

Curly-leaf Pondweed Control in South School Section Lake Update

Herbicide treatments targeting curly-leaf pondweed were conducted last year in efforts to increase the recreational value of South School Section Lake. In preparation for herbicide treatment this year, we completed a pre-treatment survey. What we found was good news! The curly-leaf pondweed is currently in a managed state! We have no additional treatment planned for 2018 and will reassess in spring of 2019.



If you have any questions please contact the BCWD Administrator Karen Kill at karen.kill@mnwcd.org

Curly-leaf pondweed survey results are shown in the map to the right. While still present, the invasive species was sparse and very small (less than 12 inches in height). It was never found it at a rake coverage of more than "1".

The density and distribution of curly-leaf pondweed is so low that an herbicide treatment would not be effective. It is doubtful that curly leaf will grow to the surface and create nuisance conditions this year given how short it is.

Kylie Cattoor (MN DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist) agreed to forgo the herbicide treatment this year.

Lake monitoring will continue in 2018.

South School Section Lake Curly-leaf Pondweed Survey on May 15, 2018

