

2025 EWM Monitoring and Control

Each year the EWM Working Group conducts monitoring activities at every previously identified outbreak site prior to the scheduled Dive Week. Based on these observations Bob Heyes and Jim Miners determine which sites will be included for diver assisted control activities during Dive Week. The following table shows the observations before and after Dive Week in 2025. Questions about the information should be directed to Bob and Jim via email at dslpoaewm@gmail.com.

Site	EWM Growth	More Than Sept/24	Density	2025 Action	Comments	September Update
1	Yes	Maybe	Dense	Mats/harvest	Extend control from north end	Aug. 5 & 6 - 9 mats deployed. Mats difficult to sink due to exuberant floating biomass. Plan for earlier start date for matting in 2026.
2	No	No	-	Monitor	Good control by owners	No diver visit. Property owners are vigilant.
3	No		-	Monitor	Good control by owners	No diver visit. Property owner management.
4	Yes	Yes	Dense	Mats/harvest	Extend shore clearance	Bonham's Bay - No mats this year due to river rock shortage. 1-2 hours diver hand harvesting. Priority in 2026 for mats.
5	Yes	Yes	Thin	Harvest	Good monitoring by owners	East bay. Aug. 7 hand harvested all visible EWM.
6	Yes	Similar	Thin	Harvest	Repeat of last year	August 5th divers hand harvested all EWM.
7	No		-	Monitor		No EWM seen from Aug 2022 to present.
8	No		-	Monitor		Out of the way location. Monitor only.
9	Yes	Yes	Thin	Monitor	Harvesting may be needed	Bonham's Bay. Light growth, difficult to find. No diver visit.
10	No		-	Monitor		No EWM found. Continue to monitor.
11	No	No	-	Monitor	More mats may be needed	Spontaneous collapse of previous dense growth. No explanation for this. Careful monitoring next year.
12	No		-	Monitor	Pondweed only	No EWM 2024 and 2025. Monitor.
13	Yes		Thin	Harvest	Owner to harvest	Aug 7th diver harvesting of moderate growth. Owners are vigilant.
14	Yes		Thin	Monitor	Harvesting by WG maybe	Aug 7th divers removed all EWM.
15	Yes		Thin	Monitor	Harvesting by WG maybe	Hazard Buoy. Aug 7th divers removed all EWM.
16	Yes		One stem	Monitor	Multiple native plants observed	One stem removed with milfoil rake.
17	No		-	Monitor	Good control by owners	No growth 2023 - 2025. Owner manages.
18	Yes		Dense	Mats/harvest	First time matting	Pine Tree Point. Aug. 5th - 8 mats deployed + diver hand harvesting.
19	Yes		Medium	Monitor	Test site for pondweed competition	Mix of EWM and Pondweed. No control activity at this site to date.
20	Yes		Thin	Monitor	Harvesting may be needed	Scattered single stems. Improved from 2024. Monitor.

The following map shows the location of each confirmed EWM outbreak. Those shown in green have been approved for benthic mat deployment. All sites are eligible for hand harvesting.

