

## **FODCL CONTRACT TO SURVEY THE LAKE FOR PRESENCE OF MILFOIL WEEVILS.**

Friends of Deep Creek Lake has contracted with Enviroscience Lab of Ohio to conduct a survey of the Eurasian Watermilfoil beds to determine whether the Milfoil Weevil exists in the lake .

Scope of Work: To conduct a survey to determine whether the Milfoil Weevil is present in the lake

- The survey will be conducted Friday, August 8
- A community forum will be held the following day for the scientist to share their findings.
- DNR expert on SAVs in Deep Creek Lake will join ES scientists for the survey.
- The survey will provide DNR with data on Deep Creek Lake which it currently does not have, without having to pay for its collection.

### Why Friends of Deep Creek Lake has entered into this contract.

The Milfoil Weevil is one of several options for control of the invasive species Eurasian Watermilfoil. It is used widely in other infested lakes.

Department of Natural Resources states the weevil is not native to the state so it cannot be option for control of EWM in DCL.

By precluding the Milfoil weevil option, DNR limits range of control options to herbicide applications, mechanical harvesting and manual harvesting—all with negative impacts and costs.

Why the Milfoil Weevil may exist in Deep Creek Lake.

The DCL ecosystem is different than the Bay watershed.

The surrounding states report presences of native Milfoil Weevil populations .

Since Eurasian Watermilfoil was imported by off-lake boats, some of which are from areas where the Weevil populations do exist, the weevil may have been introduced along with the EWM.

Therefore it seemed reasonable to the FoDCL Board to support a scientific based determination whether the Milfoil Weevil lives in the lake.

### What the scope of work does not cover.

Any recommendation to DNR as to which EWM control option should be used.

Any recommendation to DNR as to the most cost effective control option.

It does not in any way endorse the EnviroSciences Lab as a potential contractor for application of the Milfoil Weevil option at Deep Creek Lake.