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MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO 1) HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING MAY 4, 2017 REGARDING PROPOSED HERBICIDE TREATMENT IN NORTHEAST POND, LEBANON, ME AND 2) FILE NOTICE OF INTENT UNDER GENERAL PERMIT FOR APPLICATION OF AQUATIC HERBICIDES FOR THE CONTROL OF INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANTS

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Environmental Assessment Invasive Aquatic Species Program (IASP), State House Station 17, Augusta, Maine 04333 will hold a public meeting on May 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lebanon Elementary School gymnasium (53 Upper Guinea Rd. Lebanon, ME 04027) regarding the proposed herbicide treatment of a portion of Northeast Pond, Lebanon, Maine to control the invasive aquatic plant European naiad (*Najas minor*).

The IASP intends to file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality Management. The application is for the discharge of aquatic herbicide Reward® (active ingredient diquat dibromide) via subsurface injection through perforated hose from a surface watercraft into a 41-acre area of 685-acre Northeast Pond. The proposed treatment area is along the northeast shore in Lebanon, Maine where dense growth of European naiad was documented in 2015 and 2016. The treatment will occur in July 2017, exact date to be determined after surveying plant growth. The treatment will be completed in one day.

The treatment goals are to reduce the dense beds of the target plant to 1) prevent spread within Milton Three Ponds/Salmon Falls River and to other waters and 2) enable control of this infestation in future years with non-chemical measures. The treatment is part of an integrated management program including mechanical removal of lower density growth.

Upon treatment, the IASP will post these advisories for the 41-acre treatment area:

- drinking water restrictions for 3 days post application
- livestock/domestic animal consumption restriction for 1 day post application
- irrigation to turf and landscape ornamentals restriction for 3 days post application
- irrigation to food crops and production ornamentals restriction for 5 days post application.

While there is no swim restriction for diquat dibromide, the IASP will also advise residents not to swim within the treated area on the day of treatment as an added safety measure.

Email milfoil@maine.gov for exact dates of NOI submission, NOI approval and herbicide application. More information and precautionary notes on human water consumption, water contact, livestock use and irrigation is available from the DEP IASP Coordinator, Maine DEP, State House Station 17, Augusta, ME 04333 (207-215-9863).

The NOI will be filed on or about May 15, 2017 and will be available for public inspection at DEP's Augusta office during normal business hours. A copy may also be seen at the municipal offices in Lebanon and Acton, Maine and Milton, New Hampshire.

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