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NOTICE TO POND RESIDENTS

Beginning May 20, 2010 the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife will be treating the aquatic weeds in Millsboro, Concord, Wagamons, Griffith, Abbotts, Blairs and Tub Mill ponds. The treatments will be applied weather permitting. On MAY 20 we will be treating WAGAMONS Pond. The target aquatic weed pest on all ponds except Tub Mill is Hydrilla, a non-native species of plant that probably was brought into the State by the aquarium trade and has become a considerable nuisance in lower Delaware ponds. On Tub Mill pond another highly invasive weed, Coontail, is targeted for control. The herbicide the Division will employ is Sonar, a brand name for fluridone. This U.S. Environmental Protection Agency registered and approved aquatic herbicide has been shown to be effective and safe for controlling Hydrilla in Delaware and has been employed on several State-owned ponds since the mid 1980's.

The only special precaution with the use of Sonar at the anticipated application rate is a **30-day restriction from the date of treatment on the use of the pond water for irrigation of crops, turf, seedbeds, or gardens.** The Division of Fish and Wildlife urges landowners on the before mentioned ponds (and irrigators directly downstream) not to irrigate for 30 days following treatment. There are no restrictions on fishing, consumption of fish, or threats to wildlife as a result of the planned treatments.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife would like to remind residents that in order to draw water from Delaware's freshwater ponds, for any reason including irrigation of gardens and lawns etc, a permit from the DNREC Division of Water Resources is required. For information on obtaining an irrigation permit please contact: Patty Murray at the Division of Water Resources (302) 739-9945. Next year under a new notification system only those residents who have these permits will receive an individual notice of Aquatic Herbicide treatments being applied to their pond.

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