

Lake Sutherland News

Lake project day set this summer for Sept. 12

Carthy Lucero reported to the Lake Management District's Steering Committee in May that the lake's eurasian milfoil invasion continues to be stabilized and should require a single organized day of diving to pull weeds this season in September.

In earlier years, three diving "pulls" a year were normally required to retard the spread of the invasive weed.

Lucero, lake district administrator, reminds everyone that the lake's shorelines could have been clogged with the eurasian milfoil without the efforts of the district and its volunteer divers over the past 10 years.

She said one major continuing problem is the spread of milfoil by the activity of beavers.

She also advised that lake residents would start seeing some exploratory diving activity around the lake in June and July. She said anyone interested in helping with summer dives could call her at the county, 417-2442.

The next meeting of the lake steering committee will be Sept. 8. This season's milfoil pull will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Maple Grove docks.

All lake residents are invited to participate in a potluck lunch and to offer their services as volunteer skimmers or boat transporters for the divers.



New steering committee chair Jan Snyder and his boat are familiar sights.

Lake district committee members reappointed to staggered terms

The new chair of the Lake Sutherland Management District Steering Committee is Jan Snyder, elected unanimously at the committee's May meeting.

Former chair Mike Price was elected to continue as vice chair.

Members of the committee who applied for reappointment were re-enlisted in December by the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners.

Price was appointed to serve until the end of 2017, along with Jim Haguewood and Gene Unger.

Snyder, Judy Ware and Marie Marrs were appointed to serve until the end of 2016, and Don Nunley, John Marrs and Theresa Schmid were appointed to complete the current year.

The lake district's administrator is Cathy Lucero, county noxious weeds coordinator.

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**'New' boat launch requires
passes on vehicles**

Reconstruction of the state's public boat launch on Lake Sutherland was completed in 2014 with "Jobs Now" funding by the Washington State Legislature in 2013.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife overhauled the launch, which was purchased by the former Department of Game in the 1950s, according to Steve Sherlock, a media relations officer for Fish & Wildlife.

Facility use now requires either a state Discover Pass or the "Vehicle Access Pass" that comes with yearlong fishing or hunting licenses.

The overhaul included construction of a boarding float, handicapped accessibility, new restrooms and improvements to the launching ramp.

Lucero honored

Lake Sutherland Management District administrator Cathy Lucero received national recognition last winter as recipient of the "Leadership/territorial Award" in 2015 National Invasive Species Awareness Week awards.

The Clallam County WSU Extension program's Facebook page says Lucero was honored for her "tireless efforts as a leader in northwest efforts to manage noxious weeds."

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