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To: Tim Sinnott

Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2007 3:22 PM

Subject: Adirondack Council support for Eagle Lake Invasive Species Control

Dear Tim:

The Adirondack Council would like to express its qualified support for the Eagle Lake Property Owners recent application to the Department of Environmental Conservation for funding to control and manage the Eurasian milfoil infestation in their waters. As a small lake with limited private resources to address this invasive species, we urge the DEC to provide the technical and financial resources needed by the applicant.

Our only concern with the application is the potential the applicant expresses to apply a chemical herbicide, Trichlopyr, to control the milfoil. As we understand the current situation, this herbicide has not yet received any approval for use within the Adirondack Park. We remain opposed to the use of chemical herbicides due to their potential damage to non-target aquatic species and to human health. Our support is directed to the funds that the Eagle Lake association might apply to the manual, mechanical or biological controls which are available to control milfoil. We do not recommend the use of state funds for chemical treatment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information. Thanks for your consideration.

Cordially,
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