

## 2013 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATE

The ice has finally gone out on the Cisco Chain. While the winter months are slow up north, your CCROA board has been busy readying for our 2013 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) abatement program. Among our accomplishments:

- Formation of an AIS Task Force from a broad cross section of your CCROA board members and neighbors.
- Selection of a new Eurasian Water-milfoil (EWM) treatment vendor: PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation. <http://www.plmcorp.net/>
- Secured the continued services of Northland College and Many Waters, LLC for surveys and treatment facilitation.
- Pursued and was awarded grants from the Wisconsin DNR, the Upper Peninsula Power Company, and the US Forest service for EWM treatment.
- Continued our cooperation with the ISCCW.

Beginning in May, members should receive a mailing from your CCROA AIS Task Force. This is a very important letter and deserves your attention. In it, we further detail our accomplishments on your behalf and request your help in the form of a tax-deductible donation. Please thoughtfully consider donating. In the end, we are ultimately working on your behalf to protect your valuable property.

EWM surveys should begin in June with treatment to follow shortly. This year, we expect to treat areas in Clearwater, Thousand Island, and Big Lake for EWM. We still plan to use orange buoys to mark the location of EWM. Please avoid these buoys as much as possible to reduce the spread of EWM.

We look forward to a very successful 2013 EWM treatment. Your task force, treatment experts and new treatment applicator will be working in concert to ensure an effective mitigation effort. This year will be the cornerstone to a comprehensive long term management plan. Please do not underestimate your individual role in preserving our waters for future generations. Keep informed and support efforts and initiatives to protect this most precious resource, the Cisco Chain.

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