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2021 HARVESTING

At the annual meeting in September of 2020, the public overwhelmingly approved the purchase of the weed harvesting machine to be operated by the WLMD to harvest weeds on Wind Lake. The board understands how important this issue has been to the residents of Wind Lake and the trust that the public has given us. The board has been extremely busy this winter as we went through the bid process and choose Inland Lake Harvesters out of Burlington to build our harvester. The Harvester is almost complete, and we expect to water test the machine in late April or early May. A picture of our new harvester is shown to the right. There are additional pictures on WLMD.org.



We are harvesting under the 4th year of our 5-year DNR permit issued in 2017. Harvesting is done to keep Navigational channels open on the lake in areas greater than 3 feet deep. The harvesting permit does not allow shoreline work. Harvesting will also be used to collect large mats of floating plants on the open water.

The board is now organizing the operation of the harvester. Attached are 3 notices that have been mailed and posted in the hopes of getting multiple bids for our operation. If you or someone you know is interested in either the position of HPM or to bid on the trucking needs, please encourage them to apply. Attached are the notices and there is more information on the web site.

The board still has substantial work ahead as we navigate through our first season of harvesting. We will begin harvesting as usual toward the end of June based on plant growth and weather. However, don't be surprised to see the harvester on the lake earlier than that as we complete our training from the manufacturer, as well as with the DNR, and some practice time on the harvester. The board is very excited to begin our own weed harvesting operations. We hope that operations begin without any large "hiccups" and we look forward to a great boating and lake season.

ROADSIDE WEED PICKUP

We will continue the roadside weed pickup program this summer. **LAKE WEEDS ONLY** can be placed on the roadside for pickup. Please make sure the pile is close to the side of the road and not setting back up against a building or tree line. We will not be picking up "ice-off" debris.

Do not put lake sediment, dirt, rocks, branches, garbage or other debris in the pile. The pile WILL NOT be picked up if anything other than weeds are on the pile.

Piles must be out by noon on Mondays to be picked up between Monday and Wednesday evening. Here are the dates for 2021:

**June 1st, 15th, 29th
July 13th, 20th, 27th
August 10th, 17th, 31st
September 14th, 21st, 28th
October 12th, 26th**

*Any changes will be posted at WLMD.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: HARVESTING PROGRAM MANAGER (HPM)

The Wind Lake Management District is now accepting applications for the position of Harvesting Program Manager (HPM). Interested persons should submit a resume and/or a letter of interest with their qualifications to: WLMD, PO Box 222, Muskego, WI 53150. Letters must be postmarked by April 22, 2021. Interviews will be held in closed session at the WLMD Board Meeting at 7pm on April 26, 2021, at the Norway Town Hall Lower Level (6419 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake, WI 53185).

The HPM job description can be found on-line at WLMD.org and any questions can be directed to Mike Bluemel at 414-305-8875. This position will report to the WLMD Board.

WANTED: TRUCKING FIRM

The Wind Lake Management District is now accepting bids for a seasonal contract for a truck and a driver/operator. The WLMD has purchased a weed harvester and a self-unloading trailer with the plan to operate a harvesting program starting in May of 2021. The truck should preferably be 4-wheel drive and must be capable of safely pulling a 33 foot trailer with a GVWR of 16,000 pounds. The trucking firm must maintain one million dollars of liability insurance and provide a certificate of insurance. The driver/operator must be properly licensed, proficient in hauling heavy loads, backing up truck /trailer, and operating the conveyor trailer to off-load the weeds.

The lake weed dump site is within a few miles of Wind Lake and trailer would require off-loading approximately once every hour of operation. The WLMD Harvesting Program Manager will coordinate scheduling the trucking firm on weekdays between the hours of 7am and 5pm, based on weather and hauling needs. The manager will provide a schedule for the upcoming week by 5pm every Wednesday. Because this operation is weather based, WLMD reserves the right to cancel following day operations by noon without charge. Any same day cancelations would allow for a 4 hour minimum charge. The Board anticipates approximately 250 operational hours this year (June-Sept) and most canceled hours would be rescheduled.

The Board is welcoming bids from trucking firms that meet the stated requirements. Bids should include an hourly charge for both truck and driver/operator, a description of the truck to be provided, and any advantages that your firm can provide. Bids should be submitted in writing to: WLMD, PO Box 222, Muskego, WI 53150 and must be postmarked by April 22, 2021. Bid will be awarded at the WLMD meeting on April 26, 2021 at 7pm, Norway Town Hall lower level (6419 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake, WI). It is suggested that bidders attend the meeting to answer questions from the Board. Any bid questions can be directed to Mike Bluemel at 414-305-8875.

TEMP AGENCY POSTING

The Wind Lake Management District is accepting bids for the payroll management for up to four employees. The WLMD has purchased a weed harvester and will be operating a harvesting program starting in May of 2021. The District Board will select the employees and ask that they are hired by your agency to work specifically on this program. The Board will also set a compensation level and will schedule the employees on a part time basis. The Board anticipates approximately 300 staff hours this year (May-September).

The Board is welcoming bids from staffing agencies to administer the payroll on a bi-weekly basis. Bids should include the percentage charged for administering the payroll and be submitted in writing to: WLMD, PO Box 222, Muskego, WI 53150 and must be postmarked by April 22, 2021. Bids will be awarded at the WLMD monthly meeting on April 26, 2021 at Norway Town Hall lower level. Any questions can be directed to Mike Bluemel at 414-305-8875.

2021 CHEMICAL TREATMENT PLANS

WLMD receives a permit annually from the DNR to chemically treat weeds in Wind Lake. Most of the areas treated are shallow, weed-choked and restrict lake access for property owners. The plan is to treat when the conditions warrant, usually in early May and early June, weather permitting. Treatments to control the Starry Stonewort (SSW) are also planned.

The DNR permit for the chemical treatment is available on the WLMD website. Go to wlmd.org. The link to the permit is on the home page and on the aquatic plant page.

The lake is considered "waters of the State". Treatments will be conducted to try to maintain access for property owners and lake users.

When the treatment takes place, shoreline adjacent to treated areas will be posted with bright yellow signs, indicating what herbicide has been used and when it was done. The notice will also indicate if there are any recreational use restrictions following the treatment. The boat launch will also be posted with a treatment map. Because weather, including winds, affect the ability to conduct treatments, last minute changes may occur. We will keep the wlmd.org website up to date as much as possible on when and where treatments are taking place.

The plants that are targeted for treatment include milfoil, curly leaf, SSW and filamentous algae. Occasionally, native plants are treated, but only if they are blocking navigation areas. DNR has the final say in all treatment areas for chemical control and may deny the treatment of specific areas. Below is a map of the proposed areas of treatment.

***See back page for proposed treatment map.**

FREE VESSEL SAFETY INSPECTION

Covid permitting - WLMD is again partnering with the United States Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary to conduct boat inspections. The proposed date is:

June 5th 9am – 2pm

Make sure your summer boating is a safe one! Free 15-point inspections will be conducted at the DNR public boat launch or at "Sportsmen's Landing". Pre-register by calling 262-895-7991.

An inspection can be performed at your location by calling Dan Jahn at 414-614-3164.

GEESE

Wind Lake has taken part in a goose-removal program in prior years to reduce the number of geese on Wind Lake. This program has been highly effective at keeping the numbers of non-migratory geese on the lake manageable. Excessive numbers of non-migratory geese contribute to water quality problems including E-coli bacteria and increased phosphorus loadings (which increases plant and algae growth).

We are proceeding as though the roundup will take place. We hope to conduct the goose roundup again in mid-June when the birds are molting.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN A FORM PREVIOUSLY AND WE CAN GO ONTO YOUR PROPERTY TO REMOVE GEESE, PLEASE SEND IN THE FORM BELOW.

Your permission will continue through multiple years unless you rescind it.

GEESE ROUNDUP APPROVAL FORM

I authorize representatives from US Department of Agriculture-Wild Life Services and Wind Lake Management District to access the property listed below for the purposes of goose management. **This permission form has no expiration and remains in effect unless your request to be removed from the approved site list.** So, if you have signed up previously, you are all set. Thank you.

Name (PRINT) _____

Lake Address _____

Phone _____

Signature (mandatory) _____

Please return form as soon as possible!

Send to: WLMD PO Box 222 Muskego, WI 53150

WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

VISIT WLMD.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Meetings, schedules, agendas, and minutes
- Information about who to contact for various activities
- Links to other lake-related sites
- The latest lake depth map of Wind Lake
- Important Notices

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2021 Proposed Chemical Treatment Areas

Commissioner's meetings are usually held the 4th Monday of every month, with the November and December meeting combined. Meetings begin at 7pm at the Norway Town Hall. All residents are welcome to attend, but please note that meeting dates are subject to change. Always refer to our website for the latest up-to-date information.

QUESTIONS?

Email us at info@wlmd.org