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INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATE- SUMMER 2014



<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/fact/eurasianwatermilfoil.html>

We hope that you are enjoying your summer on the Cisco Chain and want to take a moment to update you on our efforts to protect it. Below is a lake-by-lake breakdown where we have had activity.

Clearwater: The big news for 2014 continues to be Clearwater Lake. Our whole lake fluridone treatment was administered along with a supplemental 'bump up' treatment. This second treatment allows the slow acting chemical to remain in contact with the EWM for enough time to be effective. Any plants that survived the fluridone in 2014 will be treated with the more traditional 2,4-D in 2015 and 2016, thus completing the 3 year treatment protocol.

Thousand Island Lake: This year we treated 2.47 acres along the north shore with 2,4-D. The late start to summer and slow growth of plants made this area the single treatable area on the lake although other areas of EWM were observed. Our orange EWM marker buoys have been deployed where EWM has been found. Please avoid them as disturbing these plants leads to their spreading. We are considering hand-pulling some areas of EWM later in the season. If you see divers in the water, please avoid them also- they are working on your behalf.

Big Lake: Surveys continue on Big Lake. Although some areas of EWM were found, they were not dense enough to qualify for chemical treatment. Surveys continue here and a late season treatment may be possible if the situation warrants.

By now, you should have received our fund raising mailer. The work we do combating invasive species on the Cisco Chain is important and can't be done without your help. As of July 9th, we have received \$15,505 on 139 donations. For those that have donated- thank you! For those that have yet to do so, please take the time to help us. Donation forms can be found on our website.

Have a safe summer!

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