

March 2020

Dear Neighbors,

This letter is to inform you of the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) activities of 2019 and the activities for 2020.

**2019** It is hard to believe in just 4 years we went from finding a few EWM plants by the boat landing to taking steps to address acres of EWM in 2019. Our efforts to address the EWM in the Highway 8 area was to use the herbicide ProcellaCOR, which showed an immediate impact on the EWM plants within a couple hours after the application. Within a few days the EWM plants were disappearing and in two to three weeks the plants were gone. Plant surveys, by the DNR, in the treated area indicated no unacceptable impact to native plants. The water sample results were also acceptable with concentrations of the herbicide dropping to below 1 part per billion within a couple hours after the application. For more information regarding the herbicide ProcellaCOR go to the Crescent Lake Association website [www.crescentlakewi.org](http://www.crescentlakewi.org) and open the ProcellaCOR tab.

In addition to the herbicide treatment program we continued to remove EWM by hand pulling using our Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) boat and volunteer hand harvesting activities. In 2019 DASH removed 4,080 pounds of EWM and the volunteer hand harvesting team removed 3,857 pounds. Almost 8,000 pounds; 4 tons. **Thank You** DASH boat volunteers and the hand harvesting team. Even with these successes we experienced rapid EWM expansion and significant increase in EWM density. In some areas EWM was so thick it became unacceptable for swimming and boating.

**2020** As mentioned in our April 1, 2019 letter, if ProcellaCOR was effective, we would pursue herbicide applications in other EWM areas. Due to the 2019 application success, and the expansion of EWM last year, we plan to apply for an herbicide application permit from the DNR. If approved, the ProcellaCOR application is again planned for June. With the rapid expansion we experienced in 2019, we hope to get approval to apply ProcellaCOR in 4 to 5 locations. Please see map at the Crescent Lake Association website for locations to possibly be targeted in 2020.

If we have enough volunteers to help with the DASH boat, we would like to increase the hours we have the DASH boat in operation, and we are looking for additional certified divers to help. If you are interested in assisting on the DASH boat, please call Darrel Mack at 715.282.6237. We also hope the hand harvesting volunteer team will be able to help again this summer.

We will also apply for DNR financial aid grants to assist with covering the costs of our EWM activities. Availability of DNR financial aid grants is not guaranteed. We encourage all Crescent Lake property owners to make a financial contribution to the Crescent Lake Association EWM fund when paying your annual dues.

Keep in mind that the orange floating bottles on the lake mark where EWM has been located. We use this method to assist in locating areas of EWM and assisting the DASH boat harvesters and volunteer hand harvesters where to harvest EWM. **Please do not approach or drive through these areas.**

The Lake Management Planning Committee (chaired by Cindy Hermel) continues to meet, with the goal to complete the plan by June 2020 and submit it to the DNR for review. The information from the survey you completed in 2019 will be used within the updated Crescent Lake Management Plan.

Information about the 2020 ProcellaCOR Project will eventually be posted on the Crescent Lake website. If you have questions you can contact: Terry Goldbach, chairman Crescent Lake EWM Response Team, [terrygoldbach@charter.net](mailto:terrygoldbach@charter.net), 715-490-0569; Cindy Hermel, Crescent Lake Board Member and EWM Response Team member, [clhermel@hotmail.com](mailto:clhermel@hotmail.com), 715-573-0720; Dennis Southworth, President Crescent Lake Association, [ndsouth@charter.net](mailto:ndsouth@charter.net), 715-282-2111.

Your neighbors,

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