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Lakes will die if milfoil takes hold

Editor:

Spring is close and soon many of the local lakes will be starting their very costly fight against aquatic invasives. For many of the lakes smaller than Lake George, that fight is against Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). There are a few different ways to fight EWM before it becomes too dense, but once it reaches a certain density, the only realistic approach is the use of a state approved chemical called Renovate. Some environmental groups automatically oppose the use of any chemical saying it might have a detrimental affect on some endangered species in the lake. The fact is that EWM will take over an area and kill off all other plants, endangered or not. Many endangered plants are also found in our surrounding lakes and could easily be re-established.

I represent the Adirondack Lakes Alliance, which

consists of 11 lakes and

represents more than

3,000 members of these

lake associations. We do support Loon Lake's effort

to use Renovate to dramatically reduce the concentration of EWM in a small section of their lake. If approved, the APA will closely supervise the application of this chemical.

It is time we, who bear the burden and cost of fighting invasives, be allowed to use the safe and proven tools available to us.

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