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Dear Crescent Lake Neighbors,

As we approach the 2021 summer season the Crescent Lake Association Board thought we would let you know about the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) treatment plans for 2021.

Introduction

Decisions to address the spread of EWM on Crescent Lake are becoming more complicated, more expensive, and in some cases more urgent. If you tour the lake you will find EWM almost continuously around the lake from shore to 15 foot of water depth. It is apparent that using spot treatments such as herbicides (like ProcellaCOR), the DASH boat, and volunteer hand harvesting are not going to provide the relief from EWM that the shoreline property owners are desiring. A more long-term relief approach will be needed. Assuming the Lake District is approved it will be the district's responsibility to address the long term. However, until that happens decisions need to be made for 2021.

Shore Monitoring, EWM Location Marking, and Property Owner Hand Harvesting

We will continue with shore monitoring and marking of EWM locations. Those interested in removing EWM from shallow water on their shoreline should contact Cindy Hermel (715-573-0720) for training. All removal activities contribute to our control efforts.

Hand Harvesting

We will continue with hand harvesting in smaller EWM areas throughout the lake as we have in the past, if volunteers are available. Areas to be harvested will be determined based on an adaptive management plan throughout the summer.

Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH)

The DASH boat will also be in operation again this summer in smaller EWM areas throughout the lake. Areas to be harvested will be established as summer progresses. If volunteer divers are not available, we will use paid divers for the DASH boat. If you are interested in volunteering to help on the DASH boat call Darrel Mack 715.282.6237.

Herbicide Treatment - ProcellaCOR

Herbicide treatment continues to be our most effective method of control. While it is considered spot treatment, it provides more rapid and larger area relief than both hand pulling and DASH Boat harvesting. We have received approval from the WI DNR to treat 21 acres on the south shore of the northern part of the lake with the herbicide ProcellaCOR. ProcellaCOR is the herbicide we used in 2019 and 2020. The plant survey completed by Many Waters in

September 2020 was used to establish the areas to be treated this year.

Treatment is planned for June. Copies of the WI DNR permit, herbicide application area map, WI DNR fact