

Status of Eurasian water milfoil on Round and Little Round Lakes

In 2008, 11 acres of Eurasian water milfoil were treated on Round and Little Round Lakes. Seven acres were treated in Round Lake and 4 acres in Little Round. This is one of the largest treatments that have been done in recent years. Areas treated in Round Lake include: Leder Bay (1 acre), Schoolhouse Bay (1 acre), Hinton Bay (3.5 acres), Musky Bay (.5 acre), and Richardson Bay (1 acre). These acreages are estimates and the actual treated area may be slightly different. Treatment was done on June 18, 2008 by Northern Aquatic Services.

Hinton Bay has the largest increase in Eurasian water milfoil seen in the lake. Areas on the west side of the bay have expanded greatly since last year. There are also a few small areas near the public beach. It is advisable to inform boaters and lake shore owners of the location of the EWM beds to decrease boat traffic through these areas. Boat traffic through these areas can increase fragmentation of the milfoil and increase the amount found in the lake. The Richardson Bay infestation is also an area of concern. Given the amount of plant growth in the Bay, EWM could potentially grow in many areas of Richardson Bay. It is really important to survey the bay throughout the summer to ensure the EWM isn't spreading into new locations in the bay.

The EWM in Little Round Lake is found in several small areas. Most of these areas are in near shore areas scattered around the lake.

EWM in Round and Little Round Lakes needs to be monitored throughout the summer and each year in order to keep it under control. If any new locations are found, contact the lake association or Kristy Maki for verification. The sooner a new location is found, the easier it is to control and manage.