



Lake Soundings

The Gilmore Lake Association Newsletter - Fall 2022



This year's Gilmore Lake Annual Boat Parade theme was "We Love Sports." The Jerry and Stephanie Devaney family won first place with their "Tribute to the Greats." Well Done!

President's Message

Dear Lake Neighbors,
As I'm putting away all the toys and covering my garden, I'm reminded of how much I appreciate every season on Gilmore Lake. It's truly a privilege to spend time in nature, even bone chilling cold, because it reminds me that life is a cycle.

Luckily, spring and summer will come again giving

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2023 Annual Meeting & Boat Parade

Next year's Annual Meeting will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, July 1 at the Jack Link Aquatic & Activity Center in Minong. Membership lunch catered by Mama Jo's to follow.

The 2022 Annual Boat Parade will be at 1:00pm on Sunday, July 2 (rain date is the following day). Theme: "Catch a Wave."

Foiling the Milfoil

2022 Summer Lake Survey Shows Remarkable Treatment Success, But Challenges Remain

A survey of Gilmore Lake last summer found almost no recurrence of Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) in previously treated patches in the southern portion of the lake. However, the untreated North Bay of Gilmore Lake continues to be a major concern.

"The good news is that the new EWM herbicide treatment appears to be working remarkably well," said Fran McCloskey, Gilmore Lake Association (GLA) President. "And we are working with the Wisconsin DNR to develop a treatment plan for the North Bay and secure the necessary funding."

The new treatment is called ProcellaCOR™, an EPA-approved liquid herbicide that kills EWM but is less risky for non-targeted plants and the environment than conventional herbicides. ProcellaCOR is more rapidly absorbed by EWM and dissipates quickly to minimize the drift of chemicals to nearby areas.

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Public Boat Landing Repaired

'Power Loading' Prohibited to Prevent Damage

The Town of Minong completed repairs to the Gilmore Lake public boat landing in August. A large hole just beyond the concrete pad that was a drop-off hazard for boat trailers was filled with trap rock.

"We are grateful to the town Board, especially new chairman Chuck Warner, for acting decisively to fix this problem," said Fran McCloskey, GLA President. "It was becoming increasingly difficult for boaters to safely get their watercraft in and out of the water."

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us another opportunity to grow gardens, enjoy the water, and spend time with family and friends at the Lake.

The GLA board has been busy trying to address the milfoil situation in the North Bay. We hope that our efforts will help keep the lake healthy for our use and future generations.

Your continued support of the Lake Association through annual membership dues and donations is very important to this effort. In addition, please support our advertisers and mention that you learned about them from our newsletter. This is a great way to support small businesses in the area and let them know we appreciate their support.

If you would like to volunteer your time to help with our milfoil efforts and education, membership and newsletters, or have a topic you want to discuss, please email me. I would enjoy hearing from you.

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The problem resulted from "power loading," which is when a boat motor is used to load and unload a boat onto or off a trailer. The propeller churns the lake bottom at the ramp's base, creating a deep hole and forming a sand bar of scoured sand behind the hole.

The solution is to back the trailer deeper in the water and crank it onto the boat trailer with the winch. "You might have to get your feet wet but it's better than damaging the landing," said Fran.



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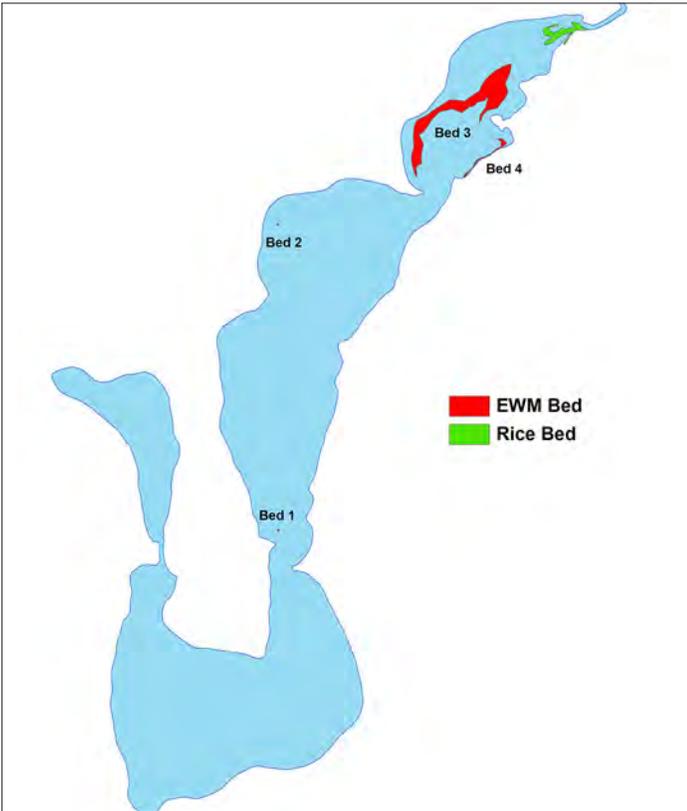
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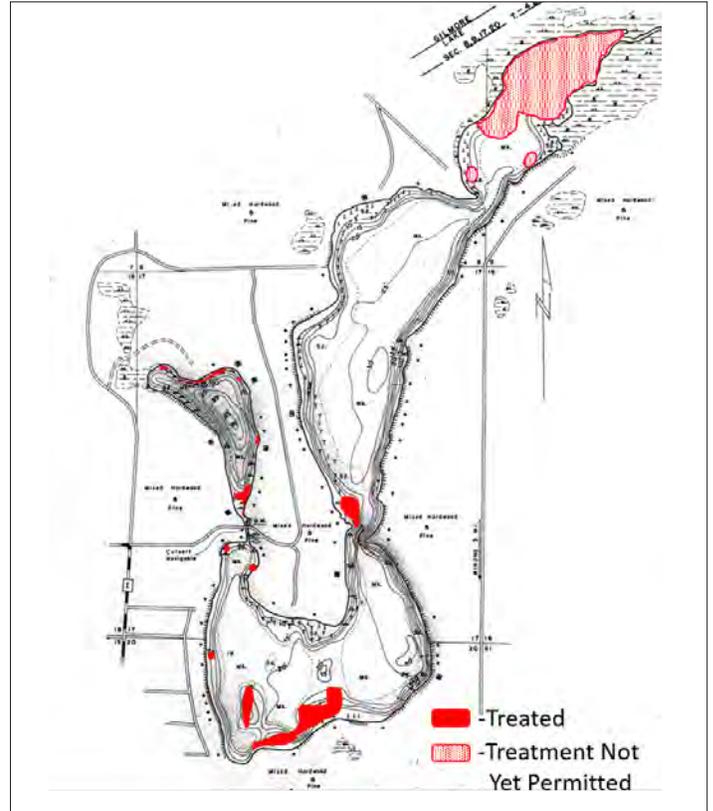


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The 2022 survey of Gilmore Lake (left) shows a significant decline in the presence of Eurasian Water Milfoil (red areas) compared with the 2021 lake survey (right). The GLA is work-



ing with the Wisconsin DNR and the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission to develop a treatment plan for the lake's North Bay. Source: Endangered Resources, LLC

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In 2021, the GLA obtained permits and treated about seven acres of EWM patches and trouble spots scattered across the southern end of Gilmore Lake and Little Gilmore. A professional survey this spring found only two small patches of EWM, one near the narrows and the other in the upper portion of the lake. Both are on the west side of Gilmore Lake.

"That's great news and we're moving forward on plans to contain or eradicate milfoil in the North Bay of the lake," said Fran. "There are a lot of parties involved so the progress is slow. That's the frustrating part."

The North Bay of the lake is home to wild rice that is protected by U.S. treaties with 11 Objibwe tribes. The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission,

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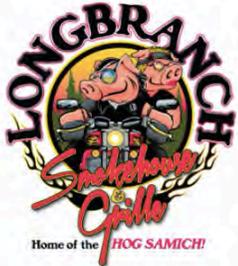
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which represents the tribes in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, has expressed concern about possible negative effects of EWM treatment on wild rice to which the tribes have gathering rights.

Commission representatives and the DNR toured the North Bay in August to assess the EWM threat. The GLA is engaged in a special process with the DNR to develop a treatment plan acceptable to all parties, Fran said. However, the DNR says there will be no herbicide treatment of North Bay in 2023 as the plan is devised.

The near-term containment plan is two-fold. The GLA has applied for a one-year grant to pay for lake surveys and environmental consultants who will help develop a five-year EWM treatment plan. The GLA's previous five-year control grant is entering its last year. "We still have about \$9,000 in the grant to treat

EWM areas that pop up outside the North Bay," Fran said. "But we need a new plan based on current conditions to secure funding for the years ahead."

The GLA has also secured approval from the Town of Minong and the DNR to place buoys in the North Bay next spring to warn boaters to stay out of EWM-plagued areas. "There will be a fair number of buoys and people may be shocked by how large an area is infested," said Larry Stokes, GLA Board member and Chair of the AIS/Eurasian Milfoil Committee. "We cannot stop people from going into the North Bay, but we advise caution to prevent spreading of EWM to other areas of the lake."

The GLA will continue efforts to inform and educate Gilmore Lake residents and guests about what they can do to stop the spread of EWM and keep the lake healthy. This includes watercraft inspections at the public boat landing and updates via the annual meeting, GLA website, boat landing kiosk and newsletter.



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