

## NSLTRA Membership Feedback Survey

Fall, 2015

The Board of your Lake Association is seeking input from you, the members, to help us as we consider strategies and actions to deal with the invasive milfoil (EWM) that is plaguing our lakes.

### **Here is what we believe:**

The EWM is out of control on South Twin to the point that it has dramatically changed the character of the lake for recreational boaters and fishing.

The whole lake chemical treatment in 2010 was the most effective action your Board has taken in the past. That was made possible by contributions to the AMEN fund and a grant from the DNR.

Hand or mechanical harvesting is not an effective approach that we can rely on in the future.

Grant funding from the DNR is less likely in the future as more lakes seek dollars to combat EWM...and the pool of grant dollars is diminishing as part of the State budget.

Whole lake treatment on South Twin and targeted treatment on North Twin could cost \$135,000 to \$150,000 every 3 to 5 years to effectively control the EWM.

### **Your responses to the following will help your Board craft a comprehensive strategy to control EWM, protect our lakes and maintain our property values:**

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 being low and 10 being high) how concerned are you about the threat EWM poses to our lakes? \_\_\_\_ (insert rating)
2. Do you support the establishment of a LAKE DISTRICT for North and South Twin? (A Lake District is empowered under State statute to assess a tax on properties within the district boundaries to collect funds to combat issues like EWM.) \_yes \_no
3. If a Lake District is not established, would you pledge to make an annual tax deductible contribution to the NSLTRA AMEN fund of at least \$150 annually to provide sufficient funds for the Association to finance EWM treatment and management? \_\_yes \_\_no

4. Establishing a Lake District takes time – following specific procedures included in the authorizing statute. Are you willing to make a tax-deductible contribution to the AMEN fund in 2015 to provide financial resources to treat South Twin in the spring of 2016? (Without a DNR grant -and it is too late to apply for one for 2016- we will need to collect about \$100,000.) \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no  
How much will you contribute? \$\_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you have any suggestions or recommendations our Board should consider as we craft the EWM management and control strategy?

There is urgency to this matter. We will appreciate your response by September 8, 2015 to enable your Board to consider this input at the September meeting.

On behalf of the Board, thank you,

Roger Ganser, President