



MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

Field Operations Department
Western Operations
266 Boston Road
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Town of Southborough Conservation Commission
Southborough Town House
17 Common Street
Southborough, Massachusetts 01772

Attention: Ms. Beth Rosenblum, Conservation Administrator

Re: Notification of Aquatic Invasive Plant Harvesting at Sudbury Reservoir

Dear Ms. Rosenblum:

The purpose of this letter is to apprise the Conservation Commission of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's (MWRA's) plans for urgent upcoming work related to invasive water chestnut control at Sudbury Reservoir. This work must be undertaken immediately as described below.

On July 28, 2011, MWRA completed a reservoir survey and found highly invasive water chestnut in several locations in the northern section of the reservoir. This plant must be harvested before it drops its seed in the coming weeks. Initial work will entail hand-harvesting by boat at specific isolated and hard-to-reach areas. This will occur the week of August 8th. Hand-harvesting will be followed by deployment of an aquatic plant harvesting machine which will harvest the larger mats growing in open water areas. This will occur week of August 14th. All plant matter harvested will be deposited on shore away from the water line and allowed to decompose.

Deployment of boats and harvester is by MWRA access ramp off Framingham Road. All operations will occur within the reservoir from watercraft.

Should you have any questions, please contact John Gregoire of my staff at (508-424-3608).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Coppes".

David Coppes, P.E.
Director, Western Operations, MWRA