

AIM Harvest Summary: Weeks of 7/25 and 8/1

3 person crew (2 divers)

Dive Leader: Andrew Lewis, Tommy Thomson

Week 11

This week began with a focus on the South end. The crew began by taking care of Guy's buoys #11122 – 11130. 11125 – 11130, in front of Camp Wenonah, had the most plants with a total of 287. The crew then swam Corey's Island, the small bay NE of the South Basin, Bungalow Bay, Pelky Bay, Saginaw Bay and also did a surface survey and swim of the South Basin with the help of Guy Middleton.

The crew then worked the North, Northeast and Channel areas around Buck Island finding sporadic growth. There were also a fair number of plants in the small bay Northeast of Buck Island. The crew then worked the South side of Eagle Island, removed 1 plant in the Narrows, covered South Gull and the area behind Doctor's Island where significant growth was found last year. All areas showed young, sporadic growth.

Weekly plant count:

2 bags = 50 lbs

Week 12

This week was oriented on the North End and involved a lot of rapid response work. These areas included the North Basin (a few sporadic plants), Pork Bay, Bottleneck Bay, The Point, Eagle Island, Bungalow Bay and the small bay North of North Gull. The most significant area was the small bay North of North Gull where a patch of tall plants was harvested and then re-swam to ensure a good pick. Also, a small patch in Bungalow bay was located by Guy and harvested by AIM. Pork Bay has proven to be a productive growth culture this year and so the crew spent a large amount of time swimming there finding lots of very young plants. This harvest will probably show some significant results in terms of limiting regrowth by catching the plants at such an early stage. The crew swam the Southwestern shoreline of Square Bay where there is a wide littoral area finding sporadic but tall plants. The tongue in Little Square Bay was where the crew wrapped up the week finding sporadic young growth mixed in with the abundant and mature Bassweed.

Weekly plant count:

3 bags = 75 lbs