will be used, but some of those beds may be gone and there may be some new beds. As of May 22, it's still difficult to accurately assess EWM bed locations and extent, even with navigating the pontoon using the GPS points from last summer.

We have over \$15,320 cash remaining from last summer's collection in First Bank. It is being held for this Spring's 2-4D systemic treatment. This amount should cover the upcoming treatment and possibly also some spot treatments later in the summer using Dyquat contact herbicide.

We are NOT yet requesting donations for 2011. Not till we understand the extent of new beds, the cost of the upcoming 2-4D treatment, spot treatment this summer, etc. It's difficult to know what to request just yet. By July 4th we'll have a much more clear picture and will call for donations thereafter.

Watch this website for further information, or email <u>billolsen3@gmail.com</u>. A 2010 financial statement is also available by request to the same email.

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