

An update

Today July 18 Galcon Marine under contract to D&SLPOA supplied a dive team of 4 commercial divers & a dive barge to lay biodegradable matting down over selected sections of the Eurasian Milfoil outbreak off Harris Beach. This was experimental in nature in that in an attempt to more drastically cut off the light reaching the weed we layered the matting 3 layers thick in one more dense area & 2 layers thick in another. The results hopefully will tell us next year how much & how thick a matting we need to kill off the remaining milfoil

We are pleased with the results of Galcon's efforts but should note that the turbulence created by the barge & diver traffic loosened fairly significant amounts of the fragile weed which drifted to the adjacent shore & perhaps further afield. Harris Beach residents were requested to rake it up & allow it to dry out on shore. This notice suggests others finding milfoil debris should do the same.

As you know this invasive species is notorious for rerooting & propagating quickly so your prompt action will be appreciated.

Many different methods have been tried throughout N America with somewhat limited degree of success to eradicate Eurasian Milfoil. We hope this layering will prove very effective.

Thank you for your support

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