# AIS Invasive Species Control Grant Kettle Moraine Lake ACEI-059-09



Kettle Moraine Lake 1/1/2013

### <u>2009</u>

# **Overview**

Maps showing May 09 distribution of Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed were provided by the applicator (Figure 1 and Figure 2). According to the applicator the application was conducted on May 11. Seven sample sites were established to collect water samples for endothall and 2,4-D residual analysis (Figure 3). Site KM1 is meant to be in the deep hole, and sites KM6 and KM7 are meant to be at or near what appears to be water lily beds on the aerial photo. Water samples were collected by lake volunteers at mid depth for all locations at specified sample intervals (Table 1). Following completion of each sample interval, 2-3 drops of muriatic acid were added to the sample to fix the herbicide.

Endothall residual concentrations are presented (Figure 4). Application rates for endothall are based on active ingredient (ai) while residual concentrations are determined as acid equivalent (ae). A target concentration of 1000 ug/L ai is equivalent to 700 ug/L ae. The half live for endothall determined by a linear regress using log transformed data was 5.64 days. The half life seems short, however the data indicates that initial concentrations in probable target areas were between 500 and 900 ug/L ae. The herbicide was dissipated through the entire lake during the first 3 DAT, and then the herbicide degraded at a slower rate to 21 DAT.

Residual concentrations of 2,4-D are presented (Figure 5). Application rates and residual concentrations are all determined as ae. The average concentration for all stations ranged between 100 and 150 ug/L ae through 5 DAT and was below 100 ug/L ae at 7 DAT. The average half live computed from a linear regression using log transformed data was 14.65 days, longer than endothall.

Table 1. Kettle Moraine	Lake Sample Interv	als
Sample	Samples per Interval	Total
Pre	7	7
3 HAT	7	14
1 DAT	7	21
2 DAT	7	28
3 DAT	7	35
5 DAT	7	42
7 DAT	7	49
14 DAT	7	56
21 DAT	7	63
28 DAT	7	70
35 DAT	7	77
42 DAT	7	84
56 DAT	7	91

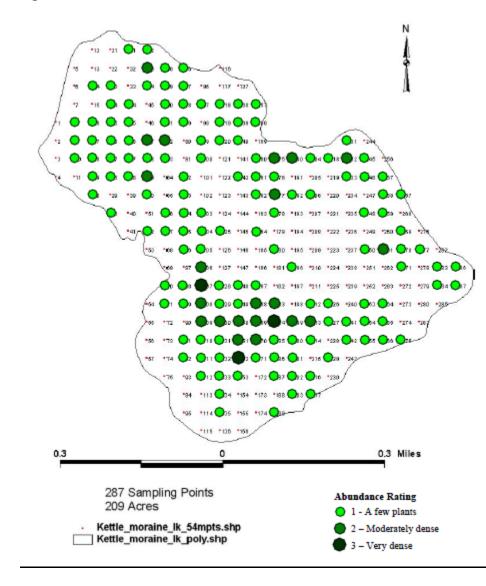


Figure 1. Eurasian Watermilfoil distribution on Kettle Moraine Lake on May 1, 2009

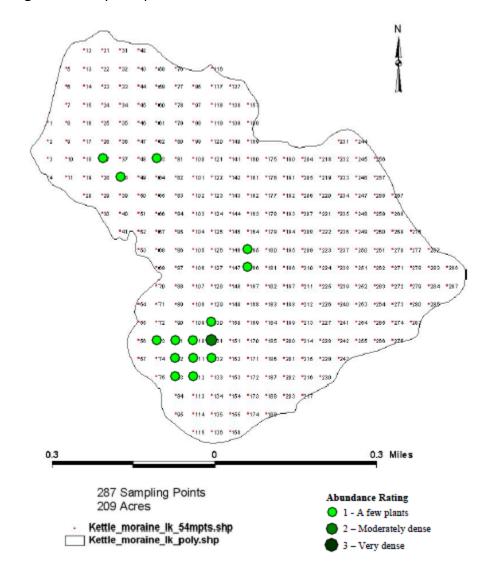


Figure 2. Curly-leaf pondweed distribution on Kettle Moraine Lake on May 1, 2009

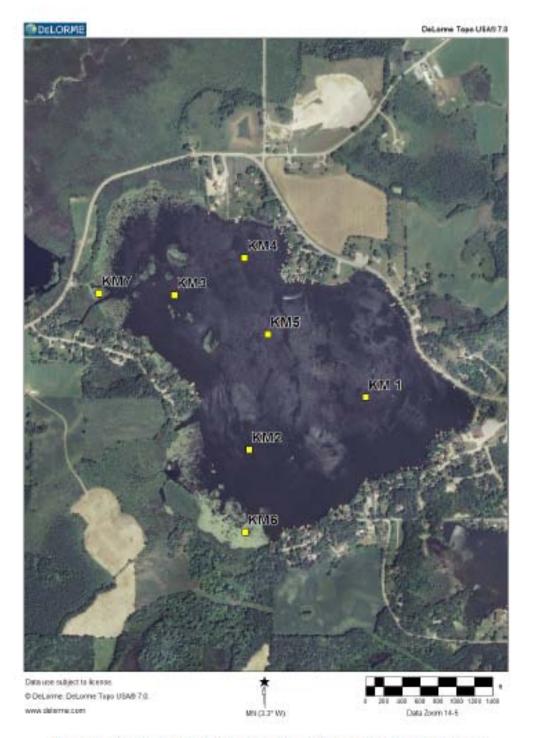


Figure 3. 2009 Kettle Moraine Lake herbicide residual sample locations

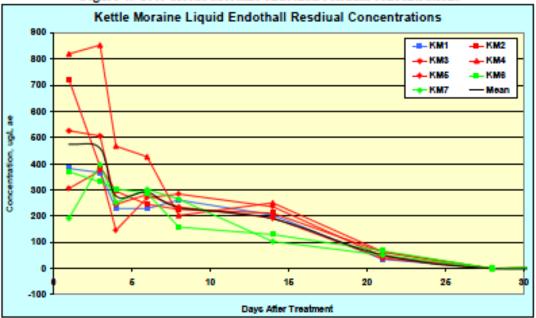
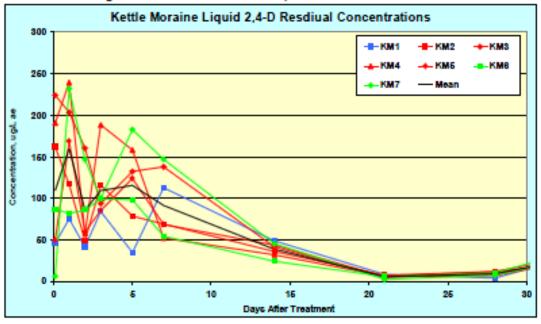


Figure 4. 2009 Kettle Moraine endothall residual concentrations

Figure 5. 2009 Kettle Moraine 2,4-D residual concentrations

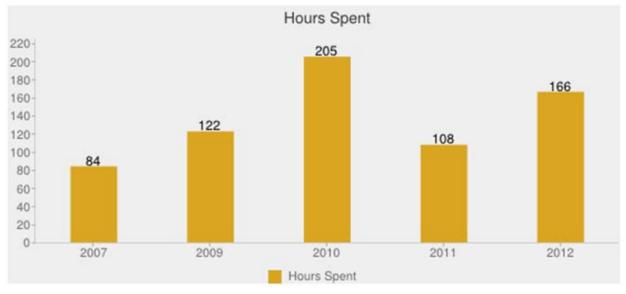


# **Chemical Treatment:**

On May 11, 2009 the areas indicated, totaling 130 acres, were treated with the dual herbicide approach. Endothall was applied at a rate of 1.0 ppm and 2,4-D was applied at a low dose rate of 0.1 ppm.

# **Non-Chemical Treatments:**

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- Conduct visual lake inspections
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### Water Quality Management:

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Kettle Moraine Lake Fond du Lac County		Type: SEEPAGE Region: NE
Waterbody Number: 43900	GEO	Region:SE
	Site Name	Storet #
Kettle Moralne Lake - Deep Hole		203059

		SD (m)	Hit Bottom	 		TSI (CHL)	(TP)	Level	Clarity		Perception
06/06/2009	7.5	2.3	NO		48			NORMAL	CLEAR	BROWN	3-Enjoyment somewhat impaired (algae)
06/14/2009	7.5	2.3	NO		48			NORMAL	CLEAR	BROWN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
06/20/2009	7.5	2.3	NO		48			NORMAL	CLEAR	BROWN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
06/28/2009	8	2.4	NO		47			NORMAL	CLEAR	BROWN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
07/03/2009	6.5	2	NO		50			NORMAL	MURKY	BROWN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
07/11/2009	7	2.1	NO		49			NORMAL	MURKY	BROWN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
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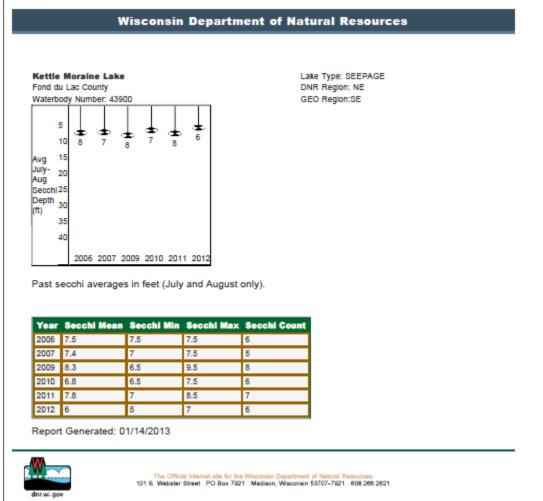
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# Secchi Readings:

Secchi Graph



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Common Name	Scientific Name	% Frequency of Occurrence (Littoral)
Waterweed	Elodea spp.	64.39
Coontail	Ceratophyllum demersum	62.59
Muskgrasses	Chara spp.	43.88
Slender naiad	Najas flexilis	31.29
Hybrid pondweed	Potamogeton X scoliophyllus	8.63
Watershield	Brasenia schreberi	8.27

White water lily	Nymphaea odorata	7.91
Creeping bladderwort	Utricularia gibba	5.04
Wild celery	Vallisneria americana	4.32
Spatterdock	Nuphar variegata	3.60
Water star-grass	Heteranthera dubia	2.88
Sago pondweed	Stuckenia pectinata	2.52
Common bladderwort	Utricularia vulgaris	2.52
Illinois pondweed	Potamogeton illinoensis	2.16
Curly-leaf pondweed*	Potamogeton crispus*	1.80
Stoneworts	Nitella spp.	1.80
Eurasian water milfoil*	Myriophyllum spicatum*	1.44
Small bladderwort	Utricularia minor	1.08
Small duckweed	Lemna minor	1.08
Bur-reed	Sparganium sp.	1.08
Grass	Poaceae sp.	1.08
Stiff water-crowfoot	Ranunculus aquatilis	0.72
Variable pondweed	Potamogeton gramineus	0.72
Long-leaf pondweed	Potamogeton nodosus	0.72
Large duckweed	Spirodela polyrhiza	0.72
Southern naiad	Najas guadalupensis	0.72
Large-leaf pondweed	Potamogeton amplifolius	0.36
White-stem pondweed	Potamogeton praelongus	0.36
Northern water milfoil	Myriophyllum sibiricum	0.36
Water bulrush	Schoenoplectus subterminalis	0.36

Forked duckweed	Lemna trisulca	0.36		
Pickerelweed	Pontederia cordata	Visual		
Hardstem bulrush	Schoenoplectus acutus	Visual		
Common watermeal	Wolffia columbiana	Visual		
Swamp loosestrife	Decodon verticillatus	Visual		
Creeping spikerush	Eleocharis palustris	General Survey		
Cattail	Typha sp.	General Survey		
Filamentous algae	Algae spp.	39.93		
Freshwater sponge	Spongillidae spp.	11.15		

\* = species non-native and potentially invasive in WI

#### Survey Summary

Total Number of Points	287
Navigable Points within Depth Range of Plant Growth	278
Maximum Depth of Plant Growth (feet)	17.00
Number of Species in Lake (including general survey)	39

Fullness Rating	Coverage	Description
1	finite the strength white	Only few plants on rake head.
2	State States	Rake head is about half full; the rake is covered but the tines are still visible.
3	A STATISTICS	The rake is completely covered and tines are not visible.

Figure 1: Description of rake fullness ratings used during the point-intercept survey.

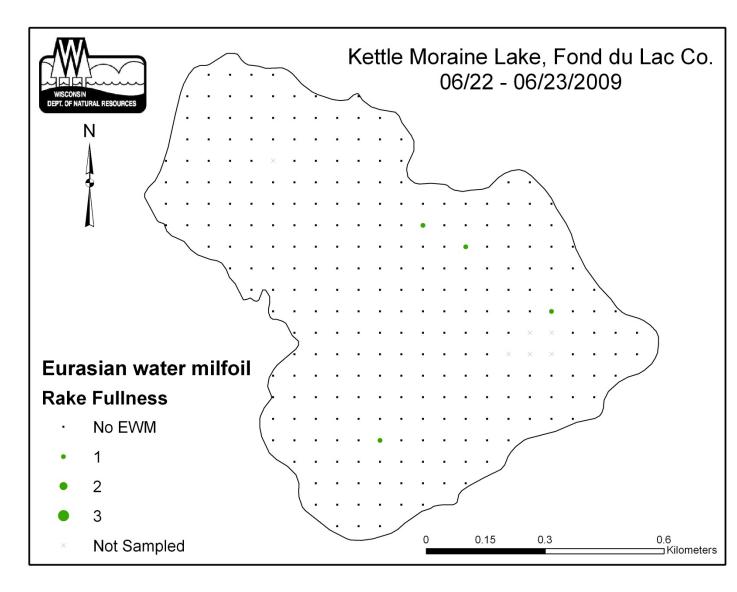


Figure 2: A map of the approximate location of Eurasian water milfoil.

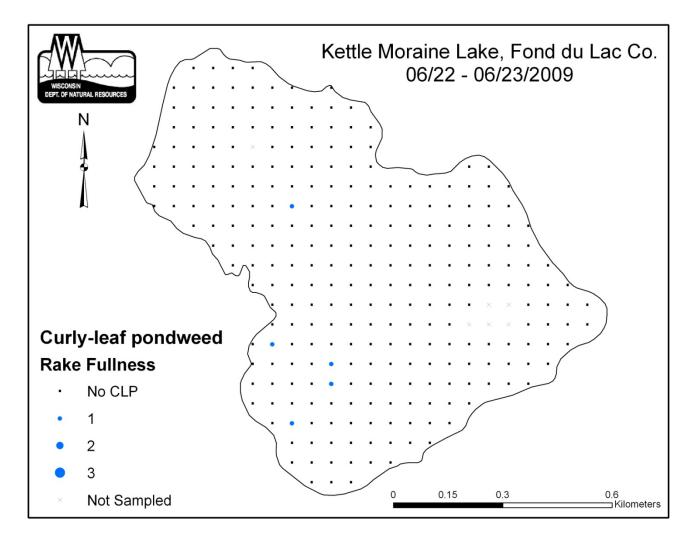


Figure 3: A map of the approximate location of Curly-leaf pondweed.

Please note that while this study conforms to statewide protocol and standards for baseline data collection, it may not be suitable for management purposes. For information as to whether this survey meets requirements for management plans or permitting requirements, please contact your local DNR lake manager.

#### <u>2010</u>

#### **Overview**

On 20 April 2010, 124 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil infested areas were treated in Kettle Moraine Lake with a liquid formulation of 2,4-D. The lake wide target concentration was 250 ug/L ae. Endothall applied as Aquathol K was applied to 38 acres of curly-leaf pondweed infested areas on the same day. Endothall was applied at a target rate in infested areas of 700 ug/L ae (~1000 ug/L ai). Five sites were located in the lake for herbicide residual sampling, 4 in treated areas (sites 2, 3, 4, and 5) and one in an untreated area (site 1) (Figure 1). Water samples were collected by lake volunteers at mid depth for all locations at specified sample intervals (Table 1). Following completion of each sample interval, 2-3 drops of muriatic acid were added to the sample to fix the herbicide.

Endothall concentrations were less than the target concentration at all sample locations but were similar including the untreated site indicating that the herbicide was rapidly dissipated throughout the lake (Figure 2). Concentrations of 2,4-D were also rapidly dissipated throughout the lake similar to endothall (Figure 3). The average lake wide 2,4-D concentration was 147 ug/L ae from 1 to 7 days after treatment (DAT) compared to the lake wide target concentration of 250 ug/L ae. By 14 DAT 2,4-D concentrations were less than the irrigation restriction level of 100 ug/L ae. Lake wide endothall concentrations were lower in 2010 compared to concentrations in 2009 (Figure 4). Lake wide 2,4-D concentrations were higher in 2010 compared to concentrations in 2009 (Figure 5).

Schedule	tettie moraine Lake	Jampie
Sample Interval	Samples per Interval	Total Samples
1 DAT	4	4
3 DAT	4	8
5 DAT	4	12
7 DAT	4	16
14 DAT	4	20
21 DAT	4	24
28 DAT	4	28
35 DAT	4	32
42 DAT	4	36
56 DAT	4	40

Table 1 Kettle Moraine Lake Sample

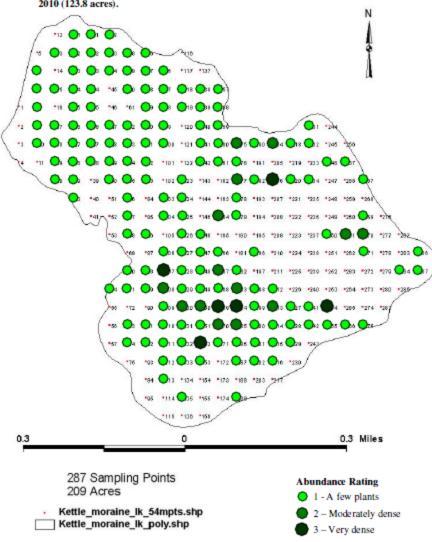


Figure 1. Eurasian watermilfoil distribution on Kettle Moraine Lake on April 20, 2010 (123.8 acres).

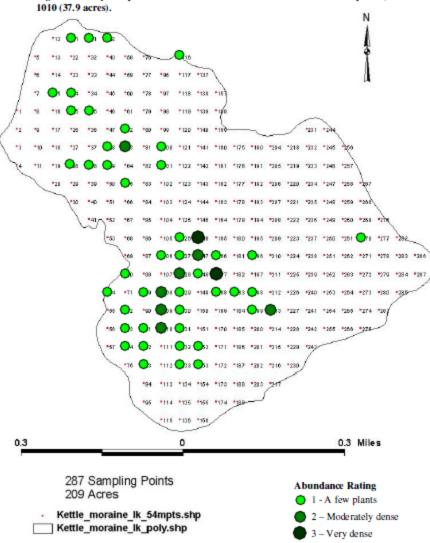
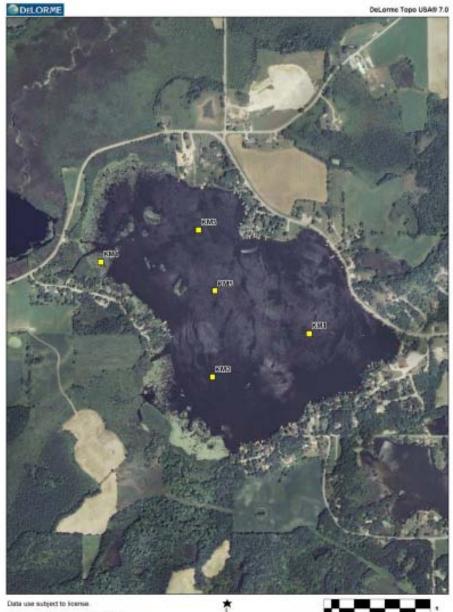




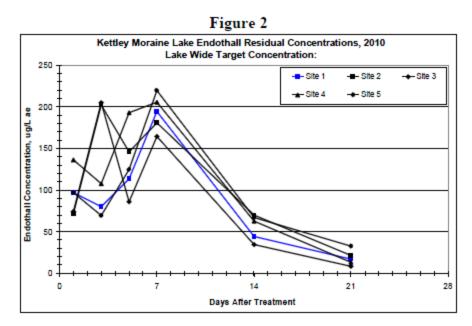
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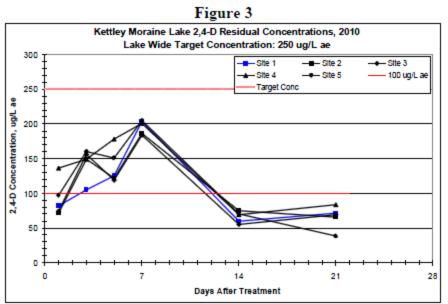


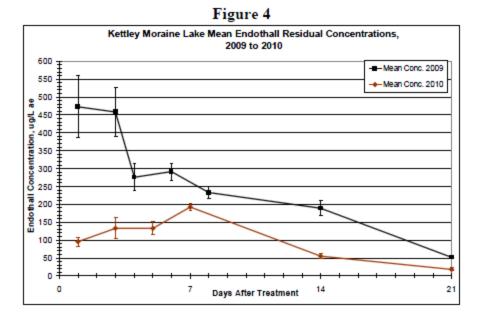
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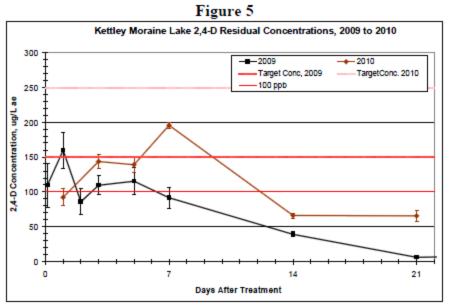
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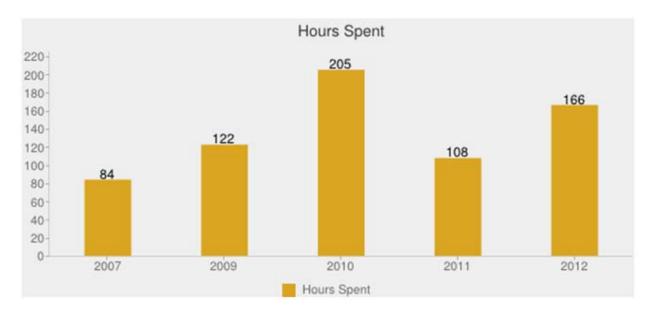


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## **Non-Chemical Treatments:**

- Lake property owners conduct raking along shoreline
- Conduct visual lake inspections
- Secchi readings
- Water samples and chemical dispersion measurements
- Dissolved oxygen readings post AIS chemical treatments
- CBCW
- A Weevil evaluation was done by Brenda Nordin and determined to not be a feasible approach for non-chemical treatment of EWM



# Water Quality Management:

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Kettle Mo										e Type: S		.GE	
Fond du La		-								Region:			
Waterbody	Nun	nber.	43900		-				GEO	D Region:	SE		
					Site	Name							Storet #
Kettle Mora	ine	Lake	- Deep H	lole								203059	
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Date		SD	Hit	CHL TP		TSI	TSI	Lake	Clarity	Color		Per	ception
	(ft)	(m)	Bottom		(SD)	(CHL)	(TP)	Level					
06/05/2010	8	2.4	NO		47			HIGH	MURKY	BROWN	3-Enj (algae	oyment s :)	omewhat Impa
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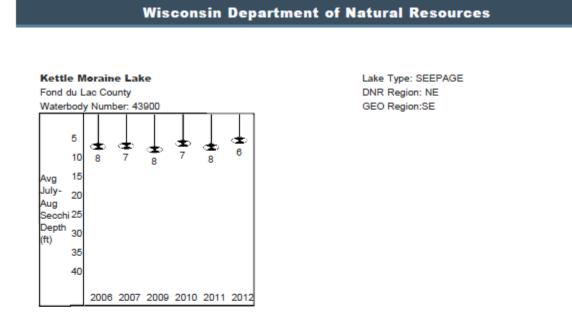
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# Secchi Readings:



Past secchi averages in feet (July and August only).

Year	Secchi Mean	Secchi Min	Secchi Max	Secchi Count
2006	7.5	7.5	7.5	6
2007	7.4	7	7.5	5
2009	8.3	6.5	9.5	8
2010	6.8	6.5	7.5	6
2011	7.8	7	8.5	7
2012	6	5	7	6

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2010Kettle Mor	aine Lake Water Sampling		
Endothall and 2	2,4-D Analysis		
Date	27-Apr		
	Sample		
Site	Interval	Time	DO2
KM1	1DAT	16:27	8.2
KM2	1DAT	16:20	8.7
KM3	1DAT	16:34	9.1
KM4	1DAT	16:15	8.2
KM5	1DAT	16:31	8.4
Date	29-Apr		
	Sample		
Site	Interval	Time	DO2
KM1	3DAT	13:48	9.15
KM2	3DAT	13:40	9.3
KM3	3DAT	13:59	8.9
KM4	3DAT	13:30	9.1
KM5	3DAT	13:53	9.1
Date	1-May		
	Sample		
Site	Interval	Time	DO2
KM1	5DAT	15:15	8.65

# 2010 Dissolved Oxygen Measurements

KM2	5DAT	15:09	8.89
KM3	5DAT	15:34	8.99
KM4	5DAT	15:01	8.7
KM5	5DAT	15:28	8.6
Date	3-May		
	Sample		
Site	Interval	Time	DO2
KM1	7DAT	7:33	8.89
KM2	7DAT	7:24	8.8
KM3	7DAT	7:42	8.78
KM4	7DAT	7:17	8.73
KM5	7DAT	7:39	8.6
Date	9-May		
	Sample		
Site	Interval	Time	DO2
KM1	14DAT	16:30	8.5
KM2	14DAT	16:21	8.35
KM3	14DAT	16:42	8.55
KM4	14DAT	16:15	8.75
KM5	14DAT	16:37	8.5
Date	16-May		
	Sample		

Site	Interval	Time	DO2
KM1	21DAT	6:21	8.91
KM2	21DAT	6:11	8.78
KM3	21DAT	6:44	8.94
KM4	21DAT	6:03	9.2
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Coontail	Ceratophyllum demersum	54.74
Muskgrasses	Chara sp.	54.38
Southern waternymph	Najas guadalupensis	43.80
Illinois pondweed	Potamogeton illinoensis	22.99
Creeping bladderwort	Utricularia gibba	10.22
Watershield	Brasenia schreberi	7.66
White water lily	Nymphaea odorata	5.47
Water star-grass	Heteranthera dubia	4.01
Sago pondweed	Stuckenia pectinata	4.01
Wild celery	Vallisneria americana	3.65
Large Duckweed	Spirodela polyrhiza	1.82
Nitella	Nitella sp.	1.46
Eurasian water milfoil*	Myriophyllum spicatum*	1.09*
Northern water milfoil	Myriophyllum sibiricum	1.09
Spatterdock	Nuphar variegata	1.09
Stiff water crowfoot	Ranunculus aquatilis	1.09
Small bladderwort	Utricularia minor	1.09
Common bladderwort	Utricularia vulgaris	1.09
Small duckweed	Lemna minor	0.73
Water bulrush	Schoenoplectus subterminalis	0.73
Common watermeal	Wolffia columbiana	0.73
Curly-leaf pondweed*	Potamogeton crispus*	0.36*
Swamp loosestrife	Decodon verticillatus	0.36
Bushy pondweed	Najas flexilis	0.36
Pickerelweed	Pontederia cordata	0.36
Variable pondweed	Potamogeton gramineus	0.36
Floating-leaf pondweed	Potamogeton natans	0.36
Milfoil	Myriophyllum sp.	0.36
Hardstem bulrush	Schoenoplectus acutus	General Survey
Three-square bulrush	Schoenoplectus pungens	Boat Survey
Arrowhead	Sagittaria sp.	Boat Survey

Common bur-reed	Sparganium eurycarpum	Boat Survey
Filamentous algae		15.69
Moss		0.36
Freshwater sponge		14.60

\* = species non-native and potentially invasive in WI

### **Survey Summary**

Total Number of Points	287
Navigable Points within Depth Range of Plant Growth	274
Maximum Depth of Plant Growth (feet)	15.0
Number of Species in Lake (including general survey)	36

Fullness Rating	Coverage	Description
1	for a for the	Only few plants on rake head.
2	State Prover	Rake head is about half full; the rake is covered but the tines are still visible.
3	Magazia	The rake is completely covered and tines are not visible.

Figure 1. Description of rake fullness ratings used during the point-intercept survey.

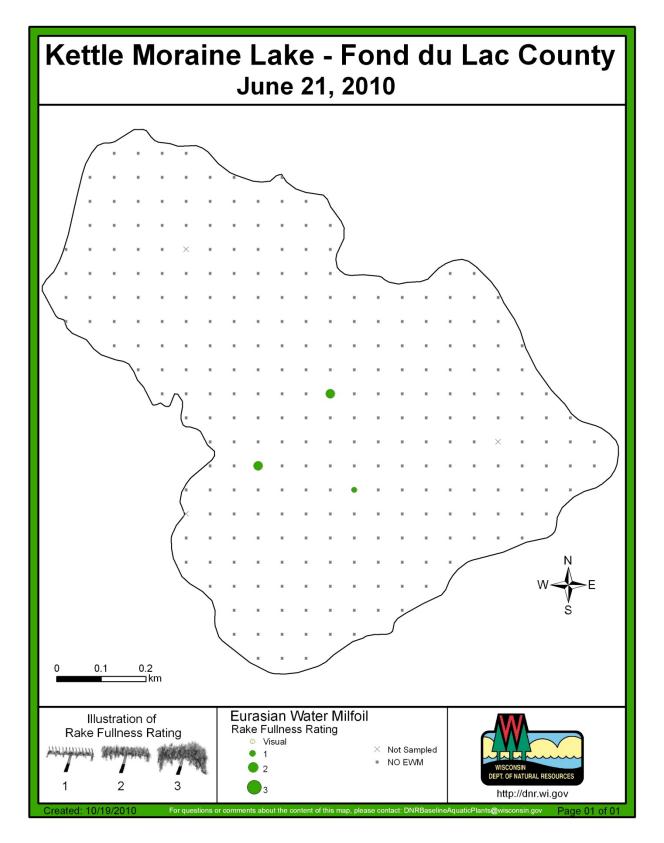


Figure 2. A map of the approximate location of Eurasian water milfoil.

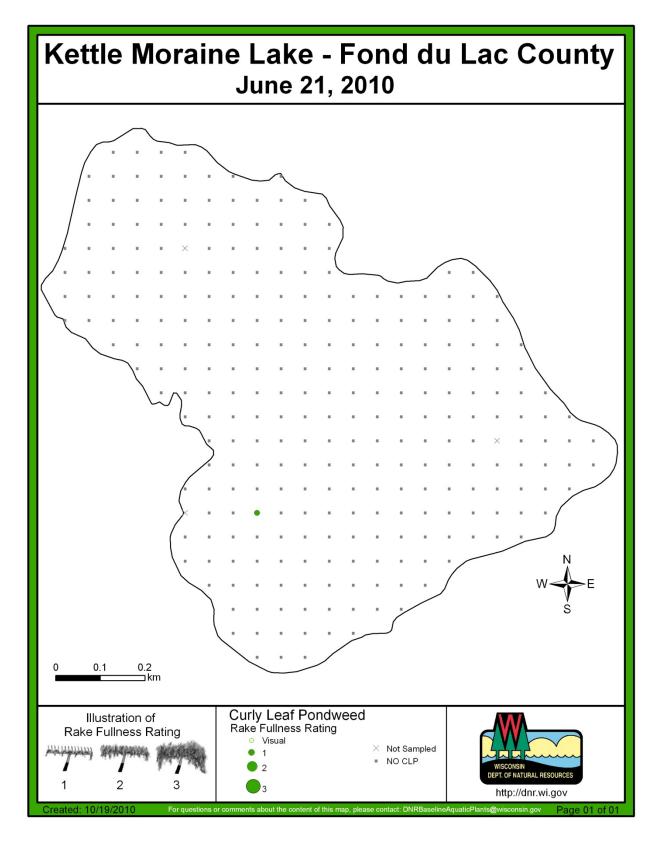
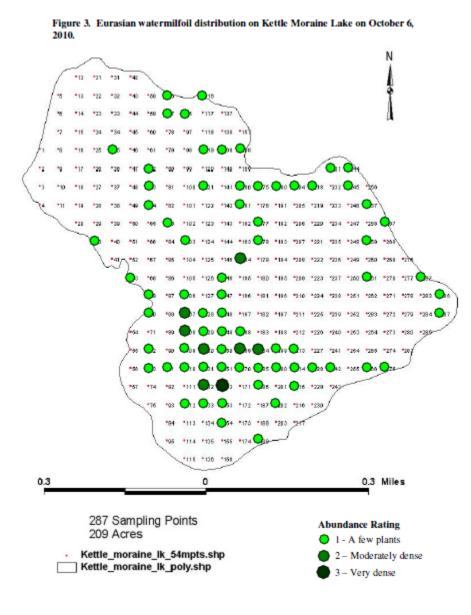


Figure 3. A map of the approximate location of curly-leaf pondweed.

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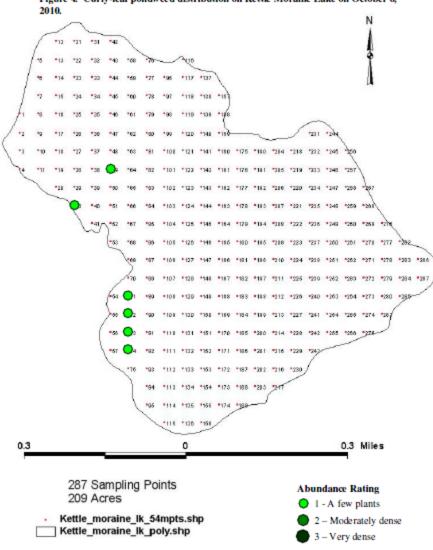


Figure 4. Curly-leaf pondweed distribution on Kettle Moraine Lake on October 6,

# <u>2011</u>

## **Overview**

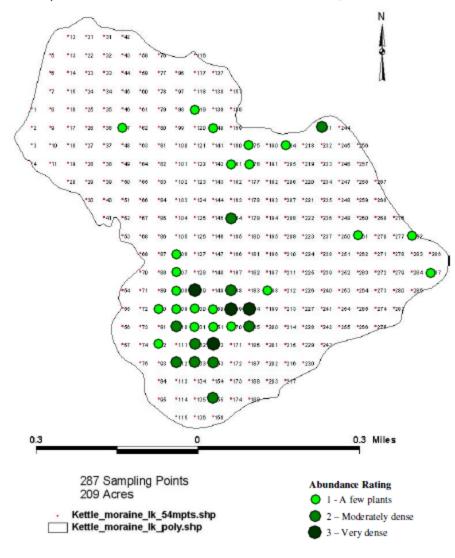
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Water samples were collected using an integrated water sampler which collects a water sample from the entire water column. Water samples were collected at intervals of approximately 1, 3, 7, 14, 21, 28, and 35 days after treatment (DAT). Samples were taken to shore after completion of each sample interval, and 3 drops of muriatic acid were added to each sample bottle to fix the herbicide and prevent degradation. Samples were then stored in a refrigerator, until shipped to the ERDC laboratory in Gainesville, FL for analysis of 2,4-D and endothall.

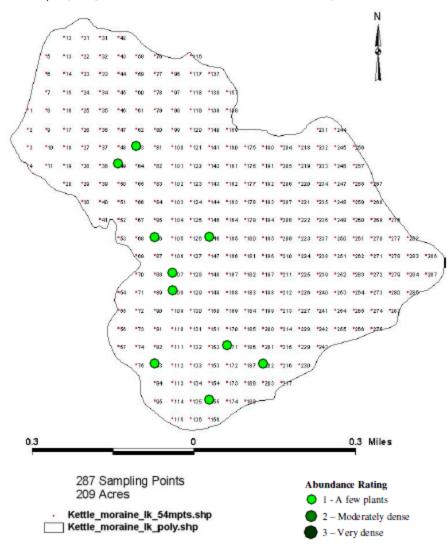
Peak 2,4-D concentrations ranged from 258 to 354 ug/L ae (Figure 2). The mean 2,4-D concentration from 0 to 7 DAT was 277 ug/L ae compared to the lake wide target concentration of 250 ug/L ae (Figure 3). The mean concentration for all locations was less than the irrigation standard of 100 ug/L ae by 28 DAT.

Peak lake wide endothall concentrations ranged from 58 to 86 ug/L ae (Figure 4). The mean endothall concentration from 0 to 7 DAT was 52 ug/L (Figure 5).

Applying 2,4-D in combination may provide improved control of Eurasian watermilfoil compared to individual products applied alone (Figure 6).



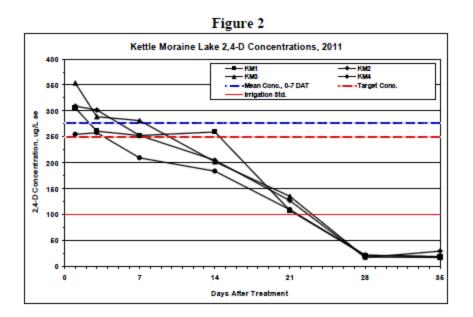
Eurasian watermilfoil distribution on Kettle Moraine Lake on May 10, 2011.



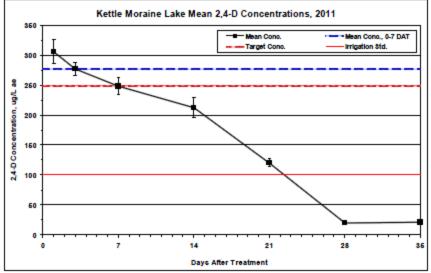
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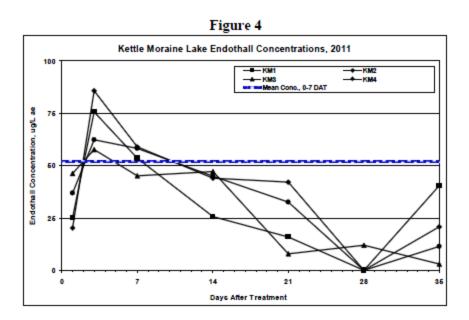


Figure 1. Kettle Moraine 2,4-D and Endothall Sample Locations, 2011

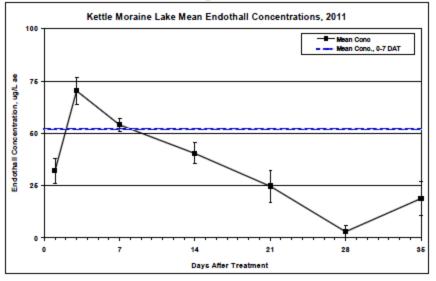


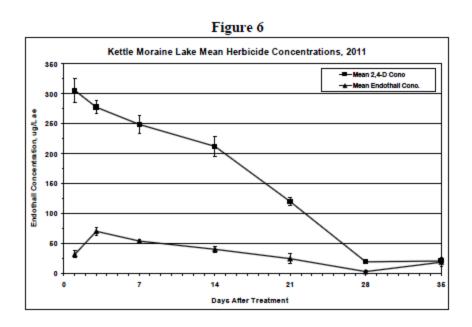












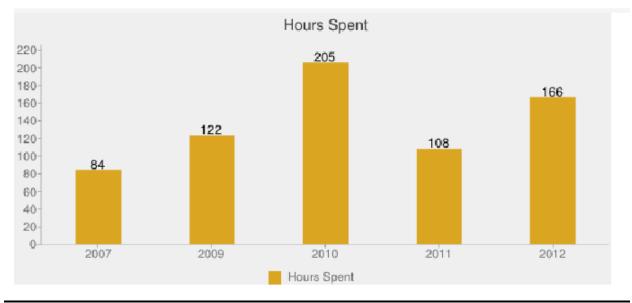
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#### **Non-Chemical Treatments:**

- Lake property owners conduct raking along shoreline
- Conduct visual lake inspections
- Secchi readings
- Water samples and chemical dispersion measurements
- Dissolved oxygen readings post AIS chemical treatment

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#### **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**

#### Lake Water Quality 2011 Annual Report

Kettle Moraine Lake Fond du Lac County

Waterbody Number: 43900

Lake Type: SEEPAGE DNR Region: NE

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GEO Region:SE

Site Name
Kettle Moraine Lake - Deep Hole 203059

Date	SD	SD	Hit	CHL	TP	TSI	TSI	TSI	Lake	Clarity	Color	Perception
	(ft)	(m)	Bottom			(SD)	(CHL)	(TP)	Level			
05/28/2011	7.5	2.3	NO			48			HIGH	CLEAR	BROWN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
06/05/2011	8	2.4	NO			47			HIGH	CLEAR	BROWN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
06/12/2011	8.5	2.6	NO			46			нісн	MURKY	BROWN	3-Enjoyment somewhat impaired (algae)
06/20/2011	7	2.1	NO			49			NORMAL	CLEAR	BROWN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
07/02/2011	8.5	2.6	NO			46			NORMAL	MURKY	BROWN	3-Enjoyment somewhat impaired (algae)
07/10/2011	8	2.4	NO			47			NORMAL	CLEAR	BROWN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
07/24/2011	8	2.4	NO			47			NORMAL	CLEAR	BROWN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
08/06/2011	7	2.1	NO			49			LOW	CLEAR	BROWN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
08/13/2011	7.5	2.3	NO			48			LOW	MURKY	BROWN	2-Very minor aesthetic problems
08/21/2011	7.5	2.3	NO			48					BROWN	(algae)
08/28/2011	8	2.4	NO			47			LOW	MURKY	BROWN	3-Enjoyment somewhat impaired (algae)

Date	Data Collectors	Project
05/28/2011	Cindy Katt	Citizen Lake Monitoring - Water Quality - Kettle Moraine Lake (43900)- Deep Hole
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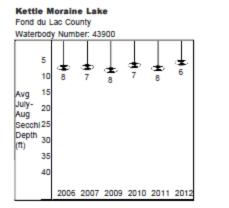
SD = Secchi depth measured in feet converted to meters; ChI = Chlorophyll a in micrograms per liter(ug/l); TP = Total phosphorus in ug/l, surface sample only; TSI(SD), TSI(CHL), TSI(TP) = Trophic state index based on SD, CHL, TP respectively; Depth measured in feet. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wisconsin Lakes Partnership

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Lake Type: SEEPAGE DNR Region: NE GEO Region:SE

Past secchi averages in feet (July and August only).

Year	Secchi Mean	Secchi Min	Secchi Max	Secchi Count
2006	7.5	7.5	7.5	6
2007	7.4	7	7.5	5
2009	8.3	6.5	9.5	8
2010	6.8	6.5	7.5	6
2011	7.8	7	8.5	7
2012	6	5	7	6

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# 2011 Dissolved Oxygen Measurements

Kettl	Kettle Moraine Lake Herbicide Residual Sampling Data					
Samp	le Interval	1DAT	Date	5/11/2011		
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen		
KM1	Integrated	6:47	14.7c	9.08		
KM2	Integrated	6:38	15.5c	9.3		
кмз	Integrated	6:27	15.2c	9.15		
КМ4	Integrated	6:21	15.3c	9.08		

Sampl	e Interval	3DAT	Date	5/13/2011
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	14:50	15.1c	7.31
KM2	Integrated	14:38	14.7c	7.48
КМЗ	Integrated	14:30	15.1c	8.24
KM4	Integrated	14:25	15c	8.7
Sampl	e Interval	7DAT	Date	5/16/2011
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	14:50	13.4c	7.73
KM2	Integrated	14:20	13.5c	8.99
КМЗ	Integrated	14:05	14.3c	8.33
KM4	Integrated	14:00	14.3c	8.55
Sampl	e Interval	14DAT	Date	5/23/2011
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	6:00	19.2c	8.42
KM2	Integrated	5:48	19.2c	8.72
КМЗ	Integrated	5:35	18.8c	8.24
KM4	Integrated	5:20	19.6c	8.7
Sampl	e Interval	21DAT	Date	5/30/2011
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	6:15	18.4c	8.95
KM2	Integrated	6:06	18.8c	9.39
КМЗ	Integrated	5:42	20.1c	9.58
KM4	Integrated	5:35	20.7c	9.62
Samel	alptorval	20DAT	Data	C/C/2011
Site	e Interval Sample Depth	28DAT Time	Date Water Temp	6/6/2011 Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	17:35	23.0c	8.8
		17.55	-5.00	0.0
KM2	Integrated	17:30	24.7c	9.3

KM4	Integrated	17:15	25.1c	9.7
Samp	le Interval	35DAT	Date	6/12/2011
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	17:00	19.8c	6
KM2	Integrated	16:52	18.7c	6.9
кмз	Integrated	16:45	19.8c	6.1
KM4	Integrated	16:40	19.5c	7.35

# 2011 Results:

This summer you requested information regarding an aquatic plant survey that staff from the Research Bureau of the Department of Natural Resources conducted on June 20, 2011 on Kettle Moraine Lake in Fond du Lac County, WI. The plant survey was conducted as part of a statewide Eurasian water milfoil monitoring project. This data will be used by the Department to understand the variation in milfoil growth among lakes across the state, how aquatic plant populations respond to management regimes, and how plant communities change over time. Kettle Moraine Lake is one of the lakes chosen for this project because it meets certain criteria (size, region, nutrient levels, presence of milfoil, timing of milfoil establishment, etc.) for this study.

### **Importance of Aquatic Plants**

Aquatic plants form the foundation of healthy lake ecosystems. They not only protect water quality, but also produce life-giving oxygen. Aquatic plants are a lake's own filtering system, helping to clarify the water by absorbing nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen that could stimulate algal blooms. Plant beds stabilize soft lake bottoms and prevent shoreline erosion by reducing the effect of waves and currents. Healthy native aquatic plant communities help prevent the establishment of invasive non-native plants such as Eurasian water milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed. Native aquatic plants also provide important reproductive, food, and cover habitat for fish, invertebrates, and wildlife. By leaving or restoring a natural buffer area of emergent vegetation along the shoreline, property owners can reduce erosion, help maintain water quality, and provide habitat and travel corridors for wildlife.

### **Invasive Aquatic Plant Species**

Invasive aquatic species are a huge threat to Wisconsin lakes both ecologically and economically. Ecological impacts of introduced invasive species can range in severity depending on differing ecosystem variables. Specific impacts are difficult to predict. Invasive

plants are problematic because they can grow to nuisance levels. These dense populations of non-native plants often have a negative impact on native plant communities because they are able to out-compete them for available resources needed for survival. Changes in the native plant community have far-reaching effects on fish, birds and invertebrates that need native plants to survive. Nuisance levels of non-native aquatic plants may also inhibit recreational activities (such as fishing, swimming, boating, etc.), decrease aesthetic value, and negatively effect water quality. Some industries such as sport and commercial fishing and raw water users (power companies and utilities), are also negatively affected by invasive species. It is important that everyone utilizing Wisconsin's lake resources do their part to help prevent and stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.

# **Point-Intercept Sampling Method**

Based on area and depth specific to Kettle Moraine Lake, we mapped a 287-point sampling grid over the entire lake surface. Using a GPS, we navigated by boat to each of the pre-determined grid points. At each point we used a two-sided rake to sample approximately 1 foot along the bottom. After pulling the plants to the surface, the overall rake as well as individual species on the rake were assigned a fullness rating of 1, 2 or 3 to estimate density of plant growth (see Figure 1 for descriptions of rake fullness ratings). We also recorded visual sightings of species within six feet of the sample point, as well as any additional species seen in the lake during a general boat survey. For more detailed information on the point-intercept sampling method and how data were collected please visit: <u>http://dnr.wi.gov/org/es/science/publications/PUB-SS-1068-2010.pdf</u>

Species frequencies of occurrence reflect the percentage of times a species was found out of the total number of points sampled. Littoral frequency of occurrence (given in Table 1) indicates how often a species was found considering only areas of the lake that are capable of supporting plant growth (known as the "littoral area"). The maximum depth of plant growth is the deepest depth at which plants were found in the lake. Species richness is a count of the total number of different plant species found in a lake. The Floristic Quality Index (FQI) is a metric that evaluates the closeness of the flora in a lake to that of an undisturbed condition. The higher a FQI value, the closer that plant community is to an undisturbed ecosystem. Statewide and ecoregion averages are calculated from a subset of approximately 250 lakes across Wisconsin.

### **Table 1: Species Present**

% Frequency of Occurrence (Littoral): This estimation of frequency of occurrence is calculated by taking the total number of times a species is detected in a lake divided by the total number of points in a lake at which the growth of plants is possible. Voucher specimens have been sent to the UW-Stevens Point Herbarium, therefore all species identifications are subject to change pending verification.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Growth Form (Floating, free floating, submerged, emergent)	% Frequency of Occurrence	
Waterweed	Elodea spp.	Submerged	82.18	
Muskgrasses	Chara sp.	Submerged	44.73	
Southern naiad	Najas guadalupensis	Submerged	41.82	
Coontail	Ceratophyllum demersum	Submerged	38.55	
Pondweed hybrid	Potamogeton x scoliophyllus	Submerged	20.73	
Watershield	Brasenia schreberi	Floating	6.18	
Illinois pondweed	Potamogeton illinoensis	Submerged	4.73	
White water lily	Nymphaea odorata	Floating	4.00	
Sago pondweed	Stuckenia pectinata	Submerged	4.00	
Creeping bladderwort	Utricularia gibba	Free floating	3.64	
Wild celery	Vallisneria americana	Submerged	2.91	
Curly-leaf pondweed*	Potamogeton crispus*	Submerged	1.09	
Water star-grass	Heteranthera dubia	Submerged	1.09	
Spatterdock	Nuphar variegata	Floating	0.73	
Pickerelweed	Pontederia cordata	Emergent	0.36	
White-stem pondweed	Potamogeton praelongus	Submerged	0.36	
Swamp loosestrife	Decodon verticillatus	Emergent	General Survey	
Three-square bulrush	Schoenoplectus pungens	Emergent	General Survey	
Cattail	<i>Typha</i> sp.	Emergent	Boat Survey	
Small duckweed	Lemna minor	Free floating	Boat Survey	
Large duckweed	Spirodela polyrhiza	Free floating	Boat Survey	
Yellow iris*	Iris pseudacorus*	Emergent	Boat Survey	
Blue flag	Iris sp.	Emergent	Boat Survey	
Common bladderwort	Utricularia vulgaris	Free floating	Boat Survey	
Freshwater sponge		Submerged	4.36	
Filamentous algae		Submerged	43.64	

\* = species non-native and potentially invasive in WI

# Survey Summary

	LAKE	STATEWIDE AVERAGE	SWTP ECOREGION AVERAGE
Littoral Frequency of Occurrence (%)	97.5	74.3	79.0
Maximum Depth of Plant Growth (feet)	17.5	15.3	15.4
Species Richness	16	16.8	15.0
Floristic Quality Index (FQI)	22.7	24.1	20.0

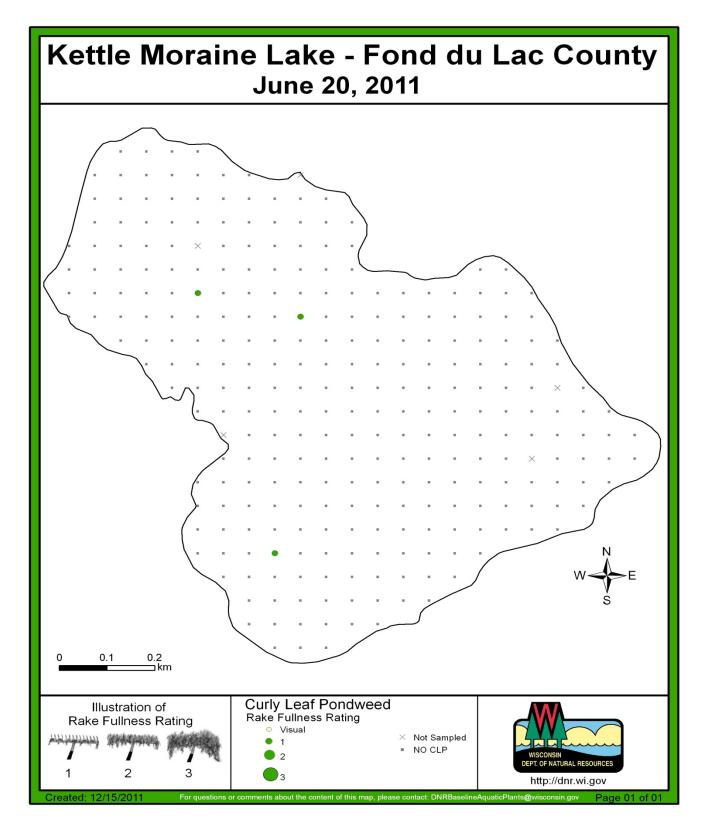
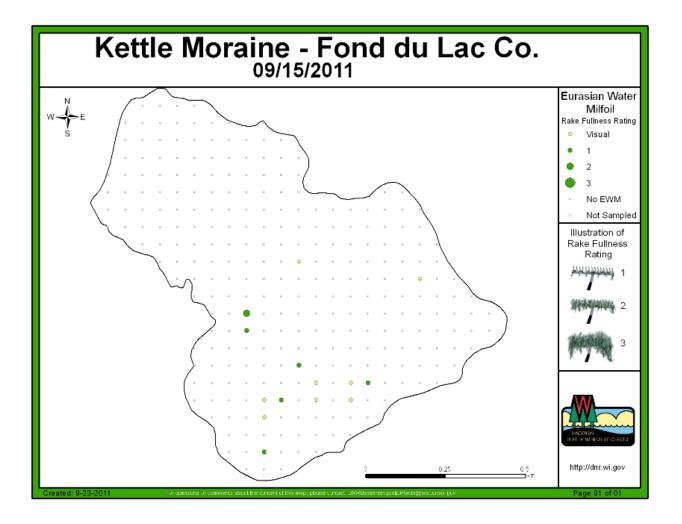


Figure 4: A map of the approximate location of Curly Leaf Pondweed.



### <u>2012</u>

#### **Overview**

On 20 April 2012, 37 acres of Kettle Moraine Lake were treated with a liquid formulation of 2,4-D at a lake wide target application rate of 300 ug/L ae (3 mg/L ae) to control Eurasian milfoil. On 27 April, 30.4 acres were treated with a liquid formulation of endothall at a target concentration of 3000 ug/L ai (2129 ug/L ae) to control curly-leaf pondweed. On 7 May, an additional 30.1 acres were treated with a liquid formulation of endothall at a target concentration 900 ug/L ai (639 ug/L ae). to control curly-leaf pondweed. The lake wide application rates for the two endothall treatments was 267 ug/L ai (189 ug/L ae) and 84 ug/L ai (60 mg/L ae) respectively. Water sample sites were established at 3 sites to monitor herbicide concentration and exposure times including 2 sites (KM2 and KM3) in treatment target areas and one site (KM1) in the untreated deep area in south east part of the lake.

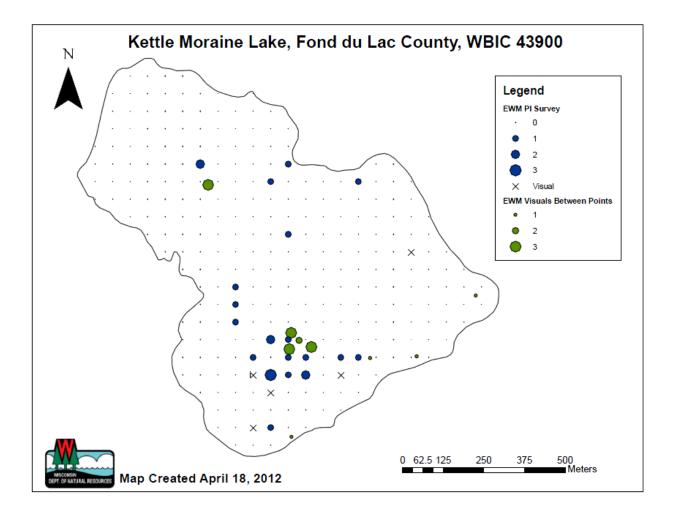
Water samples were collected using an integrated water sampler which collects a water sample from the entire water column. The water sample plan was designed based on one treatment date so that each sample would be analyzed for both 2,4-D and endothall. Water samples were therefore collected at intervals of approximately 1, 3, 5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 days after the 2,4-D treatment (DAT). Water samples were collected at intervals of approximately 0, 7, 14, and 21 DAT after the first endothall treatment. Water samples were collected at intervals of approximately 4 and 11 DAT of the second first treatment. Samples were taken to shore after completion of each sample interval, and 3 drops of muriatic acid were added to each sample bottle to fix the herbicide and prevent degradation. Samples were then stored in a refrigerator, until shipped to the ERDC laboratory in Gainesville, FL for analysis of 2,4-D and endothall.

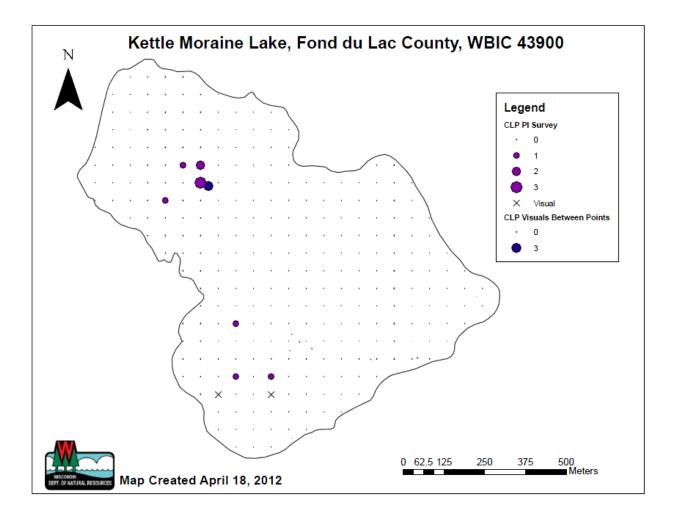
Peak 2,4-D concentrations ranged from 240 to 371 ug/L ae (Figure 2). The mean 2,4-D concentration from 0 to 7 DAT was 215 ug/L ae compared to the lake wide target concentration of 300 ug/L ae (Figure 3). The mean concentration for all three location was less than the irrigation standard of 100 ug/L ae by 21 DAT. The highest concentration was measured in the untreated KM1 site 1 DAT indicating that the herbicide rapidly dissipated out of the target areas. Concentrations of 2,4-D were similar at all sites by 5 DAT.

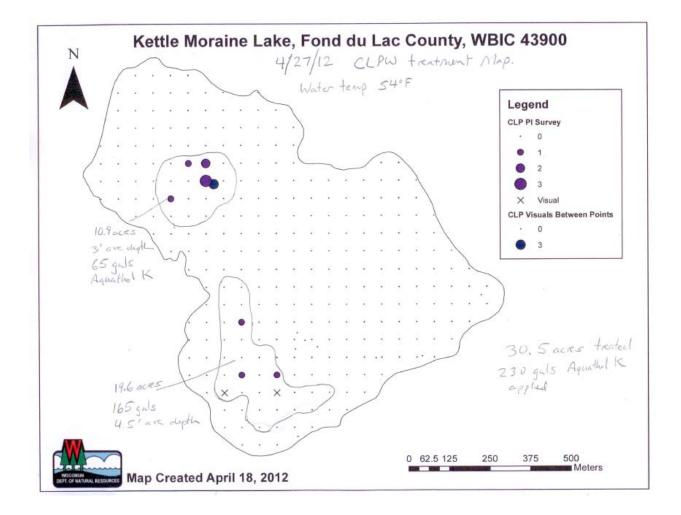
Peak endothall concentrations ranged from 154 to 373 ug/L ae compared to the target application rate of 2129 ug/L ae (Figure 4). The mean concentration from 0 to 7 DAT was 148 ug/L ae compared to the lake wide target concentration of 267 ug/L ae (Figure 5). Because the first endothall treatment was delayed 7 days, not enough samples were collected with the first 7 days to quantify the dissipation from target sites. Based on the 2,4-D data collected here, and based on data from numerous other lakes, dissipation of endothall was likely rapid becoming a whole lake treatment within a couple days.

Endothall and 2,4-D have been used in combination using lower application rates or possibly to control more difficult target species such as hybrid milfoil (Figure 6). The data to date is unclear whether the combination has an additive effect or possibly a synergistic effect. For additional data refer to the Half Moon Lake summary for the 2009 herbicide treatment and the Half Moon Lake summary from 2010 and 2012. Since the first endothall treatment occurred 7 days after the 2,4-D

treatment the impact of the combination of the two herbicides on Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed is unclear. They were present in combination at significant concentrations.







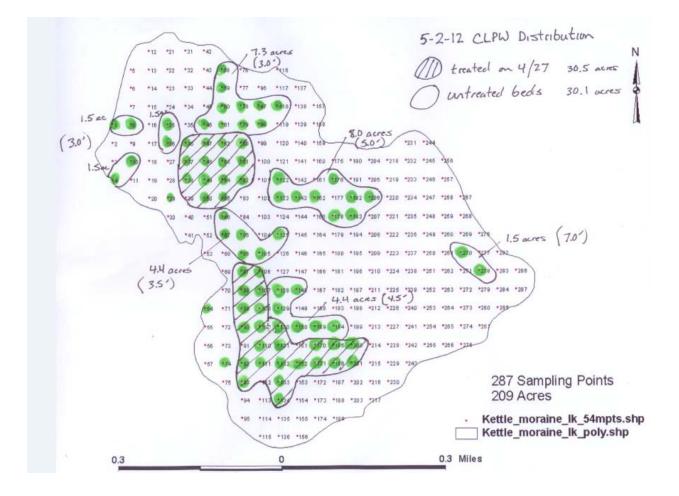




Figure 1. Kettle Moraine 2,4-D and Endothall Sample Locations, 2012

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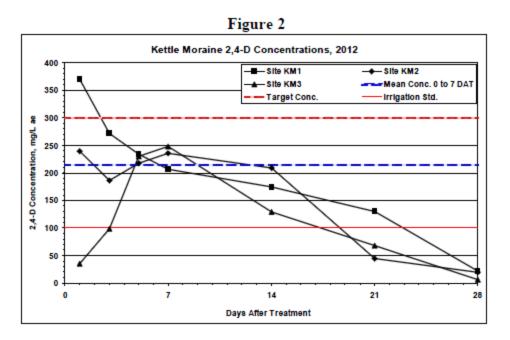
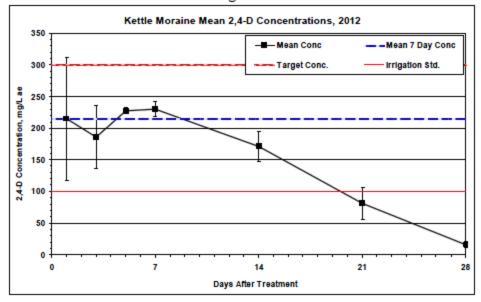
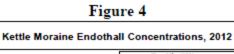
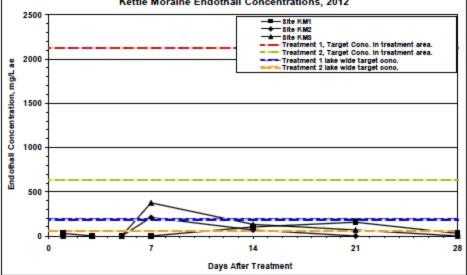


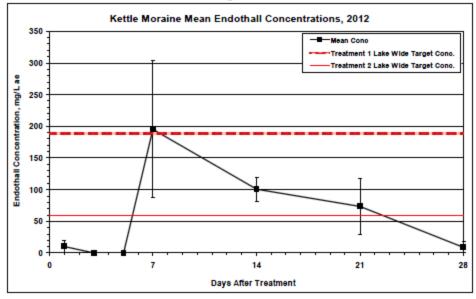
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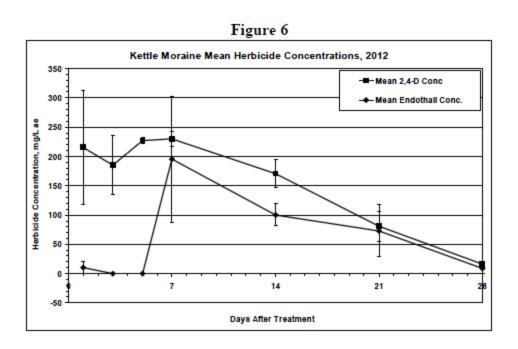










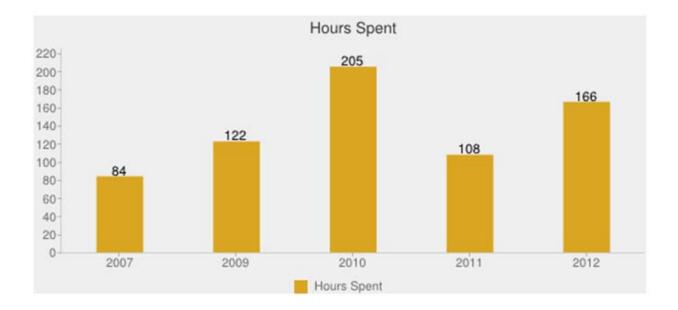


## **Chemical Treatment**

On 20 April 2012, 37 acres of Kettle Moraine Lake were treated with a liquid formulation of 2,4-D at a lake wide target application rate of 300 ug/L ae (3 mg/L ae) to control Eurasian milfoil. On 27 April, 30.4 acres were treated with a liquid formulation of endothall at a target concentration of 3000 ug/L ai (2129 ug/L ae) to control curly-leaf pondweed. On 7 May, an additional 30.1 acres were treated with a liquid formulation of endothall at a target concentration 900 ug/L ai (639 ug/L ae). to control curly-leaf pondweed. The lake wide application rates for the two endothall treatments was 267 ug/L ai (189 ug/L ae) and 84 ug/L ai (60 mg/L ae) respectively.

### **Non-Chemical Treatments:**

- Lake property owners conduct raking along shoreline
- Conduct visual lake inspections
- Secchi readings
- Water samples and chemical dispersion measurements
- Dissolved oxygen readings post AIS chemical treatment
- CBCW



# Water Quality Management:

#### Lake Water Quality 2012 Annual Report

**Kettle Moraine Lake** Fond du Lac County

Lake Type: SEEPAGE DNR Region: NE

Waterbody Number: 43900	
	Site Name
Kettle Moraine Lake - Deep Hole	

GEO Region:SE

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	_	SD (m)	Hit Bottom				Lake Level	Clarity	Color	Perception
04/29/2012	10	3	NO		44		HIGH	CLEAR	BROWN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
05/06/2012	9.5	2.9	NO		45		HIGH	CLEAR	BROWN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
05/13/2012	10	3	NO		44		HIGH	CLEAR	BROWN	1-Beautiful, could not be nicer
05/20/2012	9	2.7	NO		45		HIGH	MURKY	GREEN	3-Enjoyment somewhat impaire (algae)

05/09/2012 8 2.4 NO 47 NORMAL MURKY BROWN (algae)	t Impaired
(algae)	· · · ·
06/16/2012 7 2.1 NO 49 LOW CLEAR BROWN 2-Very minor aesthetic	problems
06/24/2012 6 1.8 NO 51 LOW CLEAR BROWN 2-Very minor aesthetic	problems
07/08/2012 7 2.1 NO 49 LOW CLEAR BROWN 3-Enjoyment somewhat (algae)	
07/15/2012 5 1.5 NO 54 LOW CLEAR BROWN (algae)	t Impaired
07/28/2012 5 1.5 NO 54 LOW CLEAR BROWN 2-Very minor aesthetic	problems
08/05/2012 6 1.8 NO 51 LOW MURKY BROWN 3-Enjoyment somewha	t Impaired
08/12/2012 6 1.8 NO 51 LOW MURKY BROWN 3-Enjoyment somewhat (algae)	t Impaired
08/19/2012 7 2.1 NO 49 LOW CLEAR BROWN 2-Very minor aesthetic	problems

Date	Data Collector	Project
04/29/2012	Cindy Katt	Citizen Lake Monitoring - Water Quality - Kettle Moraine Lake (43900)- Deep Hole
05/06/2012	Cindy Katt	Citizen Lake Monitoring - Water Quality - Kettle Moraine Lake (43900)- Deep Hole
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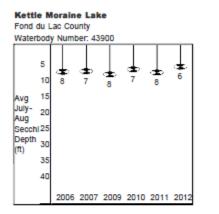
SD = Secchi depth measured in feet converted to meters; ChI = Chlorophyll a in micrograms per liter(ug/l); TP = Total phosphorus in ug/l, surface sample only; TSI(SD), TSI(CHL), TSI(TP) = Trophic state index based on SD, CHL, TP respectively; Depth measured in feet.

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# Secchi Readings:





Lake Type: SEEPAGE DNR Region: NE GEO Region:SE

Past secchi averages in feet (July and August only).

Year	Secchi Mean	Secchi Min	Secchi Max	Secchi Count
2006	7.5	7.5	7.5	6
2007	7.4	7	7.5	5
2009	8.3	6.5	9.5	8
2010	6.8	6.5	7.5	6
2011	7.8	7	8.5	7
2012	6	5	7	6

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# 2012 Dissolved Oxygen Measurements

Kettle Moraine Lake Herbicide Residual Sampling Data					
Sample Interval		1DAT	Date 4/21/2		
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen	
KM1	Integrated	6:37	9.9c	10.95	
KM2	Integrated	6:27	11.9c	11.37	
кмз	Integrated	6:11	12.7c	11.55	

Samp	le Interval	3DAT	Date	4/23/2012
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	6:00	15.1c	10.83
KM2	Integrated	6:14	14.7c	11.43
кмз	Integrated	6:19	15.1c	11.96
Sample Interval 7DAT		<b>Date</b> 4/25/201		
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	13:32	11.8c	10.23
KM2	Integrated	13:24	11.8c	10.35
КМ3	Integrated	13:13	12.2c	11.18
Samp	le Interval	14DAT	Date	4/29/2012
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	14:23	11.3c	10.22
KM2	Integrated	14:14	11.4c	10.97
КМ3	Integrated	14:00	11.5c	10.82
	le Interval	21DAT	Date 5/6/20	
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	8:17	14.8c	9.1
KM2	Integrated	8:11	14.6c	8.88
KM3	Integrated	7:51	14.6c	12.3
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	le Interval	28DAT	Date	5/13/2012
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	16:38	17.6c	10
KM2	Integrated	16:26	18.9c	10.6
KM3	Integrated	16:16	19.8c	13.2
Samp	le Interval	35DAT	Date	5/20/2012
Site	Sample Depth	Time	Water Temp	Dissolved Oxygen
KM1	Integrated	13:20	21.2c	7.8

KM2	Integrated	13:11	21.5c	8.37
КМЗ	Integrated	12:56	22.3c	7.6

## 2012 Results:

This summer you requested information regarding an aquatic plant survey that staff from the Research Bureau of the Department of Natural Resources conducted on June 20, 2012 on Lake Kettle Moraine in Fond du Lac County, WI. The plant survey was conducted as part of a statewide Eurasian water milfoil monitoring project. This data will be used by the Department to understand the variation in milfoil growth among lakes across the state, how aquatic plant populations respond to management regimes, and how plant communities change over time. Lake Kettle Moraine is one of the lakes chosen for this project because it meets certain criteria (size, region, nutrient levels, presence of milfoil, timing of milfoil establishment, etc.) for this study.

#### **Importance of Aquatic Plants**

Aquatic plants form the foundation of healthy lake ecosystems. They not only protect water quality, but also produce life-giving oxygen. Aquatic plants are a lake's own filtering system, helping to clarify the water by absorbing nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen that could stimulate algal blooms. Plant beds stabilize soft lake bottoms and prevent shoreline erosion by reducing the effect of waves and currents. Healthy native aquatic plant communities help prevent the establishment of invasive non-native plants such as Eurasian water milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed. Native aquatic plants also provide important reproductive, food, and cover habitat for fish, invertebrates, and wildlife. By leaving or restoring a natural buffer area of emergent vegetation along the shoreline, property owners can reduce erosion, help maintain water quality, and provide habitat and travel corridors for wildlife.

### **Invasive Aquatic Plant Species**

Invasive aquatic species are a huge threat to Wisconsin lakes both ecologically and economically. Ecological impacts of introduced invasive species can range in severity depending on differing ecosystem variables. Specific impacts are difficult to predict. Invasive plants are problematic because they can grow to nuisance levels. These dense populations of non-native plants often have a negative impact on native plant communities because they are able to out-compete them for available resources needed for survival. Changes in the native plant community have far-reaching effects on fish, birds and invertebrates that need native plants to survive. Nuisance levels of non-native aquatic plants may also inhibit recreational activities (such as fishing, swimming, boating, etc.), decrease aesthetic value, and negatively effect water quality. Some industries such as sport and commercial fishing and raw water users (power companies and utilities), are also negatively affected by invasive species. It is important that everyone utilizing Wisconsin's lake resources do their part to help prevent and stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.

## **Point-Intercept Sampling Method**

Based on area and depth specific to Lake Kettle Moraine, we mapped a 287-point sampling grid over the entire lake surface. Using a GPS, we navigated by boat to each of the pre-determined grid points. At each point we used a two-sided rake to sample approximately 1 foot along the bottom. After pulling the plants to the surface, the overall rake as well as individual species on the rake were assigned a fullness rating of 1, 2 or 3 to estimate density of plant growth (see Figure 1 for descriptions of rake fullness ratings). We also recorded visual sightings of species within six feet of the sample point, as well as any additional species seen in the lake during a general boat survey. For more detailed information on the point-intercept sampling method and how data were collected please visit: <u>http://dnr.wi.gov/org/es/science/publications/PUB-SS-1068-2010.pdf</u>

Species frequencies of occurrence reflect the percentage of times a species was found out of the total number of points sampled. Littoral frequency of occurrence (given in Table 1) indicates how often a species was found considering only areas of the lake that are capable of supporting plant growth (known as the "littoral area"). The maximum depth of plant growth is the deepest depth at which plants were found in the lake. Species richness is a count of the total number of different plant species found in a lake. The Floristic Quality Index (FQI) is a metric that evaluates the closeness of the flora in a lake to that of an undisturbed condition. The higher a FQI value, the closer that plant community is to an undisturbed ecosystem. Statewide and ecoregion averages are calculated from a subset of approximately 250 lakes across Wisconsin.

# **Table 1: Species Present**

% Frequency of Occurrence (Littoral): This estimation of frequency of occurrence is calculated by taking the total number of times a species is detected in a lake divided by the total number of points in a lake at which the growth of plants is possible. Voucher specimens have been sent to the UW-Stevens Point Herbarium, therefore all species identifications are subject to change pending verification.

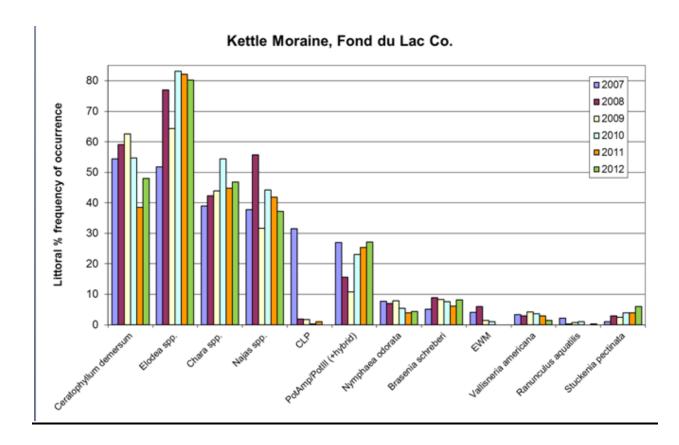
Common Name	Scientific Name	Growth Form (Floating, free floating, submerged, emergent)	% Frequency of Occurrence
Waterweed	Elodea spp.	Submerged	80.3
Coontail	Ceratophyllum demersum	Submerged	48.0
Muskgrasses	Chara sp.	Submerged	46.8
Southern naiad	Najas guadalupensis	Submerged	37.2
Illinois + Large leaf pondweed hybrid	Potamogeton X scoliophyllus	Submerged	20.4
Watershield	Brasenia schreberi	Floating	8.2
Sago pondweed	Stuckenia pectinata	Submerged	5.9
White water lily	Nymphaea odorata	Floating	4.5
Large-leaf pondweed	Potamogeton amplifolius	Submerged	4.1
Creeping bladderwort	Utricularia gibba	Free floating	4.1
Illinois pondweed	Potamogeton illinoensis	Submerged	2.6
Nitella	Nitella sp.	Submerged	2.2
Water star-grass	Heteranthera dubia	Submerged	1.9
Wild celery	Vallisneria americana	Submerged	1.5
Spatterdock	Nuphar variegata	Floating	0.4
Floating-leaf pondweed	Potamogeton natans	Floating	0.4
White water crowfoot	Ranunculus aquatilis	Submerged	0.4
Large duckweed	Spirodela polyrhiza	Free floating	0.4
Small duckweed	Lemna minor	Free floating	Visual
Pickerelweed	Pontederia cordata	Emergent	Visual
Long-leaf pondweed	Potamogeton nodosus	Submerged	Visual

Softstem bulrush	Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani	Emergent	Visual
Common bladderwort	Utricularia vulgaris	Free floating	Boat Survey
Swamp loosestrife	Decodon verticillatus	Emergent	Boat Survey
Freshwater sponge		Submerged	0.7
Filamentous algae		Submerged	61.0

\* = species non-native and potentially invasive in WI

#### Survey Summary

	LAKE	STATEWIDE AVERAGE	SWTP ECOREGION AVERAGE
Littoral Frequency of Occurrence (%)	95.5	74.3	79.0
Maximum Depth of Plant Growth (feet)	14.0	15.3	15.4
Species Richness	22	16.8	15.0
Floristic Quality Index (FQI)	24.5	24.1	20.0



# Key Learnings:

- Summer DNR PI surveys for CLP and EWM often changed dramatically from what were seen between the late fall and spring pre-treatment surveys.
- Given the limited depth in Kettle Moraine Lake the water temperatures can increase quickly necessitating quick response with AIS chemical treatments (this emphasizes the need to have pre-treatment surveys completed and chemical treatment permits issued early in the season).
- In 2012, water temperatures rose quickly and the chemical applicators observed that there was a significant difference between the pre-treatment PI survey that had been conducted several weeks prior and what was seen on the day of treatment (AIS concentrations can change rapidly in the spring).
- Full lake treatments for CLP and EWM provided the greatest benefit in terms of reducing areas and thickness of AIS species.
- AIS treatment effectiveness improved dramatically as a result of DNR biologists' recommendations.
- AIS chemical treatment effectiveness improved when water samples were taken and dispersion rates began being monitored.

- AIS treatment efficacy showed dramatic improvement when the DNR began conducting summer and fall PI surveys and having their DNR biologists use this information to determine the chemical treatment plans.
- Separating the responsibilities for chemical treatment applications from the PI surveys and chemical treatment requests has improved accountability.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Dividing the responsibilities for evaluating AIS treatment effectiveness and chemical applications is essential to long-term AIS effectiveness on Kettle Moraine Lake.
- Full-lake treatments that meet targeted dispersion rates provide the best results.
- EWM must be monitored and treated on an annual basis. When EWM concentrations were not treated in their entirety the EWM populations returned to levels similar to what they had been prior to treatment.
- CBCW needs to be an essential part of a non-chemical treatment plan.
- Kettle Moraine Lake has limited financial resources to support full-lake treatments and it is essential that the DNR continue to financially support KML's AIS treatment efforts.