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# Lake Minnetonka Vegetation & AIS Master Plan Update Vegetation Summary

LMCD Board Meeting Work Session

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# Vegetation Summary

- Highlight of comments or observations regarding vegetation this summer
- Overall lighter vegetation levels this year
  - High water, cool spring, etc.
- Some different vegetation issues

# Vegetation Survey- September 2019

- Appears 1<sup>st</sup> Time Lake Minnetonka Data For All Bays



1- light



2- medium



3- dense

# Black Lake

“Is there going to be harvesting? Black Lake is really bad. The kayaks can't move.” 08/2019

“Vegetation growth is heavy- can you harvest” 07/2019

“Vegetation growth is thick this year.” 07/2019





# Browns

- “A lot of vegetation floating into shore this year.” 08/2019

# Carman

- “Milfoil is bad in this area.”  
08/2019

# Cooks

- “The weeds this year are worse than I've ever seen them! #1-It looks terrible! #2-It has ruined our recreational water sports for the summer. We can't get our jet skis through the weeds ...Kayaking and paddle boarding are equally as difficult. Forget about swimming! The kids don't even want to tube or ski. Even the boat propeller gets all tangled up with weeds. It's a nightmare!” 07/2019
- “The weeds along the north shore of Cooks Bay are the worst we've ever seen. Is there a way we can address this next year. It is not possible to get our jet skis out and very difficult to get the boat out.” 09/2019



# Cooks



# East Upper Lake

# Gideon

- Football field sized weeds for 2 or 3 days. LMCD should harvest again.  
08/2019

- “So many weeds that my standup paddleboard rudder was getting caught.”  
08/2019



- “The LMCD did such a beautiful job in past years. My neighborhood and I are disappointed LMCD is not harvesting this year. I don't feel like I can even swim because it's dangerous with the weeds. 08/2019”
- “I am in favor of harvesting in Harrisons Bay.” 08/2019
- “Weeds are so bad. Difficult to navigate.” 08/2019
- “Looks like a gator swamp.” 08/2019

# Phelps





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# St. Albans





# Seton Lake





# Smith 07/04/2019





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# Smiths 07/12/2019, 08/05/2019





# Smiths 08/05/2019



“We find the lake weeds an increasing problem in Smiths Bay. We have a mix of emersed weeds on the inside of our dock area near shore, submersed weeds all around our dock, and increasing amount of floating weeds, which I believe are submersed weeds cut by boat props in the shallow bay that float towards us and get caught up all around our dock. It's really becoming a mess...” 07/2019

“A significant amount of vegetation, both long strands and cut pieces, floating into dock area several times past couple weeks.” 07/2019

## South Upper Lake

- “Thick vegetation along entire ridge across this entire bay making access to Upper Minnetonka Yacht Club and adjacent properties difficult.” 08/2019

## West Upper Lake

- Much more milfoil than I remember running parallel to enchanted island. 08/2019
- Thick line of vegetation including milfoil. 08/2019

# Wayzata 09/27/2019



# Questions & Board Direction

- Questions?