



## MINONG FLOWAGE ASSOCIATION

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Regarding: Proposed treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil weed-beds in 2023

Dear Minong Flowage Property Owner,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a "heads-up" directly from the Minong Flowage Association regarding proposed, controlled, aquatic invasive weed control in 2023. Your property is adjacent to one of our lake's invasive weed locations to be treated so therefore you are receiving this notice. Enclosed you will also find a letter from the herbicide application vendor, Northern Aquatic Services, and a map showing the weed-beds to be treated.

In a continuing effort to control the spread of invasive aquatic weeds in the Minong Flowage, the Minong Flowage Association Board's lake management consultant has applied for a DNR permit to chemically treat three, limited areas of our lake that had large weed-beds of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) last fall which are expected to get worse in the spring and summer of 2023. A little maintenance and control of these weed-beds now keeps them manageable and reduces the spread to other areas of the lake.

The treatment involves an FDA approved aquatic herbicide that remains localized in the weed-beds just long enough to kill the invasive weeds, and then harmlessly disperses. In 2016, the same herbicide was applied to a specific EWM weed-bed near the DNR landing (east shore, Flowage Road) and successfully reduced the size of it thus preventing the spread of the EWM.

As stated in the vendor's letter, the herbicide application is scheduled to be done sometime between May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. A few days prior to the treatment, signs will be posted. Since the herbicide disperses so quickly, there are no restrictions as to fishing or swimming but avoid drinking the lake water from these treated areas for 21 days. There is no concern in regard to drinking your well/tap water. This is strictly an aquatic invasive weed control in the lake water. Additional, specific information can be obtained by reaching out to the contacts listed on the enclosed vendor's letter.

Thank you for your time to understand the need to conduct this invasive weed control which helps to maintain the quality of the Minong Flowage water for all of us to enjoy.

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