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Thank you,

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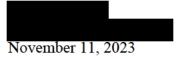
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Ladies / Gentleman

Attached please find my letter addressing the use of ProcellaCOR to manage the invasive Eurasian watermilfoil.





Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife ATTN: Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee -- Act 57 Study Committee

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

I'm writing you to express my support for using ProcellaCOR as a safe and cost-effective way of managing the invasive species known as Eurasian watermilfoil. Unfortunately, Eurasian watermilfoil has no natural controls such as insects, bacteria or fungi to keep its growth in check. Left unchecked, Eurasian watermilfoil will severely damage the natural fish and plant life leading to the death of Vermont's lakes and ponds. In-turn, Eurasian watermilfoil will have a devastating impact on Vermont's tourism and economy.

As a member of the Hubbardton community since 1964, I've been active in preserving the pristine environment around Lake Beebe (a.k.a Beebe Pond). I've participated in diverassisted suction harvesting (DASH) and fragment cleanup. Specifically, I assisted our contracted divers to properly dispose the Eurasian watermilfoil to an area where it cannot be reintroduced into Lake Beebe and constantly remove fragments around our waterfront. After spending tens of thousands of dollars in DASH, only to see just two months later the Eurasian watermilfoil is back as dense as it was prior to DASH. Bottom Line: DASH is costly and ineffective in managing Eurasian watermilfoil.

While I believe everyone would prefer to avoid the use of chemicals in our lakes and ponds, there is no practical alternative to ProcellaCOR. The federal EPA determined ProcellaCOR is a safe and effective counter to Eurasian watermilfoil when applied to manufacturer's and state guidance. ProcellaCOR is safe to fish, plants and humans.

I caution this committee to be aware of a group who claims ProcellaCOR will kill the fish and plants and hurt humans who also use the lakes and ponds. Sonar, the chemical previous used to control the Eurasia watermilfoil and its use approved by the State of Vermont, did stress the fish and some did die. ProcellaCOR is not Sonar. ProcellaCOR is proven to target just the Eurasian watermilfoil and no other fish or plants.

I urge the Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee to provide a favorable recommendation for the continued use of ProcellaCOR in Vermont's lakes and ponds.

Sincerely,

//Signed - 11Nov2023//