

## **GOOD NEWS ABOUT 2016 MILFOIL TREATMENT**

April 2016

In the March 2016 email update the NSTLRA Board reported to the membership that an AIS Control Grant was submitted to the DNR requesting 50% of the cost to treat North and South Twin Lake for EWM in February 2016.

We are pleased to announce that NSTLRA has been granted up to \$62,417 by the DNR to cover 50% of the two-year (2016 and 2017) treatment project cost. NSTLRA will be responsible for the other 50% of the treatment project cost in an amount up to \$62,417.

**We expect the treatment of South Twin to begin in May 2016 – as soon as the water temperature is suitable.**

The NSTLRA savings account balance as of March 31, 2016 is \$105,587. Some of these dollars are ear marked for specific uses, like the memorial gifts for buoy maintenance, the Lake Management Plan project mentioned in the March email update, and our initiative to explore the creation of a Lake District.

After considering the ear marked dollars and making financial provision for our 50% share of the cost at up to \$62,417, the AMEN funds available for future treatment projects will be at the lowest level since the spring of 2011.

It is important that we replenish the AMEN Fund so we are prepared to cover the NSTLRA's share of the cost for EWM treatments in the future.

EWM is never eradicated ... regular control treatment is required. It is likely we will need to do a major treatment of the lakes again in three years in order to avoid the problems we experienced during the summer of 2015.

Your regular, annual contributions to the AMEN Fund are critically important to ensure the future health of our lakes. Remember, your contributions are tax-deductible.

**NSTLRA Board of Directors**