

**Sauk River Chain of Lakes Association
P.O. BOX 369
Richmond, MN 56368**

April 1, 2015

Dear Sauk River Chain of Lakes Property Owners:

The Sauk River Chain of Lakes Association (SRCL) has contracted with Clarke Aquatic Services to manage our Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) treatment program. The table below lists the lakes and total number of acres permitted by the MN DNR:

<u>Lake Name</u>	<u>Permitted Acres</u>
Cedar Island Lake	6.7
East Lake	11.7
Horseshoe Lake	11.7
Little Cedar Lake	3.5
Long Lake	7.0
Koetter Lake	6.5
Total: 6 lakes	47.1 acres

In addition, the Minnesota DNR has approved grants totally \$6,340.00 to help support our CLP treatment program. These grants will cover approximately 35% of the total cost. Our plan is to share the other 65% of the costs between the SRCL Association and the property owners that are adjacent to the treatment areas. We are asking for donation of \$50 per affected property owner to help cover the treatment costs. Exact treatments areas will be determined by the MN DNR during an inspection process after ice-out sometime in April. We will then send out another letter notifying property owners of the selected treatment areas.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted the SRCL a waiver of the requirement that the association obtain the signatures of approval from the owners of lake-shore property. Instead, the SRCL will notify property owners of the treatment through alternate form(s). This letter is one form that the SRCL is using to notify property owners. The other forms include notification on the SRCL's web page at www.srcl.org and an announcement in the Cold Spring Record. With regard to the treatment for this year (2015), all affected property owners have been sent a letter dated 01/15/2015 explaining the target timeline for treatment, the target species for treatment, and the method of control. The next required communication is defining a process for affected property owners to 'OPT OUT' of the Curly Leaf Pondweed herbicide treatment. The process, defined below details what needs to be done if you want to 'OPT OUT' of this treatment.

If you desire that the herbicide treatment of "AQUATHOL K" **NOT** occur in the waters adjacent to your property, please notify Sauk River Chain of Lakes Weed Control Committee, by returning the bottom portion of letter immediately to the stated address, or optionally contact Ken or Pete by phone or email.

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Sincerely,

Sauk River Chain of Lakes Association Board of Directors