



Devils Lake Water Improvement District

4006 NE West Devils Lake Road • Lincoln City, Oregon 97367
(541) 994-5330
www.DLWID.org

Honorable Commissioners,

The Devils Lake Water Improvement District (DLWID) applied for and received permission from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife to introduce grass carp into Devils Lake as an experimental program to reduce the extensive growths of aquatic plants, much of which were comprised of invasive taxa. DLWID introduced 10,000 fish in 1986, 17,050 in 1987 and an additional 5,000 fish in 1993. By 1994, the lake was virtually free of submerged aquatic macrophytes and remained relatively macrophytefree until 2020. After that year, a dramatic increase in *Elodea Canadensis* macrophyte growth has occurred, impacting the majority of the lake surface.

The Devils Lake Water Improvement District board of directors directed that a plan of attack be developed to control *Elodea*. We have evaluated the primary control methods of mechanical harvesting (cutter boats), pesticide application, and triploid grass carp. Other control methods were less favorably considered due to high cost and lack of community support.

The board wishes to pursue a re-introduction of triploid grass carp for the following reasons:

1. Concerns with efficiency of mechanical harvesting
2. Concerns of pesticide effects on fish and wildlife within the lake habitat when used as a long-term treatment option
3. Concerns of the extremely high recurring costs of options 1 and 2 above
4. Our previous success (other than overstocking) with grass carp
5. Our ability and commitment to work with ODFW to conduct a multi-year control monitoring and reporting plan

DLWID requests the ODFW Commission direct staff to allocate time to work with DLWID staff to develop a plan to review *Elodea* control measures to include the re-introduction of triploid grass carp.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joshua Brainerd', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Joshua Brainerd

Executive Director

Devils Lake Water Improvement District