



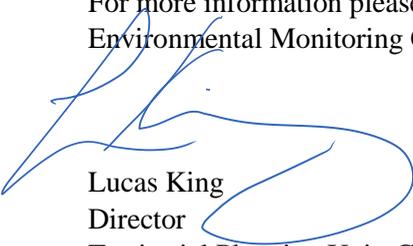
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To Whom It May Concern,

Please find below a list of comments submitted by Grand Council Treaty #3 for the proposed water soldier and European water chestnut prevention and response plans.

1. Grand Council Treaty #3 recognizes that Water Soldier and European Water Chestnut are located far from Treaty #3's North-western location but would like to submit comments for consideration as there is potential for both plants to eventually spread north into Treaty #3 territory. These prevention and response plans may also act as a future framework for creating other aquatic invasive plant prevention and response plans.
2. Grand Council recommends that under part A of Authorized Persons for both plans that First Nations be added to the list as it is their inherent and jurisdictional right and responsibility to look after their lands and waters, which includes removing invasive species from them if deemed necessary. With the current language and regulations, they will remain unauthorized to do so.
3. For the aquatic herbicide section in the Water Soldier plan, it states the best time to use the Diquat herbicide is during the Fall months of September and October. With this wording it leaves the best time to use Diquat as a suggestion and it could also be used during other times of the year. As Diquat is a non-selective contact herbicide that kills native aquatic plants it could become a management issue if multiple different groups decide to use Diquat throughout the year. It may be better to change the wording so that the plan only allows for use of Diquat for the months of September and October.
4. For the aquatic herbicide section in the European Water Chestnut plan, it states the best time to use the Diquat herbicide is during early to mid-summer. With this wording it leaves the best time to use Diquat as a suggestion and it could also be used during other times of the year. As Diquat is a non-selective contact herbicide that kills native aquatic plants it could become a management issue if multiple different groups decide to use Diquat throughout the year. It may be better to change the wording so that the plan only allows for use of Diquat during the early and mid-summer for European Water chestnut.

For more information please feel free to reach out to the Territorial Planning Unit through Chris Herc, Environmental Monitoring Coordinator at environment.monitor@treaty3.ca.


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