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Chemical Treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EM) and Curly-Leaved Pondweed (CLPW)

The EM and CLPW were chemically treated on the morning of Wednesday, June 3, 2020. Only 1.5 acres of EM were treated and 7.3 acres of CLPW.

The only areas treated were Ice House Bay, Schneider Bay and the area around Cornell Inlet on the Big Lake. The primary aquatic plant on the lake this year is Elodea which we do not have a permit to chemically treat. This plant will be controlled by skimming/harvesting equipment. One good thing is that the coverage treated for EM for the past 5 years has been small. The bad thing is other weeds have taken over –Elodea, CLPW, Eel Grass, etc.

For those areas treated, please follow these restrictions.

1. **No** swimming for one day
2. Do **not** use the lake water for three weeks for watering vegetable gardens
3. Do **not** use the lake water for watering **grass for one day and flower gardens for two weeks**.
4. There are no restrictions for eating **fish** caught in the treated areas.
5. Keep dogs and other pets **out** of the water for one day.

There are some other areas of the lake that have Eurasian Water Milfoil, but these areas are not significant enough to treat. If you have Eurasian Water Milfoil in front of your property, please pull the plants by the roots and dispose of them in a place where they cannot reenter the lake. Eurasian Water Milfoil is a very dangerous plant because it reproduces so easily and quickly. A single piece of Eurasian Water Milfoil broken off from the main plant by swimmers, boaters or other activity can grow roots and eventually replant itself. If Eurasian Water Milfoil is not controlled, it can choke off/fill up a lake. Please participate and remove Eurasian Water Milfoil from your property.

From phone calls and e-mails received, we noted there is some confusion. We will try and clarify these issues for you.

1. The areas listed for potential treatment on our June 1, 2020, email (copy enclosed for your convenience) are all the areas we noted over the 16 years of chemical treatment that had significant amounts of EM and, therefore, should be chemically treated.
2. We show each of these areas on our Permit Application because if we don't apply for all the areas and there is significant EM in an area not listed on the permit, the DNR will not allow us to treat the area
3. We are only permitted to chemically treat EM and CLPW Aquatic Plants (AP) because they are the only two AP that are non-native on North Lake. The other nuisance AP's such as Eel Grass (Wild Celery), Elodea, Coon Tail, Etc. are native plants, and the DNR does not allow chemical treatment. These native plants must be controlled by the AP Harvester/Skimmer.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

North Lake Management District