

Senator Ronald B. Stafford
Room 502
The Capital
Albany, NY 12247

April 26, 1999

Dear Senator Stafford:

I am writing to ask for your assistance in helping the property owners of Eagle Lake, located west of Ticonderoga along Route 74 in Essex County, with our efforts to eradicate the Eurasian Water Milfoil in the lake. Eurasian Water Milfoil is a invasive, exotic plant that is crowding out native water plants in approximately 100 to 125 acres of the total 420 acres of the lake . Furthermore, the thickness of the Milfoil growth in some areas creates surface mats that are potentially hazardous for swimmers and boaters. Milfoil grows and spreads each season.

Eagle Lake is very important to my family. Since my great-grandfather built a retreat near the eastern edge of the lake in 1881, six generations of my family have enjoyed summers there, as well as occasional visits throughout the year. We come from as far away as Australia, New Mexico, Georgia, and Chicago to renew family ties and refresh ourselves as we experience the natural beauty of this Adirondacks region. Now, we see some of that natural magnificence in danger of dying as the invasive Milfoil crowds out native water plants and habitats for the water animals.

Over the past ten years, lake property owners and our association Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. (ELPOI) have been working to find a way to eradicate the Milfoil in the lake. We examined a number of methods for combating the Milfoil. Hand harvest and weed barriers (bottom coverings) were deemed impractical because of the Milfoil density and vast dispersion around the lake. Research into herbicides determined that the herbicide Sonar could be an appropriate remedy. In 1992 our association (ELPOI), in conjunction with the Coalition of Lakes Against Milfoil (COLOM), played an active role in getting the herbicide Sonar approved for use in New York State. All of Eagle Lake and part of Lake George were chosen as demonstration / pilot sites for treatment of Milfoil with Sonar. ELPOI is working closely with Dr. James Sutherland of the New York Department of Environmental Conservation on this pilot project. Dr. Sutherland recommends an entire lake treatment with Sonar.

Eagle Lake residents need your help to attain this goal of treating the Milfoil in the lake with the herbicide Sonar. Many of our members have pledged their own money to help with this project. However, we are unable to cover the approximately \$109,000 cost of the project. We need your help in finding state funds. We need financial help from our state so the quality of Eagle Lake can be restored. Please help us eradicate the Milfoil problem in Eagle Lake by finding state funds for this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Assemblywoman Elizabeth O'C. Little
Room 324
Legislative Office Building
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Commissioner John Cahill
NYS DEC
50 Wolf Road
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