

2014 EIGHT POINT LAKE

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT

The LIB (Lake Improvement Board) was created in 2005 to assess property owners for overall lake management and the treatment of invasive weeds because the Property Owners' Association was no longer able to generate enough voluntary donations to deal with the management and treatment of the lake.

All the chemical treatments have been done with professionally applied, DNR-approved herbicides. In 2012 a new program was launched which entailed the use of native water weevils to eat up the milfoil. The goal was to evolve to an environment where colonies of these tiny and totally natural weevils would keep the Eurasian Milfoil in check so we don't have to use several tons of herbicides each year.

In 2014 we were forced to discontinue the weevil stocking program because extensive spring underwater surveys by divers were unable to find any breeding colonies of the weevils. It appears that two very cold winters in a row and the fact that Eight Point is largely surrounded by seawalls, which makes it very difficult for the weevils to leave the water and burrow into the soil, have wiped out the thousands of weevils planted over the past 2 years.

The disappointing results with the weevil program left us with no choice but to return to the use of herbicides to treat the Eurasian Milfoil. Just under 40 acres were treated during the months of June and August, which is consistent with our annual average of 41 acres. A map of those locations is posted on the Association website.

The annual water testing was completed and that report is also on the website for your review. Overall water quality was again very good with no signs of contamination or pollution.

Plans for 2015 will include early spring survey work and if the weather permits treatment of any concentrations of milfoil found before the Fourth of July. We are also continuing our ongoing battle with multiple colonies of beavers which have negatively impacted lake water levels and the flow of water into and out of the lake for the past few years.