

Osprey Lake EWM Control

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Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation

Osprey Lake Progress Report

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The Osprey Lake Property Owners Association (OLPOA), sponsored by the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department, completed the last year of an extended 3 year AIS Control Grant. Eurasian watermilfoil is the target invasive species for the grant and activities were once again geared towards the control and education of lake users about this invasive.

In 2014, very little Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) was found on the lake through the entire season. Areas that were treated with Renovate Max G in 2013 showed no new EWM growth until very late in the season. Some EWM was found in September in deep areas on the edge of the treatment zone. The northeast bay of Osprey Lake, where no treatment was done in 2013, had scattered EWM plants throughout the bay for the entire growing season. No EWM was found in the southeast bay, even though plants have been found and treated there in the past. Overall, EWM growth and amount is down considerably throughout the lake. In the spring of 2015, EWM was found in the northeast and southeast bays. Approximately 6 acres was treated June 2015.

Volunteer monitors logged hours throughout the summer to look for EWM. Very little EWM was found over the summer of 2016.

Additionally, in late 2015 the LCO conservation department conducted a point intercept survey of Osprey Lake.

2017 and future Plans:

- Perform a small herbicide treatment to infected areas, if needed.

- Continue with volunteer, county, and tribal monitoring;
- Continue the CBCW program.