

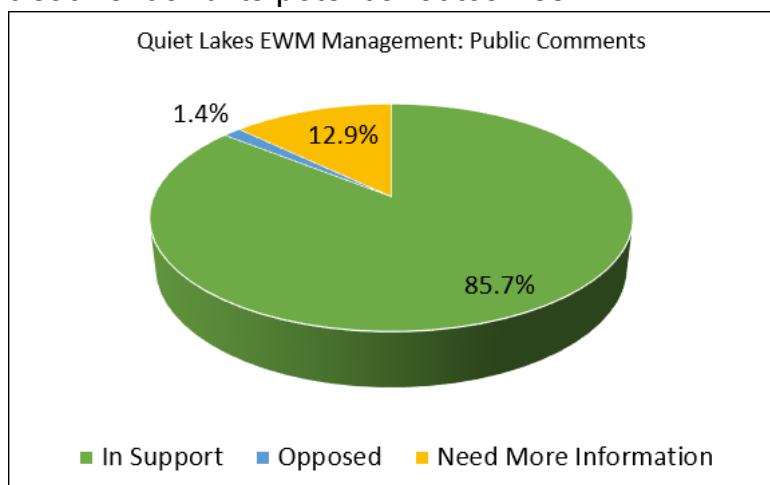
October Update from the QLIA Board

October 24, 2023

Update : Stakeholder Responses regarding treating our invasive Milfoil on Lost Land Lake and Teal Lake:

We asked our QLIA Members & TOSL residents how they feel about treating our Quiet Lakes for Milfoil with the use of herbicides.

Of the 70 people who provided comment on the Aquatic Plant Management Plan, 85.7% were in favor of using herbicides to treat the Eurasian Watermilfoil in the Quiet Lakes, 1.4% were opposed, and 12.9% indicated that they would like more information about the treatment and its potential outcomes.



Update On Our WDNR Grant Request:

The QLIA Board & the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) have been working diligently on our revised Aquatic Plant Management plan. Our Large Scale Population Control grant request from the WDNR will help to fund our need to fight the Milfoil in our lakes. Our recent member news stated that we would include ALL Milfoil beds in our irradiation plan. Our updated adaptive management plan is not quite as aggressive and here's a summary for your review:

- With guidance from the NWRPC & WDNR scientists, the QLIA is proposing to do a ProcettaCOR treatment on Lost Land in strategically selected areas of Eurasian Watermilfoil in high traffic areas where boats and fishermen often travel like near the boat landing and the thoroughfare to Teal. In Teal Lake, the QLIA is proposing to treat the smaller beds with 2,4-D.
- Using two different herbicides in the lakes will allow us to assess the effectiveness of each to inform management decisions in the future. The herbicides will be placed at the lowest possible concentration to have the greatest effect on the milfoil. We will be assessing the plants before and after treatment, as well as testing for the presence of the herbicide after the treatments.

- The herbicide applicator we will be contracting with has been performing these services for nearly 40 years, and they are a certified ProcellaCOR applicator. We are submitting our application for our Large Scale Population Control grant before the November 15, 2023 deadline. In March of 2024 we will hear from the WDNR as to the awarded grant funds.

The updated QLIA proposed plan will require the following financial resources from the QLIA:

- \$35K - \$40K in 2024 and if we awarded another grant in 2025 the QLIA funding needs will be approximately the same as in 2024.
- If we are awarded the LSPC Grant (Large Scale Population Control Grant which includes CBCW, Milfoil Irradiation and Adaptive Management planning with ongoing post-treatment studies) the approximate total for QLIA's funding share will be \$70K - \$80K combined for 2024 and 2025.

We want all of our members and residents to understand that our funding needs will go beyond 2024 and 2025. Our Milfoil issue will not go away, however, we hope that our funding needs will decrease if we can get the Milfoil under control. The fact is, we do not know what our funding needs will be in years to come however it would be safe to forecast that we will need \$35K - \$40K annually.

Another important point; The plans for irradiating our Milfoil are just that, PLANS, and these PROPOSED plans that we are presenting in our grant application to the WDNR are just that, PROPOSED. During our most recent meeting with the NWRPC it was suggested that the EcoHarvester may not be used in 2024. We were told that in order to truly evaluate the progress with the herbicide treatments we would need to only use the herbicides and not the EcoHarvester. Again, this is a proposed scenario and we will continue to seek guidance from the experts in this field who we have hired and the WDNR.

Once we are awarded the grant this is when the biologists engage even further and guide the QLIA leaders as to what treatments will be the most effective fighting the Milfoil and at the same time what is the best environmental choice.

We have included the detailed Material Safety Data Sheets on the herbicides mentioned in our treatment plan:

ProcellaCOR [LINK](#)

2, 4-D [LINK](#)

Important QLIA Event Dates for 2024:

We are planning a special fundraising event at Lakewoods Resort on Lake Namakagon.

The tentative date is Sunday, July 28, 2024 This is going to be a major event with live music, sponsorship support from local businesses and fundraising opportunities. More information regarding our major 2024 fundraising event to come! Our QLIA Annual Meeting will be held on July 13, 2024 at the TOSL Town Hall. The Annual Picnic will be on August 11, 2024! More details to come.

QLIA Fundraising Update

Thanks to all who participated in the 2023 inaugural year for the QLIA tier program, we hope that all participants will consider giving annually at this level in the following years as we build our assets that can facilitate the perpetual funding of our lakes. Here's the link to the Tier Donations [LINK](#) - we appreciate all of the donations from our QLIA residents and businesses.

Here are the totals for all revenues YTD (as of 10/13/23 for the QLIA):

- Tier Donation - \$68,309
- Other Donations - \$2,070
- QLIA Dues Collected - \$10,550

Here's member information for 2023 YTD:

- Current QLIA Members: 251
- 66 of our members are new in 2023
- 52 on the list that haven't paid this year or last year - so please, pay your dues, we will be reaching out to these people to remind them that dues are important to our Quiet Lakes Improvement Association.