



Aquatic Invasive Management, LLC.

AIM

AIM Harvest Summary: Weeks of 7/25 and 8/29

3 person crew (2 divers)

Dive Leader: Kyle Jaquis (Week 1) Kristie Wikane (Week 2)

Week 1

As we continue to manage Minerva Lake at much reduced levels of work input we are always adapting our methods. This year our crew found that surface spotting was an ideal way to locate any and all milfoil on the lake. Since our first week of work occurred so late in the growing season (late July) the existing milfoil growth had plenty of time to get tall and visible. In sunny, flat-water conditions our crew could then canvas the lake area and mark all milfoil growth with buoys. Once a large enough area had been surveyed they could switch to diving and work from buoy to buoy. In this fashion we are able to cover the entire lake quickly and only invest dive time where it is needed (as in where plants are found).

In Week 1 we removed 4 bags of milfoil and covered the entire lake twice ensuring thorough coverage.

Weekly plant/bag count:

4 bags 100 lbs

Week 2

In week 2 we used the same methods to surface spot and harvest all known growth. The crew harvested 1 bag of milfoil and covered the lake 3 times.

Weekly plant/bag count:

1 bag 25 lbs

2012

We will recommend only 1 full work week with a 2 diver crew for 2012. Each year we are able to reduce our efforts and therefore reduce our cost.