

Hello from BLCLA

This is the Big Lake Community Lakes Association contacting you and all shoreland owners. We have a very important request.

We hope you were informed that now both Big Lake and Mitchell Lake are infested with two invasive aquatic plants. The first plant type is Eurasian Watermilfoil. The second is Curlyleaf Pondweed.

Before any treatment to fight the spread of these plants can be allowed, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires your signature on the enclosed form. When the Association has the response from every shoreland owner then and only then can we make an application for a permit to begin helping our two lakes from shore to shore.

By signing this consent form you and we are not making a commitment to use chemical products, but you are allowing the DNR to come to Big Lake, get in a boat, and see for themselves where and how much of the water's surface of Mitchell Lake and Big Lake are infected with these two non native plants types. After their review, they will grant a permit determining the best management practice customized for our specific situation. Then a professional lake management company can help us with this very serious problem. Both the DNR and the management company may recommend specific chemicals to attack the Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed.

Please return as soon as possible. No later than December 31, 2007. Thank you.

Questions contact: Sanford Smith 763.263.1482 or
Jim Ridgeway 763.263.3058

TEAR ALONG THE DOTTED LINE AND RETURN

Authorization to allow herbicide treatment of Eurasian Watermilfoil / Curlyleaf Pondweed within 150 feet of our Big Lake/Mitchell Lake shoreline during 2008,2009,2010

Yes, treat my lakeshore **Big Lake / Lake Mitchell** No, do not treat my lakeshore

Return your card even if you mark no. This will identify you as a "no treatment" property.

Date: _____ Telephone: _____

Name: *(Please Print)* _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: Big Lake State: MN Zip 55309

Please return this form no later than December 15 to:

Big Lake Community Lakes Association

PO BOX 163

Big Lake MN 55309

If a lakeshore property owner should choose to terminate their authorization to treat within 150 feet of their shoreline within this three year period, they must submit this request in writing to the MN DNR Little Falls APM office at 16543 Haven Road, Little Falls, MN 56345. This authorization is non-transferable with sale of property.