

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

Date: April 11, 2024

Re: **The Towns of Ellery, Ellicott, and Busti and residents of Sunrise Cove, Bly Bay and Camp Chautauqua** are applying for permits from the NYSDEC to apply aquatic herbicides to control invasive plants in the lake. The following herbicide applications will be conducted only after a permit is obtained from DEC and DEC staff has field-verified the presence of the target species.

- a. **ProcellaCOR EC (florpyrauxifen-benzyl)** application is proposed to occur on 1-2 days in late June or July, 2024 to control **invasive Eurasian watermilfoil (milfoil)**. The presence of invasive milfoil in each of the proposed treatment areas will be confirmed prior to application. The application will control the nuisance plants with minimal risk of impacts to native plant or fish species.
- b. The application of **three copper-based herbicide/algacides (Captain, Komeen Descend, Nautique)** is proposed to occur in May or June to three pilot plots in Ellicott and Busti for control of **Starry Stonewort (*Nitellopsis obtusa*)** One product is being used in each plot to assess the extent and duration of control of this highly invasive macroalgae.
- c. The application of copper-based herbicide **Komeen Descend** is proposed to occur in July to marinas and hotel docking areas in Celoron for control of nuisance weeds.

Water use restrictions will be in effect for riparian owners as follows and noted in the table below:

Eurasian watermilfoil – Ellery, Bemus Point, Ellicott, Celoron, Lakewood, Busti, North Harmony, southern portion of Chautauqua, and areas downstream of the lake receiving this letter.

Starry Stonewort & marina/hotel treatments – Ellery (south of Bemus Point), Ellicott, Celoron, Lakewood, and areas downstream of the lake receiving this letter.

The areas of the Lake to be treated for milfoil, starry stonewort and nuisance weeds are shown in the attached maps.

Water Use Restrictions

Herbicide	Swimming/ Bathing	Fishing	Livestock Watering	Drinking, culinary or food processing purposes	Irrigation (except turf)
ProcellaCOR EC	No restriction	No restriction	Until concentration levels equal <1 ppb	No restriction	Until herbicide concentration levels equal <1 ppb
Captain, Komeen Descend, Nautique	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	Until concentration levels equal <200 ppb	No restriction

Information on water use restrictions, including herbicide concentrations and lifting of restrictions, will be posted on the Chautauqua Lake Partnership website (<http://chqlake.org/>), and may be posted on the website of each Town and Village that receives an approved permit, or by contacting the Town or Village Clerks. In addition, signs will be posted at public access sites around the Lake notifying users of the water use restrictions. When all water restrictions are lifted, posted signs will be removed.

For actual application dates and areas, please contact Glenn Sullivan of Ready Scout, LLC at GPS@ready-scout.com or 908-310-8775, or your appropriate Town or Village Clerk's office.

In the event that you as a riparian owner or those individuals or entities to whom you have granted legal access rights (vested riparian users), have an objection to the water use restrictions, please contact the NYSDEC at the address below **within 21 days of receipt of this notice**. All comments must be in writing and demonstrate that your use of the waterbody will be significantly affected (per the NYSDEC's policy). **Lack of comment will be considered consent to the treatment and water use restrictions.**

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The product labels may be obtained from contacting Ready-Scout at GPS@ready-scout.com, or by pasting the following links into an internet browser:

<https://chqlake.org/2024-product-labels/>



