

Eagle Lake Properties Owners Inc.

July 25, 1994

Dear Eagle Lake Property Owner,

This letter deals with the problem of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Eagle Lake and an immediate possible course of action.

It is our belief that most Eagle Lake property owners are aware of the severe infestation of Eurasian Watermilfoil in the lake. The menace continues to spread, gradually choking other life in the lake. Since it is important that all property owners be informed of the proposed course of action as outlined below, we are sending you this letter.

William Kral, is an attorney licensed to practice law in New York State and has considerable litigation experience. He represents a property owner on Eagle Lake and has volunteered the services of his firm to seek a permit from the required authorities to use the herbicide SONAR to attack the watermilfoil. Should any of the New York State departments involved deny our application, the Executive Committee of the Eagle Lake Properties Owners, Inc. has authorized Mr. Kral to conduct the necessary litigation to gain the permit.

Members of the Eagle Lake Properties Owners, Inc. have spent more than three years researching the subject of Eurasian Watermilfoil with the objective of determining the best way to deal with this menace. Key points of the research are included with this letter. If you have additional questions, please call one of the people listed below for additional information;

Wendy Davis 585-6686, Dianne Tiedemann 597-3618 or
Bill Allen 585-3513.

It is important to note that in applying for a permit DEC requires that all property owners must be notified. If you approve of the use of SONAR in Eagle Lake it is not necessary to respond to this letter because lack of response is considered to be consent. If you disapprove, contact Mr. William Allen, 35 Mill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572, in writing stating your disapproval and your reasons. This contact must be made by August 15, 1994.

We strongly believe that Mr. Kral should proceed with the permit process, and we respectfully ask for your support.

Very truly yours,



Bill Allen, Chairman ELPOI Executive Committee

SONAR INFORMATION SHEET

1. SONAR has been registered in New York State specifically for the control and removal of Eurasian Watermilfoil.
2. SONAR has been certified as toxicologically and environmentally safe by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.).
3. The E.P.A. imposes no restrictions on its use in waters used for bathing or drinking.
4. Nowhere--either in the six years of monitoring studies which followed EPA approval of the compound in 1986, or in the decade and a half of exhaustive research which preceded that certification--has it been shown that SONAR, when used according to labeling instructions, is injurious to the public health or the environment.
5. Any potential absorption of the herbicide by fish is of short duration.
6. It is anticipated that the desired treatment will occur soon after the ice is out of Eagle Lake (target date 4/95), resulting in less impact on native plants and therefore maximizing SONAR's plant selectivity.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. 25% of the lake is now infested and the problem appears to be "growing" steadily in spite of the recent limited growth caused by the severe winter 93-94.
2. Studies and examination of the problem have been undertaken and experts have determined that treatment of the milfoil by the use of the herbicide SONAR is now the only practical solution to the problem.
3. To reach maximum effectiveness, an entire lake treatment will be pursued.
4. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has now agreed to allow SONAR to be used in New York State with some restrictions. (It has been previously approved for use in 48 other states).
5. The manufacturer of the herbicide SONAR, Sepro, has expressed the desire to use their product on Eagle Lake as a demonstration site for SONAR at a reduced cost.