

Summary Actual Responses

Somewhat Not enough Go deeper
 1. Somewhat satisfied. We wish he would cut deeper. He seemed to do that on his most recent cutting.
 2. Not enough. The area coming out of our bay always seemed to have weeds.
 3. Yes. Go deeper. Also if he could call us before he comes into our bay, we could take our pontoon out. Last time he cut we had already pulled the boat and he really did a great job because the area was clear. All in all we think he does a great job and we know you can't please everyone!

Satisfied
 Hi Debby, We haven't commented on this survey yet because we haven't spent much time on the lake this year. From what we've seen from the kayak, it's been a very interesting cruise. We've seen beautiful American Lotus, and water lilies. We've seen great structure for the fish to swim in, and we've heard and seen many frogs. This is all a large part of a lake being healthy. We've been out on the lake with friends on their pontoon boat. They didn't have any problem navigating the whole lake. We were able to get to the river without a problem in our kayaks. So, I guess we would have to give the thumbs up to the plant harvesting this year. We have never operated the harvester, so have no idea all that is entailed in its operation

Somewhat
 This year there has been a lot of Milfoil along the Entire East Shore of the Shore Dr. Peninsula. (dramatically more then years past). If possible next year please feel free to apply Chemicals and or Cut with Weed Cutter. If you have any questions please let me know.

Somewhat Not enough Depth issues until end of season
 1. How satisfied are you with the weed harvesting this year? (Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Not satisfied)
 Comment: Somewhat, with no treatment this year many many new growths appeared.
 2. What do you think about the amount of time spent harvesting weeds this year? (More than needed, About right, Not enough)
 Comment: Not enough this year, many large patches al around the lake. As for the shore lines he did get close to the piers and shoreline were permitted.
 3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the weed harvesting on our lake? (Yes, No)
 If "Yes", what are they? Steve has a better understanding now of the depth issues, much better at the end of the season.

Somewhat Not enough Go deeper Not satisfied Not enough Go deeper
 Weed harvesting could happen every day as far as we are concerned, but we understand that is not feasible. The only thing we would like to see is the weeds cut deeper. There are many more lily pads this year and it would be a shame to see them take over the lake.

WEED HARVESTING SURVEY
 1. How satisfied are you with the weed harvesting this year? (Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Not satisfied)
 Comment: Bay to the South had an overabundance of weeds, and quite a few 'unfriendlies'
 2. What do you think about the amount of time spent harvesting weeds this year? (More than needed, About right, Not enough): Since we had a daily amount of weeds near the surface and clogging our prop, I feel we needed more time.
 3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the weed harvesting on our lake? (Yes, No)
 If "Yes", what are they? I would like to see the cutter dropped into the water deeper.

Satisfied Harvest fragments that were controlled by chemicals
 I am very satisfied, glad to see the harvester staying away from the Lilly pads and not cutting to deep. I really think the harvester is a fish killing machine, and would rather see the chemical treatment at a limited amount.
 Harvesting fragments the vegetation and replants in the areas that were controlled by the chemical treated areas.

Not satisfied Not enough Increase operations
 We were not satisfied with the harvesting and feel much more time would have to be spent harvesting if the chemical treatment is not approved.
 After observing the weed harvesting program this summer, we feel that the results were not very good compared to past efforts under similar circumstances. After the chemical treatment of the past few years, the milfoil came back with a density that we have not observed for many summers.
 We feel that, because of this, the few hours spent harvesting were nowhere near enough to remove the mass of weeds required to keep open, unimpeded navigation of the finger bay, the south bay, the east end and patches scattered through-out the center of the lake.
 Even given the appropriate hours, we feel that the weeds were not cut deeply enough and the floating remnants were not efficiently gathered.
 In our opinion if the current harvesting person is retained, he should agree to a set amount of increased hours and be retrained.

Not satisfied Not enough Can lake home owners help
 1. Not satisfied, seemd much more weedy this year then the previous.
 2. Not enough
 3. Yes, run the harvesting machine more, and can we as lake home owners volunteer to help with the harvesting?

Not satisfied Not enough Spring harvest with a reassessment for another harvest if needed
 1. Not satisfied with weed harvesting this year.
 2. Not enough time spent harvesting this year
 3 Suggestion : spring harvest with reassessment in early/mid summer to see if another harvest is needed

Somewhat Not enough Go deeper If we can't treat w/chemicals
 1. How satisfied are you with the weed harvesting this year? (Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Not satisfied)
 Comment: Somewhat satisfied, once he understood about cutting as deep as possible it was getting better, but to late in the summer after AI informed him of the depth.
 2. What do you think about the amount of time spent harvesting weeds this year? (More than needed, About right, Not enough)
 Comment: More cutting time needs to occur during the heavy growing months June, July, and Aug especially.
 3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the weed harvesting on our lake? (Yes, No)
 If "Yes", what are they?
 If the DNR doesn't let us treat again in 2017, I would think that you have to cut as deep as possible and to cut more hours a during the week. We also need to get into the bays sooner in the summer, this may help to keep the growth down

Not satisfied Not enough Go deeper, collect floaters, control lily pads
 Question 1: Not satisfied.
 Question 2: Not enough.
 Question 3: Yes--1. Need to go as deep as possible in all areas of the lake. We appreciate the job the weed cutter man is doing, but additional things need to be done to help him.
 2. Instead of cut weeds ending up on the shore line, a better job needs to be done to have the weeds go on to the machine. Perhaps they would have to be cut one day and collected on the next day. Maybe that part of the machine needs to be updated and/or repaired to pull the weeds on to the machine.
 3. Also, if the lily pads continue their rapid growth, there will not be a beautiful lake, only a water sloe. If Blue Springs Lake got rid of their problems with lily pads as well as Whitewater Lake solving their problem some years ago, then why not speak with these two Lake District groups and see how they solved their problem.

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 1. How satisfied are you with the weed harvesting this year? (Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Not satisfied)

Comment: Somewhat satisfied

2. What do you think about the amount of time spent harvesting weeds this year? (More than needed, About right, Not enough)
Comment: probably not enough based on the DNR not allowing for the chemical treatment this year
3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the weed harvesting on our lake? (Yes, No)

If "Yes", what are they? Observation, Even on our side of the lake, we had a weed explosion especially milfoil which I have not seen in the 15 years we have been on the lake.

Not satisfied
Not enough

1. No satisfied. The weed on our lake front are out of control, looks terrible. Also, lily pads are over growing everywhere.
2. Not enough.
3. No

Somewhat satisfied
Not enough
better at the end of
the year

1. How satisfied are you with the weed harvesting this year? (Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Not satisfied)
Comment: I think that the guy who was doing it today awesome job I just think he should do it more because the weeds grow so fast.
2. What do you think about the amount of time spent harvesting weeds this year? (More than needed, About right, Not enough)
Comment: More more more! Like that disco song. Make no mistake, I was happy this year. I think not using poison made the lake clearer.
3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the weed harvesting on our lake? (Yes, No) YES
If "Yes", what are they? Again it was very impressed with the weed Harvester gentleman, but since the weeds simply grow relatively fast it would be nice if we were able to have him do it more. Sincere thanks for having a survey!
Btw. even if he cuts a simple strip through the channel more often, as opposed to getting every nook and cranny everytime, would be dynamite

Not satisfied
Not enough
Cut east end &
Dixon's bay more

1. How satisfied are you with the weed harvesting this year? (Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Not satisfied)
Comment: Not satisfied
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Comment: Not enough
3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the weed harvesting on our lake? (Yes, No)
If "Yes", what are they? Harvest more. Cut on the east end of the lake more frequently and also in the bay where Carol and Vlcki are. There were even quite a few weeds in front of our place that needed to be cut. We realize this was an unusual year; no chemicals and the weather was hot. Just a good "lesson" for the future. So glad you are taking this survey and being proactive. You guys are great. Thanks for all you do!

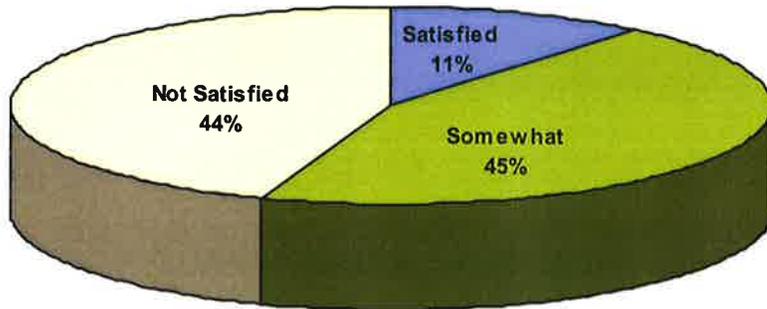
Somewhat
Not enough

1-Somewhat
2-not enough
3-none

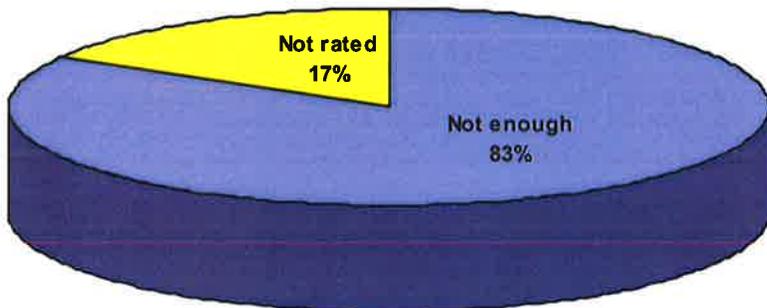
Not satisfied
Not enough
Go deeper

The finger bay was full of weeds as was the east end of the lake
The more the better
On the occasions I saw the harvester in the finger bay there was virtually no weeds going up the conveyer.

Satisfaction Responses



Amount of Time Spent



We had 18 responses to the survey.

Regarding the first question, "How satisfied are you with the weed harvesting this year? (Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Not satisfied)" 2 respondents stated they were satisfied, 8 were somewhat satisfied, and 8 were not satisfied.

Regarding the second question, "What do you think about the amount of time spent harvesting weeds this year? (More than needed, About right, Not enough)" 15 of the 18 respondents said we don't cut enough and three did not provide a rating.

6 of the 18 said we don't cut deep enough, 1 said we shouldn't cut deeper, and 3 said it improved at the end of the season.

Other comments included concerns about the "floaters" or remnants that aren't being collected during the harvesting, the increase in lily pads, a couple offered to assist with harvesting, and that the weeds are more prolific, especially milfoil, than in past years. Several respondents want chemical treatments, and others were satisfied with the lake as it was this year.