Eurasian Water Milfoil Update August 19, 2011



Launching Aquatic Service's air boat On June 6th in preparation for our 2011 systemic 2-4D treatment. Aquatic prefers the use of an air boat as it does not chop or fragment the Milfoil during treatment, so minimizes production of spreading fragments.

Aquatic Services, Inc. treated 14 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil on June 6th using 2-4D systemic herbicide. Within two weeks our EWM

was turning brown, and by three weeks had dropped to the bottom. Most of the area treated was in the south bay, however the area in the north -center (marked by the milk jug) was also treated with good results.

As of this writing, there is some fresh EWM growth in the south bay, directly out from the main boat launch, about half way across to the west shore. It's about an acre in size and is well below the surface and boat propellers. This will be monitored closely and potentially treated with Diquat if it starts to grow rapidly. So far it seems dormant and will be part of next spring's treatments..

It is possible, even likely that other EWM beds will develop in new, untreated locations. (Henderson Lake is about 180 acres and we've treated 14.) Please be on the lookout for any new growth and email me if anything is spotted.

Donations for 2011 are <u>not</u> being requested. We have a healthy balance (\$10,173) at First Bank which will carry us through 2011 and potentially 2012's spring treatment. We won't know for sure till we see the spring's EWM crop. A complete financial statement of the EWM Fund is also available by request to the same email

Watch this website for further information, or email <u>BillOlsen3@gmail.com</u>. The financial statement is also available by request to the same email.

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HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB

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Loon Report: The Loons did return and successfully nested. As we reported in May two bald eagles attacked the nest and ate the Loon's eggs. The Loons did renest as we had hoped and two new eggs were layed in the nest. There is a picture of the second pair of eggs on the Henderson Lake web site (www.hendersonlake.org). However no babies were observed. What happened to the second pair of eggs is not known.

Fund Raising: The fund raising for this year stands at about \$590 which is way down from our normal levels. When you add it to the \$400 we had left over from last year it gives us \$990 in the bank account. This amount is less than half what it will take for a small planting. At this rate it will take more than 2 years to collect enough to plant again. Also I have not verified the 2011 prices so the size and timing of any future planting is in question. So, 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.

Fish Plantings: The Fall 2010 planting consisted 300 Black Crappies (4-6"), 300 Hybrid Bluegills (4-6"), 200 Walleyes (4-6") and 300 Perch. The planting occurred in November.

<u>4th of July:</u> 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.

<u>Weed Prevention</u>: Please keep lawn fertilizer at least 15' away from the waters 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	
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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 <u>HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB</u>.

Basic Family Donation \$ 30.00

Remember please don't keep all that you catch, practice CATCH AND RELEASE

If you have good luck let us know by using the attached form. Remember please don't keep all that you catch, practice CATCH AND RELEASE

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	