

Hi Folks, further to our meeting July 25th I want to expand on and clarify my brief remarks about the 2 new (to us) methods of dealing with EWM infestations.

Method #1 conducted by members of the Association of biologists of Quebec (ABQ) involving the use of burlap to smother EWM. The first attachment provides more detailed information on the process and budget, the second attachment is a letter outlining the success obtained.

Method #2 offered by a private company called Weeds B' Gone (works in partnership with [Lake Savers](#) and [CLEAN-FLO](#) in the USA). Here is a brief history of their company from their web site <http://weedsbgone.com>

"WeedsBGone and LakeSavers Canada .We started out about 15 years ago harvesting weeds and we have developed many products along the way from screening products, cutters and boat harvesters. Over the years we have realized that these methods are quick fix and a short term solutions. Through a family friend we connected to lake savers and Clean-Flo who have been in business aerating lakes with great results all over the world for over 40 years. We have been working with them for the last 5 years in the USA aerating lakes installing continuous laminar flow inversion oxygenation systems and have been achieving great results. We have installed over 35 systems in the last 4 years in southern Ontario and show results with all our systems where people are seeing a muck reduction of 4-6 inches per season, less weeds, Cleaner water and more fish and a much more enjoyable waterfront. This is the most natural and most effective long term solution of dealing with our water quality problems".

In my efforts to be concise I omitted the fact that there are biologic agents used in conjunction with the aeration systems. Jim, I think the material included in the attached generic presentation from the web site will answer some of the questions you had about how it works (or doesn't). The company claims considerable successes but their process also included cutting (harvesting) the EWM and so I would be curious about long term results.

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