



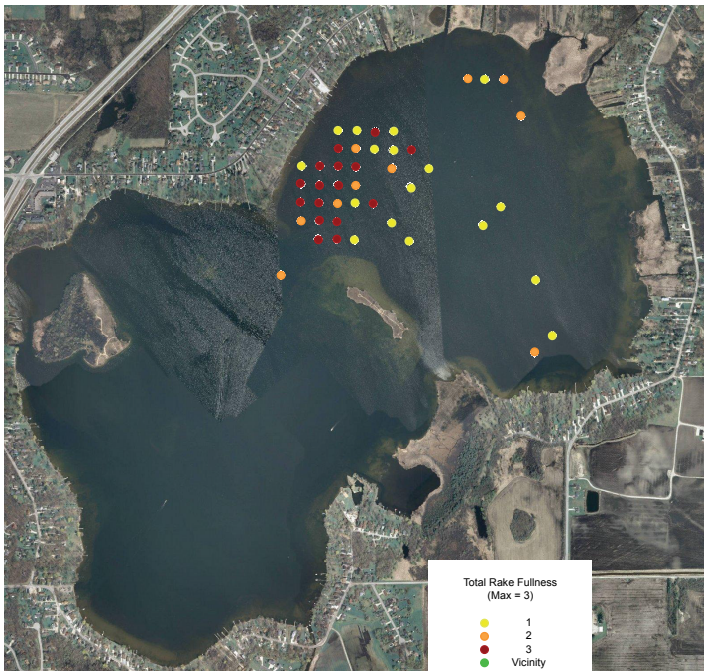
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## STARRY STONEWORT INVASIVE UPDATE

In August 2017 a new invasive algae was found in Wind Lake: Starry Stonewort (SSW). First found in Little Muskego Lake, it is now in Big Muskego, Long Lake, Silver Lake (Washington Cty), Green Lake, Pike Lake, and Sturgeon Bay, and Lake Michigan. It has also been found in at least two lakes in Minnesota. SSW is in over 200 lakes in Michigan and is in 10 lakes in Indiana.

The district has applied for an Invasive Species grant to fund monitoring and chemical treatments for 2018 and 2019. We will find out soon if we will get the grant. The algae is primarily located in the NE end of Wind Lake as shown in the map below. The red dots have the greatest density of SSW, the yellow dots have the lowest density.

The district did treat five isolated locations of SSW, so we will see if those treatments have been effective. This will be an uphill battle to limit the spread of this invasive.



## FREE VESSEL SAFETY INSPECTION

WLMD is again partnering with The United States Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary to conduct boat inspections. Advanced registration is suggested.

**June 9 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Free 15-point inspections will be conducted at the DNR Public Boat Launch.

The first 20 registrants who pass inspection will receive a \$5.00 gift certificate for the Penny Bar.

Pre-register by calling 262-895-7991. Make sure your summer boating is a safe one!

## CHEMICAL TREATMENT PLANS - 2018

WLMD receives a permit annually from DNR to chemically treat weeds in Wind Lake. Most of the areas treated are shallow, weed-choked and restrict lake access for property owners. We will be treating when the conditions warrant, usually in early May, and early June, weather permitting. We will also be conducting treatments to try to control the Starry Stonewort.

**The DNR permit for the chemical treatment is available on the WLMD website. Go to [wlmd.org](http://wlmd.org). The link to the permit is on the home page, and on the aquatic plant page.**

If you DO NOT want your shoreline to be treated, please complete the form provided in this newsletter. Please return the form immediately.

***2018 Chemical treatment permit from DNR is now available online at [WLMD.org](http://WLMD.org) (Click on Aquatic Plants) or by calling 262-514-3238.***

## CHEMICAL TREATMENT PLANS *Continued*

When the treatment takes place, areas which are treated will be posted with bright yellow signs, indicating what has herbicide has been used. 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. We will keep the wlmnd.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 and filamentous algae. Occasionally, native plants are treated, but only if they are blocking navigation areas. DNR has the final say in all the treatment areas for chemical control and may deny the treatment of specific areas.

Let us know if you have unusual weed problems. We will check it out and see if it is something that we can treat. Please call or email with questions or concerns.

## **ROADSIDE WEED PICKUP**

We will continue the roadside weed pickup 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. Property owners are free to take ice-off debris to Waste Management (M, W, F: 8 to 4 pm; S: 7 to 3 pm).

**Do not put lake sediment, dirt, rocks, branches, garbage or other debris in the piles.**

Piles must be out by noon on Mondays and will be picked up between Monday afternoon and Weds evening.

The deadlines for putting LAKE WEEDS ONLY out for pick up are:

Monday May 21

Monday June 25

Monday July 23

Monday August 27

Monday September 24

Monday October 22

Any changes to the schedule will be posted on the website, wlmnd.org.

## **HARVESTING**

The District plans to conduct harvesting on the lake again in 2018. Harvesting is primarily used to open up navigational channels on the lake. It will also be used to collect large mats of floating plants on the open water. The Town has worked with us by allowing the cut weeds to be dumped at the old Transfer site. We updated our Plant Management Plan in 2017 so we are now working under the first year of a 5-year DNR permit to harvest. A state grant helped pay for the new survey and plan.

## **GEESE**

Wind Lake has taken part in a goose-removal program for a number of years to reduce the numbers of geese on Wind Lake. We are already hearing complaints about geese trying to nest on landowners properties.

This program has been very effective at keeping the numbers of non-migratory geese on the lake manageable. If there are enough birds, we will conduct the goose roundup again in mid-June when the birds are molting.

The goal of the program is to keep the numbers of geese in line with what the lake can naturally support. Excessive numbers of non-migratory geese contribute to the water quality problems, including E-coli bacteria and increased phosphorus loadings.

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

Your permission will continue through multiple years unless you rescind it. Please help us continue this very successful program.

## **ADDRESSES ON PIERS**

Please consider putting your house numbers on the end of your pier so they are visible from the lake. This will greatly help with the plant management on the lake, making it easier for the District's contractors to find specific areas.

## CHEMICAL TREATMENT REJECTION FORM

If you **DO NOT** want your shoreline to be treated for aquatic plant nuisances, you must return this form as soon as possible.

I hereby request that my shoreline NOT be chemically treated. I understand that NOT treating my shoreline will NOT reduce my annual tax.

Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Key Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Mandatory) \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be returned ASAP!**

Send to: WLMD, 30910 Royal Hill Rd., Burlington, WI 53105

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## GOOSE ROUNDUP APPROVAL FORM

**YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO ENTER ONTO MY PROPERTY TO CATCH AND REMOVE GEESE.**

I authorize representative from US Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services and Wind Lake Management District to access the property listed below for the purposes of goose management. **This permission form has no expiration date and remains in effect unless you request to be removed from the approved site list.** So if you have signed up previously, you are all set. Please contact WLMD, 262-514-3238 if you wish to be removed from the list, have problems with geese on your property, or have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your assistance.

Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Mandatory) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form as soon as possible!**

Send to: WLMD, 30910 Royal Hill Rd., Burlington, WI 53105

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Commissioners meetings are usually held the 4th Thursday of every month, with the November and December meeting combined. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm at the Norway Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Note that meetings may be rescheduled: check the website for the latest information.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you do, check out our website. The site has:

- Meetings, schedules, agendas, and minutes
- Information about who to contact for various activities.
- Links to other lake-related sites
- Information about who to contact for various activities
- The latest lake depth map of Wind Lake
- Other special notices as needed are also posted on the site.

**You can also send an email to [info@wlmd.org](mailto:info@wlmd.org). You will be put on a list to receive meeting notices and updates.** If you do provide your email address to us, please be aware that your address then becomes part of our formal records. Then we have to provide them to someone making a request under the Open Records laws.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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