

Hi Frank

An update on the post-treatment survey that Kristy and I did on the 21st. Overall I was real pleased with what I saw. Most of the areas that were treated I would deem a success. In some areas the plants had already disintegrated and none were to be found. In other areas the plants were really sick looking and severely damaged. If you went to grab them they would just fall apart. There are two areas though where I want to do a touch up treatment on. The first area is the patch that was treated by the island in Leder Bay. The plants were definitely damaged but we saw that a lot of the plants had tips that were sprouting roots even though the rest of the plant was dead. A follow treatment of 100 lbs/acre should help with that. We also found a new patch of EWM between the island and the Whitlock's place. I should hopefully have an updated map this week showing this new area. This patch wasn't here when we did our spring survey even though we thoroughly inspected that area because we knew had grown there before. This area wasn't treated so I will treat it with 150 lbs/acre. It was interesting to note that even though this area had not been formally treated this spring. A large percentage of the plants had suffered damage from the area that was treated on the other side of the island. This leads me to believe that there is a significant movement of water in that bay whether it be from wind/wave action or boat traffic. This is likely the reason why the treatment didn't seem quite as effective in Leder Bay because the chemical is not in contact with the plant long enough. We have some thoughts on how to deal with this so hopefully any future treatments there should be more successful. The other area I will follow up with some treatment on is in Little Round. This was that patch that was identified at your general membership meeting. Dale Dressel had indicated that a portion of that patch had been treated a little lighter with herbicide because he ran out. That portion of the patch will be followed up with 100 lbs/acre also. The total acreage to have another treatment is right about 1.25 acres so I will just purchase some herbicide and treat it myself. There is not enough acreage to make it worthwhile for a contractor to come and treat it.

I also have 7 – 8 divers lined up to do a dive to hand pull the EWM in Hinton Bay on Sunday August 1 at 1pm. I have one pontoon already for the group but it would be nice to have at least one or two more so that we can split the group up to pull in different areas. Also, if you know anyone who would be interested in diving have them get in contact with me.

I will also try to get a group together that following week to clean up a couple of spots that we had designated for hand pulling in Little Round.

Kristy is on vacation this week and when she gets back next week we will be surveying Filter Bay and making a map of that area.

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