

Topic: Starry stonewort Found in Chippewa Lake

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Last week I wrote a paper regarding Starry stonewort and that it has been found in nearby lakes. In that letter I also mentioned that PLM (our lake management company) and myself were going to do another (3rd this year) lake survey on Thursday August 15th.

During this recent survey we found what we suspected to be Starry stonewort and took samples back to the lab to be analyzed. The analysis came back that there was a 95% chance that it is Starry. The reason it is not a 100% validation is that we caught it very early and it has not formed the telltale bubbl I spoke of in the previous letter but it has all the other characteristics.

We are extremely concerned regarding this development and as a result we will be treating the affected and nearby areas **TODAY, Monday August 19, 2019**. Signs will be posted before treatment but with little advanced notice because of the urgency.

Because we found it in the early stages, of development we may have a chance to eradicate it before it grows out of control. We will continue to monitor the affected area and the rest of the lake as the season progresses.

On Thursday, 8/22, PLM will also be treating for some patches of Eurasian Millfoil and Algae so you will see signs for this also.

Let me know if you find this type of information valuable and if there are other lake weed topics you would like to see by sending an email to: Bryan@chippewatwp.org.