



**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**
MNDNR PERMITTING AND REPORTING SYSTEM

**Permit Number
2022-3444**

**AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PERMIT
(RENEWED)**
EXPIRATION DATE: 10/31/2024

Contact the Authorized Issuer (listed below) if you have any questions regarding this permit.

The Commissioner of the Natural Resources, pursuant to authority by law, hereby **GRANTS THIS PERMIT** to the person whose name appears below, for the purpose specified, dates inclusive as shown, in the conditions hereinafter set forth:

Project Name: Clearwater Lake Migrating FL Bogs Near Grass Lk Bridge		Control Method: Bog Removal/Relocation
County: Stearns	Watershed: Mississippi River - St. Cloud	Resource: Clearwater (86025200)
Permittee: CLEARWATER LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION CONTACT: LEITCH-SELL, LIZ, (612) 247-3707 P.O. BOX 476 ANNANDALE, MN 55302 (320) 428-3559		Authorized Agent: (N/A)
Lake Address (if different):		

Authorized Control Area:
Migrating floating bog(s) on Clearwater (86025200).

Migrating unattached floating bog chunks that are located in the small bay (see attached map) near Grass Lake bridge may be relocated or removed.

Authorized Action:
Relocating and/or removing of migrating floating bogs.

Relocated migrating bogs must be secured to prevent further movement using wooden stakes. This permit authorizes the transport of aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species during bog relocation or removal activities.

Before transporting the bog for disposal you must: (1) drain excess water from the bog material before leaving the water body, for example by parking the truck on an incline; (2) transport the bog material directly from the water body to the disposal site; (3) dispose of bog material at least 300 feet from any waters of the state or seasonally flooded lands; and (4) clean all aquatic plants, sediment and prohibited invasive species from all equipment with each load – no vegetation should be on the outside of the transport truck/trailer before using public roads. If you intend to remove the floating bog via a public access, make sure you contact the owner of the access (an access permit may be necessary).

THE LITTLE FALLS APM OFFICE IS TO BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO ANY REMOVAL TAKING PLACE WHEN HEAVY EQUIPMENT IS USED (320-232-1079 OR audrey.posterick@state.mn.us). If the bog is to be removed from the lake, this permit allows for the use of heavy equipment provided operation removes only floating bog material and does not disturb the bottom substrate. The removal location is to be at the Maple Hill landing. Work is to be done by one of the following contractors: Mares excavating of Annandale, JK Landscape Construction of Clearwater, Mackereth Excavating of Kimball, or DLS Landscaping of South Haven. The above listed guidelines are to be followed for all removed plant material to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. All bogs should be inspected for loon nests prior to being moved to removal area and if present the bog is to be relocated in the lake and staked.

Authorized Action (Continued):

If bog chunks are relocated to where they came from, they may not be placed so they block a property owners access to the lake or cover up bulrush beds.

Issued Date: 11/19/2023	Effective Date: 04/01/2024	Expiration Date: 10/31/2024	
Authorized Issuer: Audrey Posterick	Title: Aquatic Plant Management Specialist	Email Address: Audrey.posterick@state.mn.us	Phone Number: 320-232-1079

This permit is granted **subject to** the following **CONDITIONS:**

ANNUAL SURVEY: The permittee or their agent must complete an annual survey indicating the actual treatment dates and the amount and type of herbicide used no later than December 31st. The survey will be sent to you in the fall.

ENFORCEMENT: Impacts to aquatic plants outside permitted area or without valid permit may result in enforcement action.

CONTROL EFFECTIVENESS: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources does not vouch for the effectiveness of any treatment method or operation nor does it stand as arbiter whether or not any such method or operation has been satisfactory. This permit is permissive only and no liability shall be incurred by the State or by any of its offices, agents, or employees by reason of the issuance of it or by reasons of acts or operations of the permittee. The permittee shall be solely responsible for any damage or injury to persons, domestic or wild animals, waters, or property, real or personal of any kind, resulting from the permittee's acts or operations, and at all times the State of Minnesota, its officers, agents, and employees, shall be held harmless from any liability for such damage or injury.

PERMIT EXPIRATION: This permit is only valid until the expiration date listed at top of the permit and must be renewed if you want to continue plant control in future years. To renew, go to www.mndnr.gov/mpars and create or log in to your MPARS account. Then find your permit number and click Renew permit.

NON-TRANSFERABLE: This is a non-transferable permit. If property ownership changes, this permit is invalid.

cc: Hoppe, John, Contact; Clearwater Lake Property Owners Association
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