



Snohomish County

**Department of Conservation and Natural
Resources**

Surface Water Management Division

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Re: 2026 Lake Shoecraft Herbicide Treatment Business and Residential Notice

In Treatment Area ☒ -OR- In ¼ Mile Notification Area ☒

Dear Resident,

To control invasive aquatic plants, Snohomish County Surface Water Management has hired AquaTechnex to treat Lake Shoecraft with ClearCast with Agridex adjuvant and ProcellaCOR between **July 15 – October 31, 2026**.

Product(s) planned for use: ClearCast with Agridex adjuvant for Fragrant waterlily and ProcellaCOR for spiked milfoil (formally known as Eurasian watermilfoil)

Active ingredient(s): Imazamox (ClearCast) and Florpyrauxifen-benzyl (ProcellaCOR)

Plants/Algae targeted: Fragrant waterlily and Spiked milfoil are non-native, invasive aquatic plants that are targeted for treatment. Both plants can dominate shallow areas, limiting habitat and recreation, and causes the lake to fill in faster. Exact treatment dates will depend on weather and contractor availability. Please refer to the project website for schedule updates.

Location of treatment(s): The Contractor will treat the north cove for spiked milfoil, approximately 5 acres, and treat all fragrant waterlily present, or approximately 2 acres. Treatment maps will be based on survey of the lake and will be available in July at www.milfoil.surfacewater.info.

The applicator will post signs in the treated and potentially affected areas no more than 48 hours prior to treatment. The signs will describe any water use restrictions or advisories.

If you are withdrawing water for potable or domestic water use, livestock watering, or irrigation, and have no alternate water source, please contact Marisa Burghdoff at (425) 388-3204 or lakes@snoco.org to arrange an alternate water supply.

For additional questions, please contact the lakes group using the information above. To receive email notifications, sign up using the "Stay Informed" box on the project website.

This herbicide treatment is regulated under Permit No. WAG994226 issued by the WA State Dept of Ecology. Scan with QR reader to go to permit web page.



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Snohomish County Surface Water Management (SWM) and residents at Lake Goodwin & Lake Shoecraft have been partnering on invasive aquatic plant control since the 1990's. The work is funded by an Aquatic Plant charge paid by local residents and county contributions. The work is guided by lake area residents volunteering on the Lake Invasive Aquatic Plant Advisory Committee.

WHY IS WORK BEING DONE TO CONTROL INVASIVE PLANTS?

Lake Shoecraft is home to many native plants that are beneficial to fish and aquatic life. These plants are essential to lake health and should be left intact. However, invasive plants such as Spiked Milfoil and fragrant waterlily are not native to this area and have no natural controls. Because of this, they are able to spread rapidly and form dense stands which can: impair boating, fishing and swimming; crowd out and replace beneficial native plants; and harm fish and other aquatic life. Learn more <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/1106>. August.



HOW WILL THE TREATMENT IMPACT MY ABILITY TO USE THE LAKE?

Imaxamox and ProcellaCOR will have little to no impact on lake use. There are no restrictions on swimming, eating fish from treated waterbodies, or using water for drinking water following the treatment. For those who have water rights for irrigation, there is no restriction on turf irrigation.

However, there is a 7-day recommended waiting period for using treated water for landscape and garden irrigation.

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES

- **Clean, drain and dry your equipment and boat:**
 - Clean and remove, and throw away mud, plants, and aquatic life (mussels, milfoil, etc).
 - Drain all water from gear, boat, motor, bilge, ballast, wells and any compartments.
 - Dry everything fully before going to a different waterbody (air dry 5 days or towel dry).
- **Do NOT rake, cut, or pull** suspected milfoil plants. New plants can grow even from 1-inch fragments
- **Report milfoil plants** – use the online form at www.milfoil.surfacewater.info or email lakes@snoco.org. Reported plants will be provided to divers for hand-pulling.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Lakes Team at (425) 388-3464 or email lakes@snoco.org

STAY INFORMED WITH EMAIL UPDATES: Please visit www.milfoil.surfacewater.info and click on the “stay informed” box on the right side of the screen to subscribe to project updates.