

## **Alligator Weed Update 03/25/2011**

**From:** Scott Lamprecht [mailto:SLampre878@aol.com]

**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2011 11:24 PM

**To:** Mark de Ogburn

**Subject:** Re: Alligator Weed

Hey Mark,

Sorry about not getting back earlier....if I don't look at my email box everyday, it gets so junked up I can't see the important stuff.

As you know, you have to use a licensed applicator.....and yes I can provide you a list.

As to the cost....I can only guesstimate. For a one time treatment, just to show up and launch a boat, I suspect it would cost ~ \$400. Add the herbicide cost (which shouldn't be all that much) and additional time, I suspect the total bill to be a grand plus or minus several hundred dollars.

You may be able to get by delaying grass carp replacement another year, but it would be gamble as the herbicide used on alligator weed does not affect the submerged vegetation that grass carp feed on.

There are several herbicides that will work on alligator weed and one of the relatively new ones works extremely well in low concentrations and keeps it from coming back for longer than previously common treatments.

Here is the link to the DNR list of licensed applicators. I know a couple of the guys listed. I have confidence in Chip Davis....in his knowledge, experience, and follow through. If he doesn't work out (too busy or too expensive) let me know or just go to the top of the list and start with Aquatic weed management (another company)....the guy is good, but sometimes is a little short on the follow through side of the equation.

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/fish/pdf/LakeMgtConsultants.pdf>

If the problem is treated during the second half of April or May, there should be very little downside. The downside is overwhelmingly due to plant decay. The residual effects of the herbicide is just not an issue. You are treating the emergent portion of the plant with an herbicide that is translocated throughout the plant. Very little is used and very little actually reaches the water. These aquatic products have been carefully scrutinized like never before. I just don't have a problem with the use of these products by applicators that know what they are doing.

Good luck and keep me in the loop.....run the quotes by me if you need to. Alligator weed has become an easy problem to treat; unlike duckweed and a few other common pond weed problems.

Scott

On Mar 25, 2011, at 4:13 PM, Mark de Ogburn wrote:

Scott, what would be the rough cost of treating our alligator weed infestation with a pesticide? Also, what side effects of the pesticide are possible, and what should we expect? Could we pass on the carp if we treat with the pesticide? Last, do you have a source of licensed applicators for the pesticide.

Thanks and I hope all is well in your world.

Mark