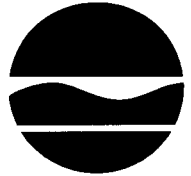


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John P. Cahill
Commissioner

June 3, 1999

Mr. Peter L. Buechner
7 Park Lane
Caldwell, NJ 07006

Dear Mr. Buechner:

Commissioner Cahill has asked this office to respond to your May 10, 1999, letter regarding milfoil in Eagle Lake.

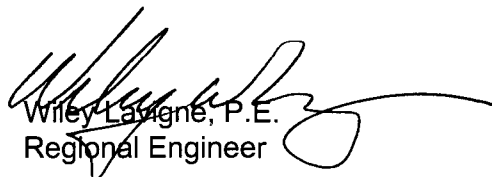
Please be assured that this Department is very concerned about the impact of Eurasian Watermilfoil on lakes such as Eagle Lake. Our Lake Services Section and Pesticides Bureau have been actively involved in the planning of a demonstration project to control Eurasian Watermilfoil. The demonstration project includes the proposed application of Sonar at Eagle Lake. The supplemental environmental impact statement is expected to be completed by the project consultant (ENSR) in the very near future.

The planning and design work was made possible through a local aid grant of approximately \$35,000. However, there are no funds available through this Department for the actual implementation of this project.

I commend the efforts of the Eagle Lake Property Owners Association to raise money for this project. I also realize that a great deal more funding is needed to attain the estimated \$109,000 project implementation cost. I urge you to continue your efforts to seek additional funds from other sources to support this project.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,


Wiley Lavigne, P.E.
Regional Engineer

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