

Dear Lake Sawyer Residents,

Based on a 2015 Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan (IAVMP) as well as observations and comments from lake residents, there is strong concern about the increased populations of invasive plant species in Lake Sawyer. Lake Sawyer has two invasive species of aquatic weeds that have become particularly prevalent - Eurasian Watermilfoil and Fragrant Waterlily (aka lily pads and milfoil). There are also three other invasive species noted in the IAVMP plan that are less prevalent on the lake. Without proper management these plants will impact water quality, alter the shoreline by reducing species biodiversity, reduce recreational benefits, alter wildlife habitat, and pose a potential threat to waters and riparian areas downstream of the lake outlet.

The LSCC Board and many residents feel it is important to begin a proactive approach in managing these invasive plants.

We have the opportunity to apply for a Department of Ecology grant that would provide funding to chemically treat these invasive plant species with DoE approved aquatic herbicides. An important component in obtaining this grant is community support.

The LSCC Board is asking you to review the attached "Letter of Community Support" and sign our petition electronically by replying to this email acknowledging your support. Please electronically sign the petition by November 1st.

If we are chosen to receive funds the grant cycle would begin July 1st, 2021 and would last two years. Treatment could begin shortly thereafter and will be coordinated and communicated with the community and conducted entirely with oversight from the DoE and the City of Black Diamond.

Below are links to two documents that will provide you with an abundance of information. The first document is the IAVMP and the second is the Grant Funding Guidelines.

The IAVMP is a document that was approved by a Steering Committee, the City of Black Diamond, and the Washington State Department of Ecology in 2015 for Lake Sawyer. The IAVMP identifies aquatic weeds on the lake and evaluates the cost-effective alternatives for management. It gives background information, technical data for our lake, and detailed information about each invasive species. The approved IAVMP for Lake Sawyer is required for our eligibility to apply for the Department of Ecology grant.

We welcome any questions or comments you may have!

Insert: pictures of each weed (see below)

Links:

[Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan](#)

[DoE Aquatic Invasive Plant Funding Grant Guidelines](#)

Attached: Letter of Community Support

Eurasian Watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)



Fragrant Water Lily (*Nymphaea odorata*)



Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*)



Narrow Leaf Cattail (*Typha angustifolia*)



Yellow Flag Iris (*Iris-pseudacorus*)

