

## **An Update from the Aquatic Plants Committee**

The Aquatic Plant Committee has worked with the DNR and recommends treatment with PorcellaCOR (active ingredient Florpyrauxifen-benzyl) for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) control through Schmidt's Aquatics. The Lake District approved the budget needed for this in September of 2023. Chuck Druckrey, Marinette County Water Resource Specialist, will be monitoring EWM growth in May, with treatment most likely occurring in early June. You all will be notified of the exact date once it's scheduled. Further information on permits, equipment and chemical application methods can be found on their website (<http://www.schmidtsaquatic.com/>).

In other great news, we received an Aquatic Invasive Species Management Planning Grant for 2024! Once our plan is approved by the DNR, we will be applying for a state grant for long term invasive species management for 2025 and years to come.

### **FAQ about the Lake Treatment**

#### **What is PorcellaCOR?**

PorcellaCOR is an aquatic herbicide that is used to control invasive plants, targeted toward Milfoil. It can be applied in much lower dosages (about 1000 times less) than similar herbicides such as 2-4D and breaks down naturally much faster (within 4-6 days).

#### **Are there any risks to Human Health?**

None. The US EPA registered PorcellaCOR as their lowest category of risk and identified no risks of concern to human health.

#### **Will it harm fish or other aquatic organisms?**

Multiple studies by the EPA have shown no known toxicity to fish or other aquatic wildlife. Some native plant species may be temporarily affected for a season, but with less milfoil we should see a healthier lake by next season!

#### **How will it be applied?**

PorcellaCOR will be applied by boat directly into the water in areas of high milfoil density. It will spread and provide weed control to most other areas of the lake for several seasons!

#### **Is it safe to be in the water after application?**

There are **NO RESTRICTIONS** on swimming, boating, or fishing after application because of its extremely low toxicity to humans and animals.

#### **Is it safe to water my plants with lake water?**

**DO NOT** use lake water for irrigation for at least 7 days after treatment because it may cause damage to some types of plants.

#### **When will we see the results?**

Two to three weeks after treatment the milfoil will die off and start to break down naturally. This should make for a good summer for swimming and boating!