



AIM Harvest Summary: Weeks of 9/5 and 9/12 (Weeks 10 & 11)

8 person crew (6 divers)

Dive Leader: Andrew Lewis

Week 10:

Safety: No issues

Status of equipment: No issues

Operations:

Monday- Began line swimming (100 % littoral coverage) at the Village Docks behind Duffy's Tavern. The crew encountered sporadic patches that became thicker and more consistent the further south they swam. Line swimming passes went West to East (ie: from the shallows out to the drop-off and back) while the overall direction of the coverage was southerly. 79 bags were harvested.

Tuesday- Since the crew had found much denser growth by the end of Monday we stopped line swimming and split the crews so they could operate in teams of three. The teams then went to work harvesting as much mass as possible with no concern for coverage or line swimming methods. The harvest ranged from the Shepard's Park Pier to just North of the Horicon at its dock. 198 bags were harvested.

Wednesday- We kept the same strategy as Tuesday, remove mass as quickly as possible to allow us to later line-swim and achieve full swim coverage. The crews harvested from just South of the Shepard's Park Pier to Just South of the Adirondac at its dock. 112 bags were harvested.

Thursday- Thursday was spent line-swimming the previously harvested areas from Mon. – Wed. This allowed us to "clean pick" as well as find and harvest dense patches that had been missed in the mass removal work. 38 bags were harvested.

Weekly Bag count: 427 10,675 lbs

Week 11:

Safety: No issues

Status of equipment: No issues

Operations:

Monday- Spent Monday focusing on the un-harvested areas East of the Horicon and Adirondac extending along the village docks towards the Minnie Ha Ha. 98 bags harvested.

Tuesday- Spent Tuesday in the same area as Monday while also sweeping behind the Adirondac and Horicon. Also switched to line swimming for this area by the halfway point in the work day. 86 bags were harvested.

Wednesday- Began line swimming the entire treatment area extending from the Boardwalk to 100 yards West of the Minnie Ha Ha. Swam roughly half of the area primarily the Southern half. 43 bags were harvested.

Thursday- Continued our full coverage line swim and completed the entire area extending from the Boardwalk south to 100 yards West of the Minnie Ha Ha. Also achieved secondary coverage of key areas around the Shepard's Park Pier and behind the Adirondac. 19 bags were harvested.

Weekly Bag count: 246 6,150 lbs

2011 Totals for Lake George Village Eurasian Milfoil Bed

Bags Harvested: 673 bags

Total Wet Weight: 16,825 lbs

Recommendations:

In 2012 AIM will recommend an early harvest of the village bed, perhaps in early May as well as a late harvest in September. Each swim through should require less time than previous work there and by 2013 the bed should be reduced to sporadic growth easily suppressed by a small dive team.