

## CULTUS LAKE MILFOIL STUDY UNDERWAY

Dear Resident:

The Cultus Lake Park Board has commissioned biologist Catherine Tarasoff to conduct a Eurasian milfoil mitigation study this summer.

She has placed benthic fabric mats on patches of Eurasian milfoil to see what affect they have on long-term milfoil growth. The mats do not pose any harm to aquatic life or people.

In April, three benthic mats were sunk into the lake just off Lakeshore Drive. The mats will be in place until the end of July or early August.

The fabric mats are sunk from 5 to 10 feet below the water surface. The black and white foot-long zip ties may be visible in the water.

Please do not touch or move the fabrics or zip ties, or the rocks or landscape pins holding the fabric in place, as this will compromise the validity of the study.

If you do see mats floating or have concerns regarding the research, contact **Catherine at [250-572-2132](tel:250-572-2132) or [Agrowest.bc@gmail.com](mailto:Agrowest.bc@gmail.com)**

If you see people tamper with the mats and apparatus, please contact the **Cultus Lake Park at 604-858-3334**.

Eurasian milfoil is an invasive non-indigenous water plant. It can quickly overtake native species in a lake and damage the local ecosystem for fish, amphibians and other native species.

If you operate a boat, you can do your part to prevent the spread of E. milfoil by ensuring your boat is clean and dry after you remove your vessel out of a lake and before taking it to another body of water. See more at [bcinvasives.ca](http://bcinvasives.ca)