



Aqua-Talk

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New look... same great services!

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Governmental Affairs/Aquatic Politics

New legislation (Bill # 5958) to improve the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) role in aquatic plant management is currently being reviewed. The DEQ responsibilities are to review permit applications for use of EPA and MDA approved aquatic pesticides, issue appropriate permits and confirm that permit requirements are being followed. Due to insufficient staff numbers, the DEQ has not been able to process permit applications in a timely manner, thus delaying many spring treatments. The goal of this legislation is to stream line the permit application process and improve the DEQ permit review procedures, therefore reducing

treatment delays in the spring. The DEQ does not have the staffing capability to process any additional information nor should it be their responsibility. We encourage you to write your local State Representative and Senators regarding this issue. The final Senate vote will take place by the end of November, therefore voice your opinions **NOW!** We have the tools and experience to provide an ecologically balanced aquatic ecosystem. Let's not let bureaucracy stop us from being able to manage our resources. If and when the new legislation is passed, it most likely will not be implemented until 2004. For the 2003 season we must plan on delays in

receiving our permits back from the DEQ. Therefore you should plan to get your contract and permit information to us ASAP. Don't forget many customers that sent in their contract and permit information after the 1st of the year had to wait until mid June or later to start treatments in 2002. So, please, for you and your lakes sake send in all requested information by **November 30, 2002!** We will once again encourage you to meet this dead line by offering a raffle of \$1,000 of **FREE** management to those customers that send in all the requested information by the deadline. The raffle will be held on **December 13, 2002!**

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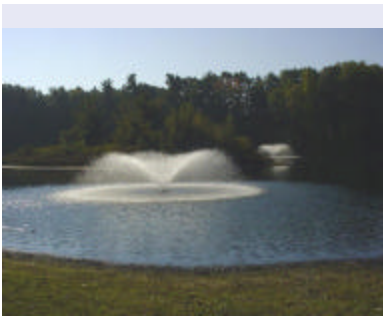
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Winter Office Hours
Monday thru Thursday
8 am to 4 pm
Friday 8 am to 3 pm

Exotic Watch

Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM):

We are continuing to lead the fight against EWM in the state of Michigan. As new technologies are developed to aid in this fight, we will continue to make them available to you. For example, "Renovate" a new liquid systemic herbicide will be available for EWM control in the near future. This product will most likely eliminate the need to acquire well data information. We are hoping that "Renovate" will be approved for use by mid summer of 2003!

West Nile Virus:

Due to recent concerns regarding West Nile Virus in Michigan, we are currently researching options for mosquito control services. As you know, lakes and ponds are perfect habitat for mosquito reproduction. Since Professional Lake Management specializes in the management of exotic in the aquatic environment we want to continue diversifying our services to address your specific needs. We will keep you posted on our progress and would be interested in having your input about this issue.

Zebra Mussels:

We are monitoring the latest Zebra Mussel research and will continue to explore options to control this nuisance species. Currently there are concepts and experimental treatments that are being tested but nothing has been confirmed to be environmentally sound "As of today"

Fisheries

We are currently implementing a fish assessment service that can aid pond owners and lake residents in assessing their current fish populations. Based on fish growth data, species composition, and relative numbers of each species, we will make recommendations to improve or maintain current conditions. We also will be providing fish stocking services. For more information about fish assessments or fish stocking please contact Steve Hanson at 616-891-1294.

"ENVIRONMENTAL?ALERT"?

PESTICIDES = MEDICINE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Medicines are necessary for humans as well as the environment. Medicines used in the environment are less toxic than many of the medicines and /or products used by humans every day. If we did not have Doctors / Professionals making prescriptions for our environment, where would the environment be today?

Be Thankful For Environmental Medicine!

Pass The Thought On!!

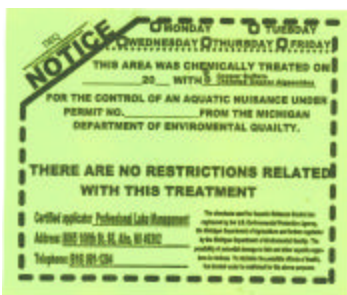


PLM Web Page
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Attention PLM Customers

Will posting fees be required for the 2003 season? *We are not sure!!*

We know there will be changes in how we work with the DEQ but whether those changes will be implemented in 2003 or 2004 is the question. Therefore, instead of amending all our contracts to include posting fees, that may not be required, we are going to wait and see. That way if changes are made PLM will notify you in the spring newsletter. If posting requirements do not change then we will use the same fee protocol as in 2002. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.



Did you know???

Professional Lake Management was part of the largest inland lake Sonar A.S. treatment in the world. Houghton Lake is Michigan's largest inland lake (20,000 acres). Nearly 10,000 acres of the lake was infested with Eurasian Water Milfoil. This spring the entire lake was successfully treated by using Sonar A.S at 6 ppb. This is the same program we have integrated into our current customers management programs. The treatment was a complete success, just as we predicted.

Your help is needed to make sure that the service you are receiving is the best that it can be. We are constantly modifying our management programs to do what is in the best interest of your particular water body. If you feel that changes need to be made or that everything is going great, please contact our office and let us know. Without your thoughts and new ideas, it is hard for us to make improvements. Your comments are greatly appreciated and steps to improve your service in 2003 are only a phone call away.



We are now accepting credit cards for all payments. We are also offering online statements. If you would like your invoices emailed to you or have any questions, please email Suzanne at suzanne@prolakemgt.com.