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 onhand 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@qmail.com. Financial statements for 2010/11/12 are also available by request.

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