June 24, 2025

To: **All Crescent Lake Property Owners**

From: **Crescent Lake District Commissioners**

Re: **Summer 2025 Update**

Dear Property Owners,

On June 11th our contractor, Aquatic biologists, treated 33 acres of Crescent Lake with ProcellaCor. The treatment occurred along the north end of the lake (highway 8 boat landing) and a small area off the island. The treatment was done under the watchful eye of the DNR for proper licensing, methodology, and the GPS mapping used. A total of just 12 gallons were used to treat this 33 acres. The treatment took place in the early morning hours before boat traffic or wind could impact the treatment. By all indications the conditions were ideal, and the applicator was very satisfied with the application. ProcellaCor continues to be listed by the DNR as safe for our lake and is highly effective in its selective Eurasian Milfoil treatment. No other treatment is as effective with minimal, if any, harm to other native species. The cost was just under $50,000. Yes, the EWM battle is a costly one!

While we are happy with this treatment, our battle against the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil continues. We plan some days of DASH harvesting (diver assisted harvesting) in other areas in the remaining summer months. We know EWM exists in other lake locations and your assistance in sharing locations you find is appreciated.

What can you do?

We ask you to recognize and accept the risk of spreading EWM by **avoiding close-to-shore boating in areas such as Wausau or Engstrand Bays**. Just one boat pass can set loose several pieces of EWM that will float away and eventually take root in another part of the lake. We are also in great need of additional boat landing inspection volunteers. If we could just ask each household to volunteer **one shift** **per summer** we could easily cover our landing needs. Contact us via our website to indicate your interest. It’s easy and we’ll train you.

Future CLD plans?

We continue to dialog with the DNR, tribal representatives, our lake survey and treatment providers, and other lake groups on EWM control. We remain hopeful for a positive DNR response to our future permit applications when we feel chemical treatment is needed. If we are again denied, we will utilize our funds to hire again a contractor with paid divers to hand pull EWM where we can. **This is a costly and imperfect solution** but is the only course of action left at our disposal versus just allowing the unmitigated EWM spread. Future permit denials by the DNR will eventually lead to greater EWM spread and the need for a far larger acreage or even a more costly **whole shoreline treatment**, wasting the previous efforts and **taxpayer money** spent to keep the EWM under control. It’s an ongoing battle.

**Please watch our website (**[**www.crescentlakedistrict.com**](http://www.crescentlakedistrict.com)**) for the date of our annual meeting later this summer.**

Thank you for your cooperation, support, understanding, and volunteerism.

Tim Kilgore – Crecent Lake District Chairman