

Hi John

Thanks for the info. Rolf also called me Monday to tell me about the meeting. I will be unable to come, as I will be in Tampa, Florida giving a presentation on bioavailability of sediment contaminants. I do, however, support and endorse the use of Renovate in Eagle Lake. I think they make a valid case that an herbicide application is the best way to bring the shoal infestation under control so that it can be subsequently managed routinely by other methods.

I do not endorse the wholesale use of aquatic herbicides in the Adirondacks or the rest of the state, for that matter. My position is that an infestation of an aquatic, nonindigenous, invasive plant is an impairment to a natural lake ecosystem (biological pollution), and that pesticides may be the best method to reduce the size of a large infestation and bring it under control, so that other methods can be successfully employed to maintain that control and ultimately lead to eradication.

Renovate represents a significant advance over Sonar in that it offers some possibility of true selectivity and it does not require sustained exposure periods of 30 days or greater. I think Eagle Lake would be a great opportunity for the Adirondack community to put an application under the microscope, scrutinize it, and assess the costs, benefits, risks, and outcomes and develop an integrated policy that will lead to the long term protection of Adirondack lakes from the encroachment of invasive plants.

I'd be happy to discuss, defend, explain, and justify that position with any audience, but I cannot do it Feb 21.

Tim