



MEMORANDUM
 Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: September 16, 2024
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Aquatic Invasive Species Update – September 2024



Background/Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on recent aquatic invasive species (AIS) program activities. A full recap of the program is available on the July 25th board meeting webpage. [Direct link to July AIS Update.](#)

Watercraft Inspection Program

- This program continues to operate as usual, with other staff filling in for inspector support and supervisory duties. Weekend coverage at the boat launches continues to be a priority. The District is about 82% of the way to it's final inspection goal. Below you can find the breakout for each individual launch. Forest 1 and Forest 3 continue to be the priority.

2024 Watercraft Inspection Program Hour Tracking						
	Forest 1	Forest 2	Forest 3	Bone	Comfort	Public Access Grand Total
CLFLWD WCIs	528.00	317.00	493.50	308.66	323.50	1970.66
Chisago WCIs in CLFLWD	48.00	24.00	54.00	94.00	117.00	337.00
DNR Decon	370.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	370.00
Chisago Decon	10.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	60.00	85.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Running Total (hrs)	956.00	341.00	547.50	417.66	500.50	2762.66
Season Budget/Goal (hrs)	1182.00	394.00	788.00	500.00	523.00	3387.00
Remaining Hours	226.0	53.0	240.5	82.3	22.5	624.3
% Of Goal Hours	81%	87%	69%	84%	96%	81.6%
	Forest Lake Total % of Goal=		78%			
	Forest Lake Total Hours=		1844.50			

Forest Lake Flowering Rush

- Monday, 7/29: PLM Lake and Land Management performed herbicide treatment.
- Wednesday 7/31 staff performed seedhead clippings. ~ 300 seed heads were gathered – mostly in very shallow shoreline waters (less than a foot).
- August 7 & 8: PLM performed shoreline spot spraying of all three basins.
- Wednesday August 14: Staff again performed seedhead clipping. ~350 seed heads were removed.



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- Wednesday August 28: Staff again performed seedhead clipping. ~225 seed heads were removed. Staff will continue collecting seedheads every two weeks, or as needed.
- Blue water Science performed a FR survey on all 3 basins of Forest Lake on 9-16-24. Sporadic patches of flowering Rush were identified in each basin; in relatively light densities. PLM will use this survey data for additional herbicide applications later this month (both boat and backpack application).