

## Aquatic Plan Management (APM) team meeting

Date: June 26, 2010

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Body of water: Osprey Lake  
Hayward, WI

Attendees: PJ Schaefer  
Brian Follett  
Carole Dannehl  
Tom Falch  
Brad Brolsma  
Joan Brolsma  
Bob Riegelman  
Barb Schaefer  
Wayne Dannehl

Facilitator: Kristine Maki  
Sawyer County AIS Coordinator

Absent: Dan Tyrolt

### Minutes:

The morning was cool and cloudy. The meeting began with a short tour of the lake perimeter by pontoon boat, during which Kristy pointed out various species of aquatic plants and features of the lake bottom. We were shown actual samples of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and told how to identify it, and how to tell it apart from the Northern Milfoil that is thriving in the lake. The day before, Northern Aquatic Services had been on the lake treating approximately six (6) acres of EWM with Navigate™ herbicide. This treatment had been arranged and paid for by the Osprey Lake Property Owners Assoc, through contributions from members and friends.

After the educational lake tour, the APM meeting was continued at the Schaefer home. Kristy explained the purpose and process of drafting the Aquatic Plant Management plan. She reviewed the four management goals that had been circulated three months ago. She explained that the plan should be submitted by December 1, 2010, in order to qualify for state grants in 2011. She pointed out that the grants are very competitive and we were at a disadvantage in the point-scoring system because of the small size of our lake. We are grateful for her help in this effort.

Kristy said that there are three methods of controlling EWM in Wisconsin lakes:

- Herbicide treatment – certified applicators
- Garden rake -- hand pulling from the surface
- Snorkeling or scuba – pulling from the bottom

Members of the APM team decided that herbicide treatment was warranted if EWM was found in more than three (3) acres of the lake (i.e., total of all growth areas).

Herbicide will be applied every OTHER year if no grant money is available. In the off years, patches of EWM will be uprooted by hand, either from above or below the surface.

If grant money is approved and is available in a year in which more than three acres of EWM needs to be treated, herbicide will be applied *every* year.

Osprey Lake Property Owners Association (OLPOA) will pay for herbicide treatments, with or without grant money, based on the contributions of its members and friends. The cost of professional treatment is approximately \$600/acre.

Areas treated in 2010 include a large portion of the northwest corner, the southeast bays and scattered plants near the shoreline. Lake users should be on the lookout for isolated EWM plants in the northeast bay, the west cove and the shallow landing bay.

It was agreed that lake users need a better method of reporting the locations of EWM growth. Kristy will see if she has a map of the lake with a grid overlay that could be used to mark sightings.

Kristy will come back in the fall to do another informal survey, to see how well the herbicide treatment worked. She felt that the healthy growth of EWM in previously-treated areas was due to the early ice-out and plentiful sunshine this spring.

Kristy will continue work on the APM plan in the coming months, gathering information from the LCO tribe, Sawyer County, the State of Wisconsin DNR and other sources. The APM team will reconvene after Labor Day to review her progress.

Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by Brian Follett, treasurer, OLPOA