

2007 Cocolalla Lake Association Eurasian Watermilfoil Project **Final Report**

Background

Cocolalla Lake comprises approximately 805 acres in Bonner County. The lake is located adjacent to highway 95 approximately 10 miles south of Sandpoint, ID.

An initial aquatic herbicide treatment for EWM was conducted at Cocolalla Lake during the summer of 2006. All participants in the project concluded that approximately 90 percent of the EWM in the lake was eliminated by that treatment. Initial surveys this year reinforce that conclusion.

Cocolalla Lake Association (CLA) was advised April 30, 2007 by Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) of award of Phase II Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) Control Program funds for fiscal year 2007 in the amount of \$69,307.00. The complete funds disbursement agreement was provided on May 17, 2007.

An amendment request was submitted by CLA on August 10, 2007 in the amount of \$2989.00. ISDA issued an addendum to the disbursement agreement on August 17, 2007 with an amended total of \$72,296.00.

Project Summary

For 2007 CLA proposed and conducted a three-part project aimed at eradication of EWM in Cocolalla Lake.

These parts included:

1. A follow-on aquatic herbicide treatment of previously infested areas
2. The purchase of water/watershed quality education material in the form of books and literature for use by K – 6 students at Southside Elementary School in Cocolalla, ID
3. With the participation of Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), construction of a Lake Host facility at the north end of the lake near the lake's single public boat launch.

EWM Treatment

A pre-treatment EWM survey was conducted by ISDA on June 11 and 12, 2007. This survey was conducted using the rake-toss method. Results of this survey are depicted in Figure 1.



Aquatic herbicide treatment was conducted by Dave's Weed and Pest Control (DWPC), Idaho applicator license #41977, on July 9 and 10, 2007.



Mapped treatment areas are shown in Figure 3. 90 acres in Cocolalla Lake and the lake outlet stream were treated with DMA 4 IVM (active ingredient 2,4-D) at an application rate of 2.1 gal/acre-ft. Additionally, two acres in the lake outlet stream were treated with Reward (active ingredient diquat) at a rate of 1.5 gal/acre. Post-treatment water chemistry and dissolved oxygen levels are shown in Figures 4 and 5. Sample locations are shown in Figure 6. It is notable that 2,4-D chemical concentration levels remained above 70 ppb until July 29.

Post-treatment EWM survey was conducted by ISDA on September 19, 2007, again using the rake-toss method. Appreciable samples of native aquatic plants were found, with no apparent negative effects from the treatments. The results of the survey are shown in Figure 2.



No EWM was detected during the post-treatment survey, and none has been seen during visual inspection by CLA members.

Education Element

At the request of CLA, Ms. Jan Vann, Southside Elementary School sixth grade teacher, assembled a list of water/water-quality related books and literature. The cost of these books was included in CLA's request for grant monies. The books and literature have been purchased by Southside Elementary School and are now available for use by all students.

Lake Host Facility

CLA worked closely with IDFG in the completion of the Lake Host Facility. IDFG took the lead in developing the specifications and issuing the necessary contracts. The facility is located at the entrance to the public boat launch area. A 20' X 60' concrete slab for a recreational vehicle was put in place, and suitable electrical power, water, and septic system are available to the Lake Host. A vehicle and trailer turnout exists to accommodate inspection of boats and trailers. It is anticipated that the facility will be occupied during peak boating season on the lake Memorial Day weekend through the Labor Day holiday. IDFG will maintain the facility and select the Lake Host each season.





Sportsman Access Lake Host Facility

Financial Accounting

Financial accounting was conducted by Panhandle Lakes Resource Conservation and Development Area (RC&D) of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. Financial ledger prepared by RC&D is included as Figure 7 and reflects all project income and expenditures to date.

Benefits of the Project

Based upon post-treatment surveys and visual inspection Cocolalla Lake appears free of EWM in all areas treated.

Placing appropriate educational materials in the hands of elementary school students will serve to increase the knowledge base of these future users of the state's sports and recreational resources.

The presence of a Lake Host will provide an effective choke point against the spread of EWM to or from the lake.

For 2008

After 2 successful treatment events, 2006 and 2007, it is conceivable that EWM can be eradicated from Cocolalla Lake. CLA will seek Phase III funds to conduct a thorough survey of littoral areas of the lake and to conduct hand-pulling, diver-dredging, spot herbicide treatments, or combinations of these approaches.

IDA - June 11-12 2007

Cocolalla Lake Survey Data

Pretreatment

Figure 1

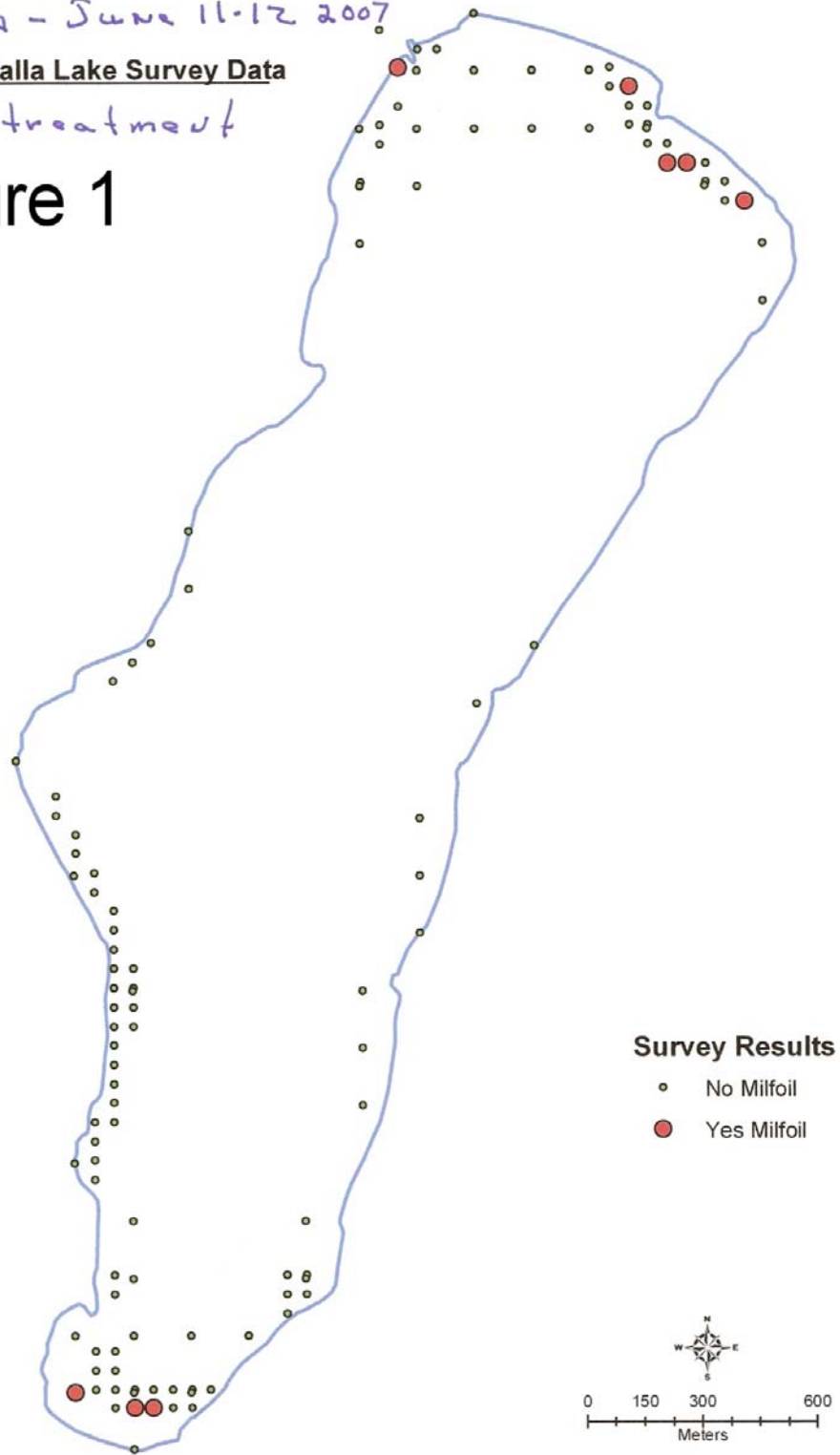


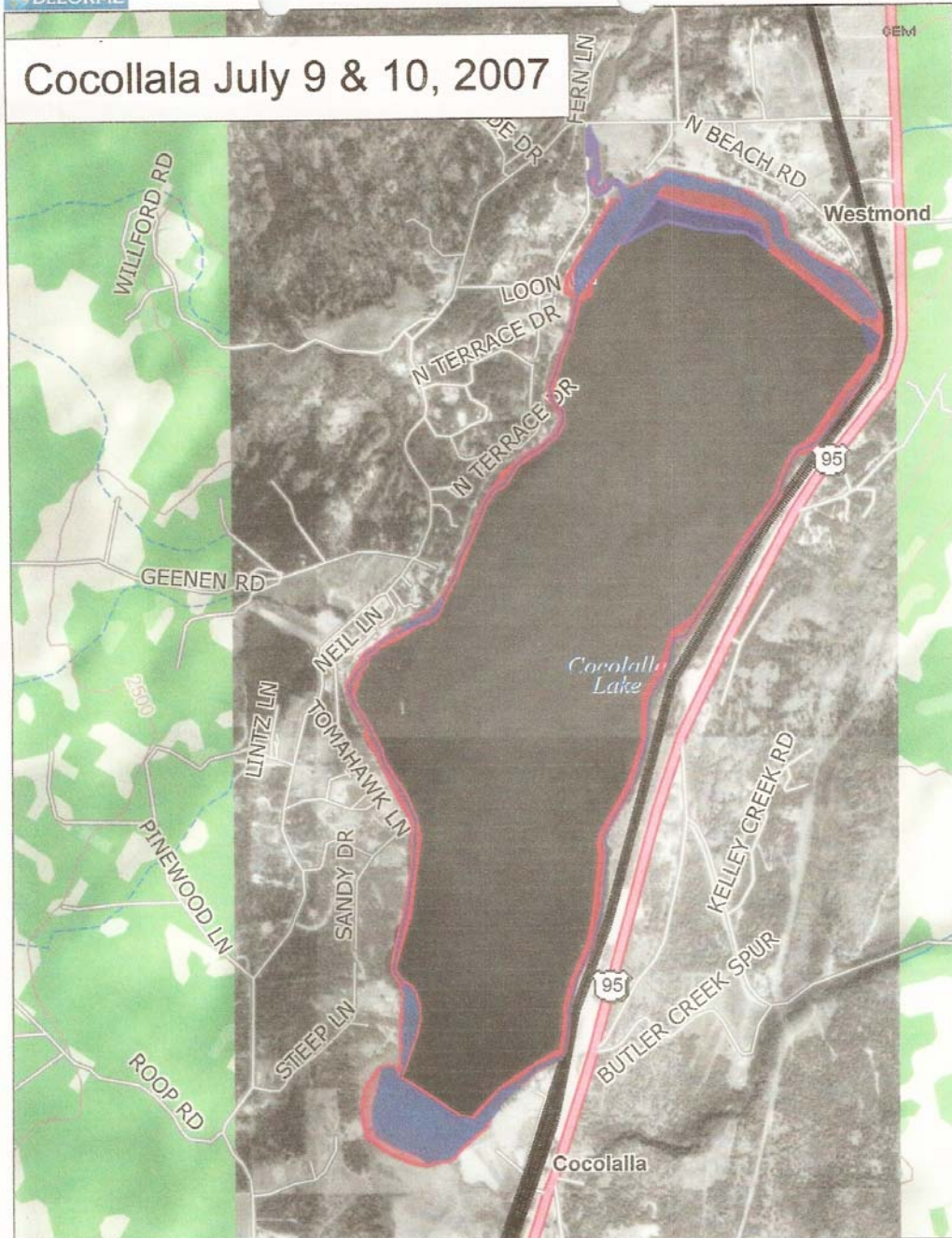
Figure 2 P1

Point Intercept Data Sheet		Water Body: Cocolalla		Date: 9/19/2007		Observers: TW, Rose, Ralph											
Weather Conditions:		GPS Type:		Secchi Depth:													
samp	Easting	Northing	Ewm	Big leaf	elodea	nitella	coontail	fernleaf	watershield	spatterdock	curly	fernleaf	Depth	EWM_C over	Milfoil_cond	Sedtype	Notes
1	5328494	527959	1	1			1					1	3				
2	5328494	528009	1	1			1				1	1	5				
3	5328494	528059	1	1			1				1	1	2				
4	5328494	528109	1	1			1				1	1	3			muddy	
5	5328494	528159	1	1			1				1	1	3				spatterdock
6	5328544	527909	1	1							1	1	4			muddy	
7	5328544	527959	1	1							1	1	12				
8	5328544	528059	1	1							1	1	10			muddy	
9	5328544	528109	1	1							1	1	5			muddy	
10	5328544	528159	1	1							1	1	4				
11	5328544	528209	1	1							1	1	4				
12	5328594	527909	1	1							1	1	11			muddy	bryozoan
13	5328594	527959	1	1							1	1	13				nothing
14	5328744	528409	1	1							1	1	5			rocky	nothing
15	5328794	528459	1	1							1	1	4			rocky	nothing
16	5329094	527909	1	1							1	1	3				
17	5329144	527909	1	1							1	1	12				
18	5329244	527909	1	1							1	1	12				
19	5329444	527959	1	1							1	1	15				
20	5329594	527959	1	1							1	1	12				
21	5329644	527959	1	1							1	1	5				nothing
22	5329844	527909	1	1							1	1	6			rocky	nothing
23	5330394	527959	1	1							1	1	18				nothing
24	5330444	528009	1	1							1	1	3				
25	5330494	528059	1	1							1	1	6				
26	5331644	529559	1	1							1	1	12				
27	5331644	529609	1	1							1	1	4			muddy	
28	5331694	528609	1	1							1	1	3			rocky	
29	5331694	529509	1	1							1	1	5				
30	5331694	529559	1	1							1	1	3				
31	5331744	529409	1	1							1	1	3				
32	5331744	529459	1	1							1	1	4				
33	5331744	529509	1	1							1	1	3				
34	5331794	528659	1	1							1	1	6				
35	5331794	529359	1	1							1	1	5			rocky	nothing
36	5331794	529409	1	1							1	1	5			rocky	nothing
37	5331844	528659	1	1							1	1	5				
38	5331844	529309	1	1							1	1	13				nothing

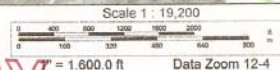
Figure 3

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Figure 4

Post-treatment Aquatic Herbicide Concentration (ug/l)						
Sample Site	Herbicide	7/12	7/16	7/23	7/29	
#1	2,4-D	189.0	137.0	112.0	38.0	
#2	2,4-D	157.0	144.0			
#3(outlet stream)	Diquat	ND	6.4			
#3 (outlet stream)	2,4-D			93.0		
#4 (outlet stream)	2,4-D	266.0	125.0			
#5	2,4-D	297.0	123.0	112.0	9.5	
#6	2,4-D	231.0	135.0			
#7	2,4-D	155.0			36.5	

All Readings by DWPC

Figure 5

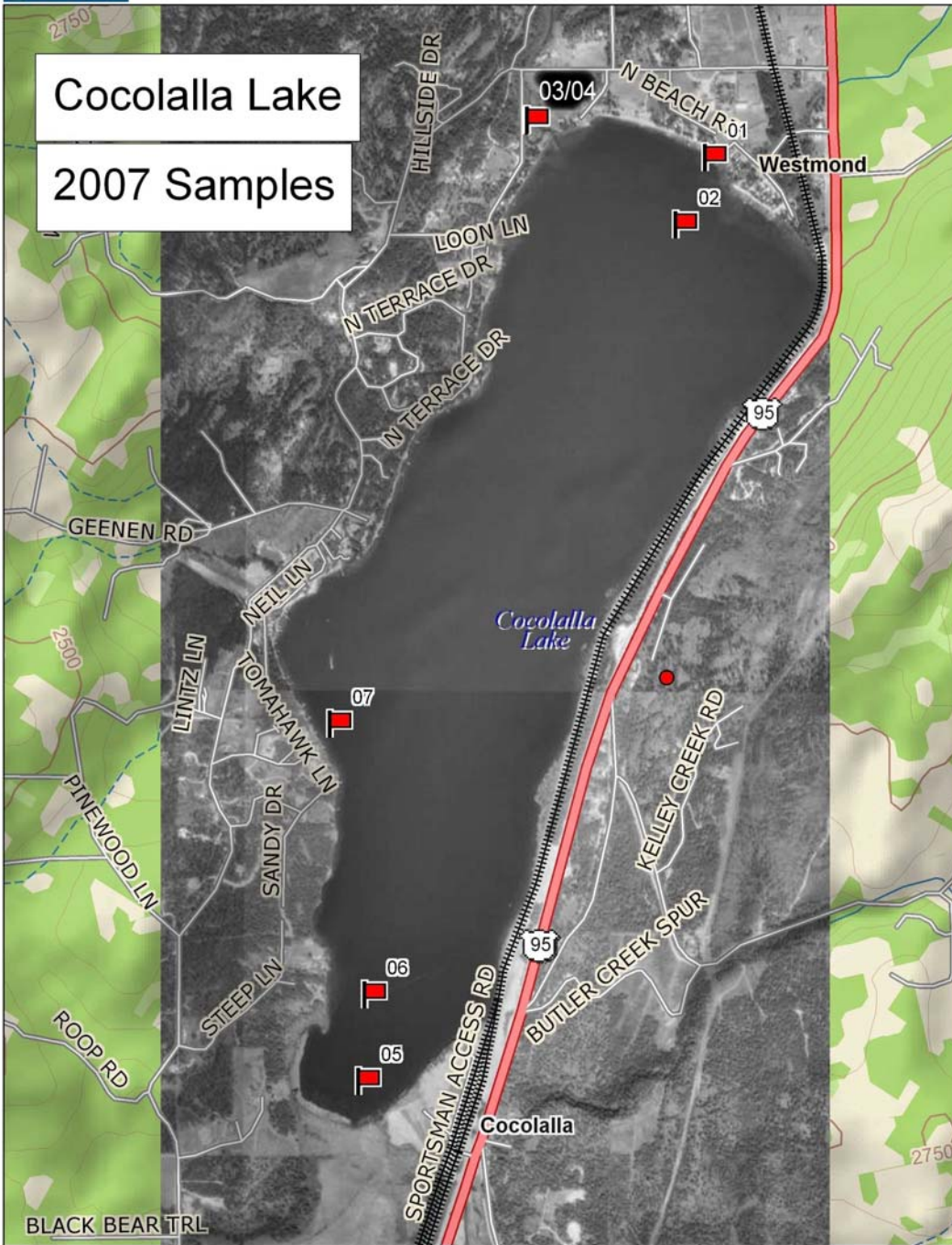
Dissolved Oxygen Readings (mg/l)								
	7/11	7/12	7/14	7/16	7/19	7/21	7/23	7/29
N End Inside Treated Area - 1	9.8		9.1		8.2	8.8		
N End Inside Treated Area - 2	9.9		9.5		7.6	8.8		
N End Inside Treated Area - 3	9.7	9.5*	9.6	7.8*	8.0	8.6	9.1	10.0
N End Outside Treated Area -1	9.8		9.4		8.4	8.9		
N End Outside Treated Area -2	9.8		9.4		8.3	8.4		
N End Outside Treated Area -3	9.9	10.1*	9.4	8.7*	8.2	8.7		
West Inside Treated Area - 1	9.5		9.8		8.3	8.2		
West Inside Treated Area - 2	9.4		9.6		8.3	8.1	8.8	10.0
West Inside Treated Area - 3	9.5		9.6		8.3	8.4		
West Outside Treated Area - 1	9.6		9.9		8.2	8.0		
West Outside Treated Area - 2	9.5		9.8		8.4	8.2		
West Outside Treated Area - 3	9.6		9.6		8.4	8.4		
S End Inside Treated Area - 1	9.2		9.5		7.8	8.2		
S End Inside Treated Area - 2	9.3		7.1	8.6*	5.4	7.9	9.4	9.6
S End Inside Treated Area - 3	9.4	9.4*	9.5		4.7	8.1		
S End Outside Treated Area - 1	9.5		9.5		8.1	8.4		
S End Outside Treated Area - 2	9.6		9.7	8.8*	8.4	8.4		
S End Outside Treated Area - 3	9.6	9.5*	9.4		8.2	8.4		
Outlet Stream at Bridge	2.5		2.1	1.6*	1.3	2.4		
Outlet Stream Midway to Bridge	4.2	4.6*	3.4		2.7	5.4	7.7	

*Readings by DWPC

Figure 6

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