



## **INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE (ISC) REPORT**

**Onekama Township/ Portage Lake Watershed Committee**

**August 1, 2017**

### **Invasive Species Control:**

Purple loosestrife beetles were planted on the east end of Portage Lake by Wildlife and Wetlands during July. Beetles from previous plantings were found and very little purple loosestrife was found. It looks like they are working ..... or it's the temp, the wind, the high water, etc.

PLM has also been hired by some homeowners to treat invasive natives (bulrushes, cattails) on their property. Treatment was done July 26<sup>th</sup> according to the MIDEQ regulations. Wetlands and Wildlife has also done some work with private homeowners.

### **Phragmites:**

We continue to have reports of small areas of Phragmites. These seem to be located in areas that we have treated in the past. Rather than do the survey of the entire shoreline this year, the committee may recommend that we only treat certain areas and do not do a complete lake survey this year. We will discuss with Vickie Smith from Wetlands and Wildlife. Some lakes who began treating when we did are now only treating every other year. This may be an option.

### **SAD:**

We are investigating the auditor's report for March 2017. The report is for the income and expenses for the invasive species for years 2009 through 2016. We are reviewing all expenses for this time period.

Submitted by,

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