

NOTICE OF EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL TREATMENT

In cooperation with federal and state agencies, Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control has arranged for herbicide, bottom barrier and diver hand-pulling treatment of the Eurasian watermilfoil infestations in Hayden Lake. A maximum of 100 acres of Hayden Lake will have herbicide treatment.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) has approved the use of the aquatic herbicide Ecotriclopyr 3 SL. This product is fully approved for use in Idaho waters for the control of aquatic weeds. Ecotriclopyr 3 SL (active ingredient: triclopyr) is a systemic product (it enters the plants system). This product has no off-target impacts on fish or wildlife when used according to the label. The applicator is licensed in the State of Idaho for aquatic herbicide treatments and they are experts in the use of aquatic plant management technologies. The Noxious Weed Superintendent and Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture (ISDA) will be on-site project managers during treatments.

**Herbicide treatment will be done the week of June 21st 2010
(weather permitting).**

Diver hand-pulling will begin in late July 2010

Sections of the lakes will be targeted specifically for herbicide treatment. All shoreline property owners are being notified of the herbicide treatment, even those outside of the treatment notification area. We believe all property owners need to be aware of the various activities to control the Eurasian watermilfoil.

Bright yellow signs will be placed on docks and along the shorelines of affected areas on June 18th 2010 to inform you that a treatment will occur within 48 hours and restrictions are in place as of the treatment dates. Watch for the signs if you use water from the lake for any reason.

MORE THAN ¼ MILE from the herbicide treatment locations: There are no restrictions on water usage for owners of property or water intakes more than ¼ mile away from herbicide treatment sites.

WITHIN ¼ MILE of herbicide treatment locations: For owners of property or water intakes within ¼ mile, there are restrictions on the use of the treated water. These restrictions are based on studies which determine the breakdown of the product and provide substantial safety margins beyond the known breakdown period. The following use restrictions must be observed starting June 21st 2010:

- NO human consumption (drinking)
- NO food crop or pasture irrigation
 - NO landscape watering

until herbicide residues reach Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) minimums.

THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON SWIMMING OR FISHING

Use of Ecotriclopyr 3 SL in other bodies of water has shown that these restrictions may be lifted when water testing reveals the concentration of the herbicide has fallen below 0.07 parts per million (ppm). **You may remove posted signs when restriction has been lifted.**

To find out when restrictions are lifted in your area, you can go to the Eurasian watermilfoil website page at www.kcweeds.com (click on Eurasian watermilfoil) or call the dedicated phone line, 208-446-1295, to listen to a daily, updated recording of lifted restrictions.

If you have questions or want more information, contact the Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control staff at 208-446-1290 or visit our office at 10905 N. Ramsey Road, Hayden ID 83835.