

Lost Lake EWM Progress Report.

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The LLPRD has received a grant for the State of Wisconsin DNR to assist with the control of the EWM that has been found in the lake. The grant has allowed us to contract with Onterra a group that specializes in the control and removal of EWM in Wisconsin water. The recommendation came from the DNR and our involvement with this organization has been excellent.

This time line for Lost Lake is as follows:

- Onterra will return to Lost Lake mid-Summer and re-map the location of the EWM and check for spread and or new areas of infection.
- Onterra will add this information to the GPS marking device and update the LLPRD unit.
- LLPRD at the direction of Onterra will select a firm to harvest EWM from the lake. The selection this firm has not and will not be made until after Onterra has completed their evaluation.
- This selection of a harvesting firm will be chosen based on Onterra's recommendation.
- After the harvest Onterra will return to the lake late in the year to again inspect the infected areas, re-map with GPS and set a course for the next year.

So for now, I would report that we are looking into 2 hand-harvesting firms.

- Many Waters uses (e.g. Diver Assisted Suction Harvester) would be a good fit for Lost Lake
- Aquatic Plant Management (Andrew McFerrin) uses a hand harvest diver method.

Onterra feels that one may be a better fit for the situation, but they both would do a good job. And if Many Waters can only be retained for a limited amount of work (e.g. 1 day), it may be appropriate to use them for that amount of time and augment with Aquatic Plant Management. Onterra will be conducting a pre-hand-harvesting survey of the entire lake in late-June to early-July. Based on these survey results, Onterra would coordinate with one or both of these firms where to focus their efforts. Then Onterra will conduct a post-hand-harvesting survey of the entire lake in late-summer and assess the control strategy.