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Saratoga Lake Property Owner:

Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District (SLPID) continues to work towards effectively controlling the invasive species (non-native weeds) in Saratoga Lake. Since 2007, an integrated management program utilizing winter drawdown, mechanical harvesting and herbicide treatments has been effectively employed.

For the 2012 season, SPLID proposes to treat aggressive growth of invasive Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed at the southeastern end of the lake. Other areas will be managed throughout the summer with the harvesters. Up to 100 acres in the lake may be treated. The final treatment area will be determined following an early season survey. The treatment is tentatively scheduled to occur on May 22, 2012. Treatment using Renovate OTF herbicide (active ingredient triclopyr) for Eurasian watermilfoil control and Clearcast 2.7G herbicide (active ingredient imazamox) for curlyleaf pondweed control is proposed. Both products are registered for aquatic weed control by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New York State. Copies of the herbicide specimen labels can be accessed on-line at the following websites:

- Renovate OTF, EPA Reg. No. 67690-42: http://www.sepro.com/documents/RenovateOTF_Label.pdf
Special Local Need Registration, SLN NY-070004: <http://132.236.168.120/ppds/515588.pdf>
- Clearcast 2.7G, EPA Reg. No. 241-439-67690: http://www.sepro.com/documents/Clearcast_2.7G_Label.pdf

The treatment program will be performed by State licensed aquatic applicators under a permit issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). It is expected that the targeted Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed plants will be controlled within approximately two weeks of the date of treatment. Early season treatments with these herbicides have demonstrated good selectivity for the targeted invasive weeds. Non-target native aquatic plants are expected to remain to provide a habitat for fish and other marine life.

As a riparian owner/user you have the right to object to the restrictions of water use resulting from the proposed application. The anticipated restrictions on water use that will result from the proposed application will be: Swimming – treated areas will be closed for the day of treatment; Irrigation – lake water cannot be used for irrigation purposes until testing shows that the in-lake triclopyr concentrations are less than 1 ppb, which is expected to take 4-6 weeks, but there is no restriction on use of treated water to irrigate established grasses, do not use Clearcast treated water to irrigate greenhouses, nurseries or hydroponics, other areas may be irrigated 24 hours after treatment; and Potable/Domestic Water – treated lake water cannot be used as a potable/domestic water source for 14 days and until the in-lake triclopyr concentrations are <50 ppb. You are requested to notify us at the above address or phone number as soon as possible if you have a water intake line in Saratoga Lake. If you wish to object to the proposed treatment you need to send a written notice stating your objection to: John Bennett, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 5, 232 Golf Course Road, Warrensburg, New York 12885, telephone (518) 623-1200. Your notification must be submitted within 21 days of the date of this letter. A lack of response will be considered as consent to the proposed treatment.

Notice of the specific treatment date will be provided by posting of the lake shoreline, publishing notices in the Saratogian newspaper, and on the following websites: www.sara-lake.org and www.saratogalake.org. If you wish further information about the treatment or a copy of the products' labels please contact the following person: Joe Finn, Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District, telephone (518) 581-0409, or visit the websites listed above.

Sincerely,
Ed Dweck
Chairman, Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District

