Weed Harvesting Update 6/27/19

For those that are interested, you can look on the Clam Lake PRD website, <u>clamlakeprd.com</u>, under "Current Events" tab, you will find a copy of the weed harvesting permit for 2019. The last few pages illustrates the areas we have the option to cut as needed. Several of us tour the lake on a regular basis to see whether the weeds are creating a navigational problem, as is the scope of the permit. The areas permitted currently are primarily the areas where the Curly Leaf Pond Weed has been a problem.

This past Monday, we cut areas 1,2, and 3 (the southeast bays) and then moved one of the harvesters to Upper Clam and cut southeast part of the Upper Clam, the path to the river opening. We harvested very few weeds in areas 1,2, & 3. On the way to the southeast part of Upper Clam we passed through Sunfish Bay but again found very few weeds to cut. We currently do not have plans to cut until we determine if it is needed. We will continue to monitor the lake daily.

So far this season the lake is showing more signs of a typical year. The Curly Leaf Pond Weed presents itself mid-May but when the water temperature reaches about 70-72 degrees it dies off. It died off this last Thursday and Friday. Last year's biggest issue was the Common Lake Weed. Thus far we are not seeing near the problem we had last year. We are assuming that with the warmer weather, right around the corner, we may see this change.

The DNR has also been monitoring the lake. They have assured us that if the weeds come back as bad as last year, they will allow us to expand the areas that we can cut.

The Clam Lake PRD is sponsoring a Boat Parade on Saturday, July 6th. Check the website for more details. We hope to make this an annual event.

Thank You, Tim Hickey