

LAKE GASTON WEED CONTROL UPDATE
JULY 19, 2010

PLM Lake & Land Management is pleased to report that the treatment schedule is up to date and that the treatment sites are progressing well. Sampling will take place this week to determine the amount of chemical needed to complete the treatments as well as the use of visual results. Residents in areas that have never been treated are seeing the results of the treatments by witnessing plants floating and see the whitened stems and pinkish tips on the effected plants. This discoloration is due to the absorption of the Flouridone indicating the effectiveness of the treatments. Unlike the contact chemical Komeen which removes the plants in a few days, the Hydrilla most grow and absorb the Flouridone. The discoloration stops it from absorbing nutrients and the plant falls apart.. This is why the treatments can take up to 90 days.

PLM Lake and Land Mgmt. has received many calls over the last two weeks about being observed treating during the middle of the night. The activity that lake residents are observing such as boats moving closely along shorelines with very bright lights are Bow fishermen hunting Carp. PLM assures you that we do not treat at night. It is unsafe and tedious enough to treat in the daylight.

As a reminder to residents the following schedule is published.

- 1) Beechwood Flats, Flats (I-85), and Poplar Creek (Joyceville) have been posted for the following dates:

August 3rd.

- 2) Stillhouse Branch, Gaston Heights, Woodhaven/Moratuck Manor, Kings Branch, Timberline Shores, and Pinewood/Kings Estates have been posted for the following dates:

August 4th.

- 3) Mistipines, Sledge Creek, Woodland Hurst, Hot Rod Cove, Flat Rock, and Big Stonehouse West have been posted for the following dates:

August 5th.

Treatment maps can be viewed on the PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. web site at www.plmcorp.net. When on the Home Page select "Services", "Treatment and Irrigation Info", "Atlantic Division", and "**Lake Gaston**". Selecting a listed site will allow the user to view the treatment site and boundaries. Should residents in these areas have specific questions please call our toll free number 866-403-5259 (ext 5002), or our local number 252-586-2900 (ext 5002).