**BASS LAKE ASSOCIATION OF WRIGHT COUNTY**

**Signature Waiver Letter Notification of Invasive Treatment for 2022**

April 11, 2022

Dear BASS LAKE Property Owners:

The BASS LAKE ASSOCIATION Board of Directors has decided to continue our Curly-leaf Pondweed treatment program again this year. Herbicide will be applied in selected areas shortly after the ice goes out on Bass Lake. Our decision to continue treating this invasive species is based on the expected results of a Delineation Survey that is scheduled for the next few weeks by Freshwater Scientific. This year we anticipate treating no more than 10 acres.

To minimize the impact on the lake and surrounding shoreline, the application is limited to just the areas of infestation. The herbicide is applied below the water surface and directed specifically at the Curly-leaf Pondweed. The application will take place in May while the water temp is in the 50’s – 60’s so it should not impact any swimming areas.

*We would hope that all property owners would select to have this treatment done (no opt outs). If all property owners choose to have the treatment, we can maximize our investment and effectiveness in AIS prevention. Otherwise, we are just treating a portion of the infestation and we will never effectively control the Curly-leaf Pondweed infestation.*

Like last year, the Minnesota DNR has granted us a waiver of the requirement to obtain signatures of approval of owners of lake-shore property. Instead, we are notifying property owners of the treatment through various forms. This letter is one form that we are using to notify property owners. We will also provide notification in the Early Spring 2022 Bass Lake Association Newsletter and a notice on the Bass Lake Assn Website.

With regard to the treatment for this year, which will occur during the month of May 2022, please be advised of the following:

* The target species for this treatment is Curly-leaf Pondweed
* The method of control will be a spray application of Aquathol at 2ppm.
* Property owners can request that herbicide not be applied adjacent to their property.
* Notices that treatment has occurred will be placed in the water (floating buoys) at the point of application immediately after treatment.
Residents should respond no later than May 1st if they choose not to have herbicide applied in the lake in front of their property.

If you **do not want** treatment to occur in front of your property, you may opt out of this treatment by simply notifying John Fitzgerald, your current Bass Lake Association President.

You may contact him via email at fitzjohng@aol.com or by using the attached postcard. You may send your Postcard to:

 John Fitzgerald

 10183 120th St NW

 South Haven, MN 55382

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POSTCARD TO BE USED BY LAKE SHORE OWNERS WHO CHOOSE TO OPT OUT OF TREATMENT:

I have read the annual letter sent on or before May 1st of this year and reviewed this document. I request that **no** herbicide treatment occur in front of our shoreline property.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

All requested information must be entered for verification purposes.

Year: 2022

Property Owners Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lake Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) Home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (If different from Lake Property Address):