

3.0 Aquatic Vegetation Management Goals

Because of these potentially serious impacts and the strong concern of the Newman Lake Community, the NLFCZD is trying to act quickly to implement a control plan for Eurasian watermilfoil in Newman Lake. Eradication is a difficult goal however based on the experience of other lakes prompt and on-going control efforts can keep the problem manageable. Our goal for Newman Lake at this time is to:

1. Remove every Eurasian watermilfoil plant detected each year in an effort to ultimately eradicate milfoil from Newman Lake.
2. Contain Eurasian watermilfoil to the existing infested areas, reducing the overall plant numbers.
3. Maintain recreational and residential uses of the lake while minimizing impact of control efforts on these uses.
4. Protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat using control methods that allow sustainable native plant and animal communities to thrive.
5. Minimize costs of control to the Newman Lake Homeowner and the State of Washington.

To ensure success in meeting this goal we are: involving the community in the management process, using the best available science to identify and understand likely effects of management actions prior to implementation and reviewing the effectiveness of control efforts, adjusting methods as necessary to achieve our overall goals.