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Evaluation of Lake Tapps Milfoil to Begin Late May

A visual survey of Lake Tapps to evaluate success of last year's milfoil treatment and to determine potential areas of treatment for 2011 will begin the last week of May, Cascade Water Alliance announced today.

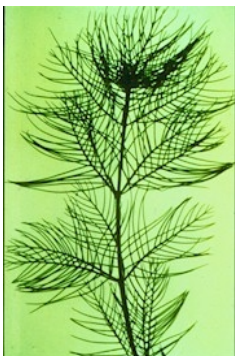
"Eurasian milfoil is a non-native, invasive aquatic plant that spreads rapidly, crowds out native plants, and forms dense surface mats on Lake Tapps. If the milfoil is not contained or controlled, it will pose a serious threat to this lake," said Jon Shimada, Cascade's Capital Projects Director.

Milfoil is common throughout lakes in the Pacific Northwest. It disrupts natural water flow, impacts water quality, and limits recreation, in particular, boating, swimming, and fishing and aesthetic enjoyment.

In 2010, during Cascade's initial application, about 400 acres were treated with the aquatic herbicide fluridone. The 2011 survey and mapping of the milfoil will assess the success of that treatment to determine the best approach for the second year of this program. At this time, the tentative start date for treatment is mid-July to early August. Lake Tapps residents will be notified of the actual start date.

If you have any questions or notice areas in the Lake with milfoil growth, please notify Cascade at 425.453.0930 or contact@cascadewater.org.

Cascade is a non-profit corporation comprised of eight municipalities and water districts that joined together in 1999 to provide water supply for current and future needs. It includes the cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond and Tukwila and the Covington Water District, the Skyway Water and Sewer District and the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District. The agency currently serves 400,000 residents and 22,000 businesses. For more information, visit www.cascadewater.org.



Eurasian milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)