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Fellow Bay Lakers,

The weather this spring has been rather unpredictable, to say the least. Last year it was 80 degrees in March, while this year we received plowable snow well into April. Just as the weather is random, so too are the other forces of nature. For over twenty years BLIA has worked to control Eurasian Water Milfoil, and depending on erratic Mother Nature, we have had good years and difficult years managing EWM. Now we face a myriad of threats; zebra mussels continue to spread throughout the region, quagga mussels are heading in our direction. In short, we will never be done defending our Lake from invasive species. Despite the fickleness of the environment and the unintended consequences of humankind, there is one constant in all of our lives; the place we simply call the Lake.

Bay Lake is a continual presence in each of us. Our Lake is a place where we gather, with family and friends, to enjoy the momentous and the mundane. It is a setting of uncompromising beauty with a strong community that we all care about deeply. Bay Lake, our Lake, is where multi-generational memories are made. Some memories run five or six generations deep, others only one or two.

The most important thing all of us can do is to make sure that our Lake is protected for future generations to enjoy what our ancestors and we know Bay Lake to be. To ensure future memories requires our commitment now. We need to give to the Environmental Fund so our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will be able to make lasting memories with their loved ones. We thank those who have given in the past, perhaps this year you can give a little more. If you haven't given before please consider a gift of any size. The generous spirit of those who have gone before us, coupled with our giving, will allow future memories to be made here at Bay Lake.

Thank You,

The BLIA Board of Directors

Protecting, Preserving, Maintaining, Improving Your Bay Lake Environment

***"The most important thing all of us can do is to make sure our Lake is protected for future generations..."***

Sometimes we need a reminder.

Please read the articles from this 2010 series.

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***"EWM: Our Exotic Invader"---Part One:***

The most often asked questions about EWM and Bay Lake will be addressed on BayLake.org. To read the answer to the first question ***"Have we lost the battle?"***, [click here.](#)

***"EWM: Our Exotic Invader"---Part Two:***

The second question in our Q & A series is: ***"EWM vs. Northern Milfoil: What's the difference? They look alike, I hate them both and it's getting worse!"*** To read the answer, [click here.](#)

***"EWM: Our Exotic Invader"---Part Three:***

The third installment in our Q & A series asks the following questions:

- How Do We Identify and Track Infestation Sites?***
- How Do We Determine Which Sites To Treat?***
- Fall Versus Spring Treatment: Why Do I Have To Look At The Stuff All Summer?***

To read the answers, [click here.](#)

***"EWM: Our Exotic Invader"---Part Four:***

The fourth installment in our Q & A series asks the following questions:

- "Mechanical Harvesting vs. Chemical Treatment: Why Don't We Just Cut The Darn Stuff"***
- "If Treatment Is So Good, Why Not Treat The Whole Lake?"***

To read the answers, [click here.](#)

***"EWM: Our Exotic Invader"---Part Five:***

The fifth installment in our Q & A series asks the following questions:

- "What Can I Do With EWM Around My Dock?"***
- "What Herbicide Do We Use?"***
- "Why Don't We Use the Herbicide "Sonar" (Like Michigan)?"***
- "Should We Drastically Expand Treatment?"***

To read the answers, [click here.](#)

***"EWM: Our Exotic Invader"---Series Conclusion: To***

read the final article, [click here.](#)