

## **Resolution #2014-1**

### **Resolution in Objection to Chemical Treatments in Lake Chetac and in support of the DNR rescinding and denying permits for 2015.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Edgewater, Sawyer County and the Town and Village of Birchwood, Washburn County are the local units of government responsible for the public health, safety and welfare of the riparian areas of Lake Chetac and Big and Little Birch Lakes: and

WHEREAS, the Edgewater Town Board passed Resolution #2014-1 on May 13, 2014 listing the reasons for objection to chemical treatments in Big Chetac, Big and Little Birch Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 permit and herbicide treatment in the north bay of the Lake Chetac violated the intent of the regulations and permit conditions, as the DNR acknowledged the chemical drift carried 1.62 miles beyond the permitted area and killed over 800 acres of aquatic plant life beyond the 90 acres permitted; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the public has reported negative impacts to aquatic plants, fish habitat, and fishing quality much farther south than the 1.62 miles; and

WHEREAS, the DNR has received additional permit requests in 2014 for individual herbicide treatments where immediate neighbors may not been notified as required; and

WHEREAS, the Big Chetac and Birch Lakes Association and the WDNR have not demonstrated sufficient surveying and testing to assess the actual effects and extent of the chemical treatments,

WHEREAS, the thick ice and snow cover of the winter may have naturally inhibited the advanced growth of curly leaf pondweed making herbicide treatments unnecessarily risky and costly,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 13th day of May 2014, that the Edgewater Town Board opposes chemical treatments in 2014;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Edgewater requests the DNR to rescind and deny all herbicide treatment permits for 2015.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this 13th day of May, 2014.

ATTEST:

  
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Town Chairman

  
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Town Clerk