

Huron River Chain of Lakes Update

August 24, 2018

Just a quick update!

Herbicide Treatment Schedule: I have been communicating with our Lake Scientist/Lake Manager Dr. Pullman regarding any possible herbicide treatments for the HRCL prior to Labor Day. Dr. Pullman does not see the need for additional treatments at this time. This could extend to the rest of the season if conditions maintain as they are. Apparently many of the aquatic plants are starting their decline stage of their life cycle where treatments would not be productive. It is possible that spot treatments for Starry Stonewort may take place if large blooms establish themselves late in this season. If any treatment areas are identified by Dr. Pullman, an update will be posted regarding that.

Mechanical Weed Harvesting: The Baseline-Portage Connector is currently being harvested and is expected to wrap-up by early next week. Here is the August 2018 Weed Harvesting map for the Baseline-Portage Connector: <https://www.washtenaw.org/DocumentCenter/View/9960/Baseline-Portage-Conn-August-2018-Weed-Harvesting-Map>

Looking ahead: Field notes for each of the included bodies of water of the HRCL will be updated to the website as Dr. Pullman completes them. Currently, there are field notes posted for Strawberry and Zukey Lakes.

The field notes can be found on the main page: <https://www.washtenaw.org/327/Chain-of-Lakes> Scroll down the page to the heading "Included Lakes and Bodies of Water", then find the water body you are interested in and click on it. If available, the field note for that body of water will be found there.

Looking a bit further ahead... As mentioned in the last update, we will be ramping up our conversations with the MDEQ regarding the 2019 permits. More details on that to come.

And finally... Please continue to refrain from eating the fish caught in the HRCL! The PFAS related 'Do Not Eat' Fish consumption advisory is still in effect.

<https://www.washtenaw.org/DocumentCenter/View/9987/Aug-6---2018-Fish-Advisory>

I found an interesting article regarding PFAS and our immediate area that I thought would be good to share: https://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2018/08/pfas_ann_arbor_huron_river_fis.html

Have a great weekend everyone!