



Teal, Lost Land and Ghost Lakes Improvement Association

Spring 2024 - Letter from the President

It has been an interesting few months trying to get DNR grants and permits for our Spring 2024 lake treatment.

There was a \$150,000 cap put on by the DNR. So we down sized our original plan to come within the capped amount. Then when the grant was approved we only received a grant for \$99,429.83. This required down sizing again. During this process we were also limited to 30 acres per lake by the local DNR.

With these limitations and funding, we have submitted for treatment of 30 acres on Lost Land Lake and 6 acres on Teal Lake, please see this [MAP](#) for specific treatment locations. The permits have been approved and Schmidt's Aquatic will be doing the applications of the herbicide. See this [LINK](#) for a more detailed timeline and fact sheets about the chemical we are using called ProcellaCOR [LINK](#).

The treatment can not happen until after May 28 because of walleye spawn. Then the water temperature has to be above 60 degrees and the plants have to be growing. So we do not have a set date for the application.

We do have maps and lists of property owners adjacent to the treatment areas. We will be emailing land owners that we have addresses for. These will also be placed on our web site. There will be sign postings on docks in the treatment areas a few days in advance. When a date is set there will be a four day span of days, so weather can be factored.

It's crucial to recognize that managing Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) will be an ongoing process requiring sustained funding over many years to effectively control its growth and spread. Currently, our funding only covers treatments for 2024. Our plans for 2025 will necessitate additional funds for potential chemical treatments following the evaluation of the 2024 ProcellaCOR applications' effectiveness.

Our Fundraising Committee, even with the current grant money, needs your tier donations and participation at our Summer Fest fundraising Event on July 28, to raise money for further treatment. We may seek permits for other treatment alternatives, like DASH (diver assisted suction harvest) and hand-picking for additional small areas, but do not have the funds yet to set that up at this point. (Very expensive!)

Another point, part of the grant process was to discontinue the mechanical harvesting for the next two years to see how the herbicides work. There will be a lot of man hours needed to do water testing and plant surveys after the treatment. This volunteer work can be used to offset our 25% match for the grant. The grants from the DNR are set up that we pay first and then they pay us back.

We look forward to seeing everyone this summer at our events and out on the Lake!

Norm Bratteig- President