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To: Lake Property Owners Beaver Dam Lake

Ref: Update on aquatic plants in Beaver Dam Lake

Last fall BDLIA sent a letter to members regarding the management of curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) particularly in areas of excessive growth. You are receiving this letter because you have not returned the response form expressing an interest in participating in a treatment/harvesting program. An article in the February Newsletter provided an update and listed some options for management of this invasive species of aquatic plant. (To see this article go News section and click on Spring Newsletter. Article is on page 7)

In the article we discussed the possible herbicide treatment of CLP particularly in areas of excessive growth. Earlier this spring the association interviewed property owners in several of these areas to determine their willingness to pay toward herbicide treatment in their area. While there was support from about half that were interviewed there were many we were not able to reach because they were summertime residents only. Thus we did not receive the level of support needed and were not able to go forward with any contracting for herbicide treatment of the CLP.

The current plan is to see what the growth of CLP will be like this spring. We should know in a couple of weeks. If it again appears to be excessive we will make another attempt to reach property owners in these areas to see if we can get their financial support for the herbicide treatment.

We have been in contact with the herbicide applicator companies and while they can't promise they can fit us into their schedule, which is already heavily booked for spring and summer, they will see what they can do when we determine if we want to treat some areas.

In the meantime please answer the questions below and return this form to us. Thank you.

_____ Yes I am interested in possibly supporting the herbicide treatment

_____ I am willing to help contact other property owners

_____ Keep me updated but I am not interested in participating in the herbicide treatment in my area

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____